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Junction City Centralia	20 Herf 12 blk	806@178.75 981@176.75	2 2	blk blk	@375.00 @250.00	Morril Seneca	20 blk 7 blk		-5 @2300.00 -4 @2025.00	Linn Dwight	2 blk 6-8 2 Cross 3	6 @1450.0 2 @1400.0
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REPLA	CEMENT HE	IFERS	Summerfield Summerfield			Angus cal	ves by side	. Calves a	and heifers have	e had all shots.	-	by Tehama Taho
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McLouth McLouth	23 blk 22 blk	@1525.00 @1525.00	Axtell Summerfield	6 blk 4-	5 @1825.00	• 25 blk bwf	1st calf hfre	s with 30	day old blk & b	wf calves by sid	de.	d 4-8 week calve
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• 130 BLACK &	& BWF 1ST	CALF HEIFER I				- 60 blk, bw	f, few Red	Angus co	s, 3-5 yrs, bred ws, 3-5 yrs, bred	ed Angus for Fa	Il calves.	to Aug for or i
	RED 1ST CA	LF OCV HEIFE			· · ·	calving pe	riod. Preg (Guard 10,	vaccinated & p	oured.	-	to Aug. for 60 day
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Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 Kansas Hay Market Report

Compared to the last report demand remains good, prices remained steady, trade activity was slow. Contributors report that new hay sales continue to be slow as there is not much out there TO buy, however, if you beat the bushes, you might be able to find a few loads

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here and there. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for March 7th, much of the High Plains remains in long-term drought, with the central High Plains seeing some expansion of moderate drought (D1) from southeast Nebraska to northeastern Kansas based on continued lack of



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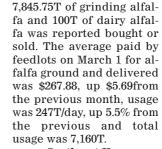
Larry Theis 913-775-2130 recent precipitation. low stream flows and soil moisture. However, southeast Kansas received heavy rain from severe storms that extended from the South and Southeast into the Great Lakes regions. The categorical percent area for Abnormally dry conditions(D0) decreased to 10%, moderate drought (D1) increased to near 10%, severe drought (D2) remained near 13%, extreme drought (D3) remained near 17%, and exceptional drought (D4) remained near 35%.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered steady, movement slow. 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, 285.00-300.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's 300.00-315.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies 340.00-350.00. Alfalfa/grass hay mix ground and delivered 300.00-310.00; Grass Hay: Bluestem: none reported. Corn stalks: none reported. The week of 3/5-3/11, 4,095T of grinding alfalfa and 550 Tof dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on March 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$310.07, up \$11.07 from the previous month, usage was 678T/day, up less than 1% from the previous month and total usage was 18.995.5T

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, and alfalfa pellets steady, grinding alfalfa mostly steady, ground and delivered 5.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 325.00/ton. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, 300.00-310.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 290.00-300.00 delivered, 3x4 and 4x4's 290.00-300.00 delivered. Alfalfa ground and delivered 315.00-330.00; Alfalfa/Soybean: ground and delivered 300.00-315.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 325.00-335.00, 17 pct protein 345.00-350.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 395.00-400.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, large rounds none reported. Sudan: large round 125.00-130.00. Corn stalks: large rounds 110.00-120.00. Soybeans, large round140.00-150.00. Milo: large rounds 125.00-135.00. The week of 3/5-3/11,



Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady and grass hay mixed; 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, large rounds none reported, large square 3x4250.00-260.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 160.00-165.00, good 3x4 squares160.00-170.00, large round 120.00-130.00, Brome.3x4 and 4x4 squares 155.00-165.00.Corn stalks: large round 120.00-130.00 delivered. The week of 3/5-3/11, 1,364T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa asteady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares 345.00-355.00 delivered, 3x3 squares 305.00-320.00 delivered. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.40 - 1.50



point RFV. Stock cow, fair/ good none reported. Fair/ good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4's 300.00-315.00. Milo stalks, large rounds 145.00-150.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered and bluestem grass hay steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.50-13.50/ bale, 3x4's 290.00-300.00; Stock Cow 3x4's 220.00-230.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 235.00-245.00, large square 3x4's 240.00-250.00; 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 150.00-160.00, 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 square 3x4's 130.00-140.00 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. The week of 3/5-3/11,953 T of grinding alfalfa and 175 T 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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Beef Fest names winners in feedlot, carcass contests

Steers entered by Putman Farm near Emporia and heifers owned by Anderson Ranch of Alma won the overall gain contest as part of the 2022 Flint Hills Beef Fest feedlot and carcass awards. The steers from Putman Farm gained 3.94 lbs. per day from the time they went on grass in April 2022 until harvest from the feedlot on January 3, 2023, while the Anderson Ranch heifers gained 4.12 lbs. per day.

The top-ranking Putman steers were first place in the feedlot contest, with an average daily gain of 4.89 lbs. In second place were steers from Spring Creek Ranch of Cassoday. The steer carcass contest was won by entries from Woodbury Farms of Quenemo, with second place awarded to cattle owned by Plum Creek Ranch of Neosho Rapids.

In the heifer division, the winning pen from Anderson Ranch gained 4.77 lbs. per day in the feedlot contest, while cattle owned by John, Heather and Andrew Sigle of Wilsey finished second. Entries from Loomis Ranch of Council Grove took both first and second place in the heifer carcass contest.



1st Place Heifers Carcass was earned by Loomis Ranch. Pictured are Jason Loomis and Justin Loomis with daughter Jessie, Council Grove.



The Olma Peak Steers Award was presented to Jim and Donna Bates and grandson Bo, Galesburg.



The Pres White Heifers Award went to Lee Glanville and Wes Cahoone, Cottonwood Falls.

Committee approves legislation to reject Biden WOTUS rule

Recently the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved a joint resolution to overturn the Biden administration's new waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, a bill to promote the development of energy infrastructure and ensure water quality under Clean Water Act Section 401, a package of General Services Administration (GSA) resolutions that will save taxpayers over \$382 million. The Committee also passed its views and estimates on the budget and its authorization and oversight plan.

H.J. Res. 27 eases regulatory burdens for small businesses, manufacturers, farmers, home and infrastructure builders, local communities, water districts and everyday Americans by invalidating the Biden administration's overreaching rule redefining "waters of the United



John Woodbury, Quenemo, won the 1st Place Steer Carcass award.

Mexico's beef consumption defies inflation

Despite record levels of inflation hitting consumers in Mexico, beef consumption in that country is expected to increase in 2023, according to a recent USDA Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) report.

The food inflation rate in Mexico is the highest reported in more than 20 years, the report said, marking a year-over-year increase of 8.35 percent in December and 14.14 percent for the year. Even so, Mexico's economically healthy hospitality, restaurant and institution sector, coupled with population growth, continues to drive up total domestic consumption. In fact, restaurants with average bills above 45 dollars have not seen an impact on beef consumption.



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1st Place Heifers Feed Lot and Overall Gain was awarded to Julia and Matt Anderson, Alma.



1st Place Feedlot Steers and Overall Gain was won by Dale and Judy Putman, Emporia.





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States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act.

"As American families and businesses continue suffering under the economic crises caused by the disastrous Biden policies of the last two years, this administration has inexplicably decided to move the country back toward the overreaching, costly and burdensome WOTUS regulations of the past," said Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman Sam Graves (R-MO). "Congress has the authority and responsibility to review onerous rules like this one handed down from the Executive Branch, and I'm proud that our committee voted to preserve regulatory clarity and prevent such overzealous, unnecessary and broadly defined federal power."

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Bills providing permanent E15 fix introduced in House and Senate

The National Corn Growers Association applaud members of the House and Senate for reintroducing legislation that would provide a permanent, nationwide solution to ensure uninterrupted market access for lowcost, low-emission E15, often marketed as Unleaded 88.

Led by Sens. Deb Fischer (Neb.) and Amy Klobuchar (Minn.) and Reps. Angie Craig (Minn.), Adrian Smith (Neb.) and Dusty Johnson (S.D.), 35 bipartisan Senate and House members introduced the Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, which has again drawn support from a wide range of agriculture, fuel and retail stakeholders. "The choice of cleaner and less expensive E15 at the pump saves drivers millions of dollars a year and increases the fuel supply to improve our energy security," said Tom Haag, National Corn Growers Association president. "We thank these bipartisan members of Congress for once again leading on this needed solution to resolve an outdated barrier to consumer choice. There's no reason for market access to a safe, clean and affordable fuel option to remain in question, and we urge Congress to pass this common-sense legislation." Despite EPA approving E15 for use in all 2001 and newer vehicles, 96 percent of vehicles now on the road, and a 2019 update to regulations, a 2021 court decision would have ended year-round market access to E15 last summer without the Biden administration using emergency authority to keep E15 in the market. The administration's temporary action increased the fuel supply and reduced fuel prices, but fuel choice is again in question for 2023, even though E15 has now been available yearround for consumers the past four years. Most recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed to implement a plan from eight Midwest governors to require lower-volatility gasoline in their states aimed at ensuring drivers in those states continue to have year-round access to fuel with 15 percent ethanol. However, EPA has proposed to delay implementation until 2024. NCGA supported the governors' plan and expressed serious concern over the one-year delay in implementation and the market uncertainty the delay creates for 2023. NCGA also supported the recent bipartisan request from 17 U.S. senators to President Biden, asking him to direct EPA to again use the agency's existing authority to increase the fuel supply through uninterrupted access to E15 this summer. Last year, as the nation faced fuel supply challenges, President Biden directed EPA to use existing agency authority to prevent a disruption in E15 availability between June 1 and Sept. 15. As a result, continued availability of E15 increased the nation's fuel supply and saved drivers an average of 16 cents per gallon nationwide during those three months, for a total savings of \$57 million. "We urge the Biden administration to use this existing authority to keep this fuel choice in the market and increase the fuel supply, but we also call on Congress to resolve this fuel market uncertainty once and for all by passing the legislation introduced today," said Haag. Retailers have increased availability of E15, often marketed as Unleaded 88, to offer consumers choice and lower fuel costs, as well as increase the fuel supply. Ensuring continued E15 sales year-round keeps a lower-emission fuel choice in the marketplace that costs less. E15 cuts evaporative, carbon and tailpipe emissions compared to standard 10 percent ethanol blended fuels. Blending more ethanol to make E15 displaces more toxic components in gasoline, reducing exhaust emissions for cleaner air.

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Page 19 Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 Sunflower prices unchanged or up at nearby crush plants

Nearby sunflower prices were unchanged to up 30 cents week before last at the crush plants. New crop NuSun and high oleic prices were down 60 cents to unchanged. Prior to that new crop prices had been very stable, reflecting good seed demand this year. Something else to consider is the oil premiums that crush plants pay on sunflower. Sunflower is the only oilseed that pays premiums for oil content above 40%. Considering oil premiums that are offered at the crush plants on oil content above 40% at a rate of 2% price premium for each 1% of oil above 40%; this pushes a contract with 45% oil content gross

return 10% higher per cwt. The AOG \$24.45 contract increases to \$26.90, and the cash \$26.15 contract moves up to almost \$29.00. All eves continue to be on the ongoing talks to extend the Black Sea Grain Initiative that allows safe passage of shipping vessels through the Black Sea. which was set to expire

on March 18. Most officials are optimistic that the initiative, which was originally brokered in July and renewed in November. will again be prolonged in the near future. If it is not renewed. markets will definitely take a bullish turn as buyers scramble to cover nearby needs. South American production trends continue to dominate the direction of prices for now, with traders also speculating on

potential U.S. acreage for the upcoming 2023 growing season.



These young Angus enthusiasts won top honors in the novice showmanship division at the 2023 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show, Jan. 21-22 in Hutchinson. Pictured from left are Hallie Mullen. Ulvsses. champion; and Molly McCurry, Hutchinson, reserve champion.

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

It may not have crossed Emma Littich's mind when she first enrolled in the Kansas 4-H program at age seven, but the world was about to open up to her.

More than ten years later, there she was: Leading Kansas governor Laura Kelly on a tour of the Kansas State Fair and advocating for the Kansas 4-H program.

And a few months after that, standing before a Kansas House of Representatives committee explaining the virtues of the state's largest youth organization to the government's lawmakers.

Kansas 4-H "has taught me things that I wouldn't have otherwise learned from any other organization," said Littich, who was recently elected president of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

Beth Hinshaw, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist, said the council is made up of a group of young leaders who work to "improve their leadership

skills and inspire all youth through project work, state events and relationships."

"They believe in sharing their passion (for 4-H) with other Kansas youth by helping them find their spark and overcoming hard challenges that will enhance their growth and develop life skills," Hinshaw said.

Littich, from Lindsborg, is currently a freshman at Kansas State University majoring in elementary education with a minor in leadership studies.

Now 18 years old, she first enrolled in the Smoky View 4-H Club at age seven, and over the years participated in numerous 4-H projects: citizenship. clothing construction and buymanship, foods and nutrition, foods preservation, health and wellness, leadership, performing arts, poultry, visual arts, shooting sports, home environment, and wildlife.

"As a future educator, the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council has provided me with opportunities to work with youth in several different

capacities," Littich said. "Throughout these experiences, I have learned that everyone is different, but together - with all our different strengths - we can achieve anything."

In addition to Littich, the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council's newly elected officers include vice president Jaden Huehl of Sylvan Grove; secretary Channing Dillinger of Hugoton, and public relations chair Claire Helsel of Sharon Springs. Each was elected for a one-year term.

In addition, 12 other Kansas youth were selected to serve as members of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council for 2023. By hometown, they include:

• El Dorado - Kylee Barlett.

• Hays Grace Schmeidler. • Independence - Gabe

Schenk. • Kingman - Sukesh

Kamesh. • Moundridge - Ellie

Seeger. • Ness City - Eve Rider.

• Netawaka – Brooke



The 2023 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council includes, front row from left: Brooke Slipke, Sukesh Kamesh, Carson Fouard, Ian Dunn, Gabe Schenk and president Emma Littich; Back row: Eve Rider, Kierra Eck, Ellie Seeger, Kaylen Langhofer, vice president Jaden Huehl, secretary Channing Dillinger, public relations chair Claire Helsel, Grace Schmeidler, Emilia Wilkerson and Kylee Barlett.



• Plains - Kaylen Langhofer.

• Russell – Kierra Eck. • Salina - Carson Fouard.

• St. John – Ian Dunn.

• Wamego – Emilia Wilkerson.

"Our goal is to provide opportunities for the youth of Kansas to grow in their project work and develop and enhance life skills," Littich said. "Through state events, regional events, social media and many other forms of outreach, we hope to reach as many youth as possible."

Hinshaw noted that some of the events in which the council will be directly involved include Citizenship in Action (held in mid-February), 48 Hours of 4-H Community Service, the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, and the Kansas State Fair

More information on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and numerous 4-H activities is available online from the Kansas 4-H office. Interested persons can also contact their local K-State Research and Extension office.

"I have been a 4-H'er since I was seven, and I would not be the person I am today without it," Littich said. "4-H has taught me so many skills and provided me with countless opportunities that I would not have otherwise had. I am forever grateful for every moment I have spent in 4-H."

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Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 Page 20 **Applications open for Angus Foundation's Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship**

The Angus Foundation offers a variety of scholarship opportunities, including to youth beyond the seedstock industry. Applications are open for the Foundation's Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship, which awards \$1,500 to four outstanding youth in the beef industry. This scholarship is unique from others offered by the Foundation as it aims to support students specifically from the commercial sector of the industry.

'We're proud to offer this scholarship opportunity to students from commercial cattle backgrounds," said Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "We recognize the importance of supporting young people using Angus genetics and want to help them succeed in our industry."

Young men and women whose families use Angus

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"I'm grateful for the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship awarded by the Angus Foundation," said Tucker Huseman, 2022 scholarship recipient. "I come from a commercial ranching background and scholarships like this allow me to pursue my passion for beef cattle production through my education."

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For more information on the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship, visit AngusFoundation.org. Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

January market report offers insight for American lamb producers another record low.

Largest Slaughter Lamb

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The American Lamb Board (ALB) and the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) provide monthly market reports aimed at delivering timely and useful information for American Lamb producers. The recently released January report summarizes USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) annual sheep inventory report and provides insight on lamb imports, market values and retail lamb prices.

Smaller U.S. Lamb Flock

The U.S. lamb flock is smaller going into 2023, although live lamb prices have strengthened. Wholesale values continue to adjust and are anticipated to move higher but will rely on consumer demand recovering. Production costs remain high. Moderating inflation and improving supply chains are still concerning. Cold storage inventories at the end of 2022 were above year ago

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The US sheep and lamb inventory totaled 5.02 million head as of January 1, 2023, which is 45,000 head below last year and the lowest on record. The number of breeding sheep was 3.67 million head, down 1% from 2022. There were 635,000 head of replacement ewes, equal to 22% of the ewe flock. There is a bright spot, thoughmarket lambs were 3,000 head higher than a year ago, at 1.28 million head. Fewer ewes meant a 2% decline in the 2022 lamb crop to 3.11 million head,

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146 Acres Barnes Township, Washington County, KS Land This farm, 146 acres, more or less, consists of approximately 86 acres upland cropland and 44 acres native grass pasture, with the palance being waterways and timber. The cropland soils are primarily gently sloping Crete soils. There is a large pond and the fences are good. There are no growing crops.

The FSA bases and vields are 26 acres wheat, 38 bushels; 11 acres milo, 86 bushels; and 39 acres soybeans, 37 bushels. The 2022 taxes were \$2,014.41

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At the 2022 American Lamb Summit, sponsored by ALB and Premier 1 Supplies, Nick Forrest, Forrest Family Farm, spoke on how the US Lamb Industry can increase its competitiveness and recapture market share from imports.

Lightweight Lambs Selling Higher

In January, feeder lambs sold on video markets ranged from the mid-\$130/cwt to \$160/cwt, with lighter-weight lambs selling for a higher price. Auction markets serving the ethnic market sold lightweight lambs at more than \$200/cwt. Since November 2022, the National Negotiated Live Slaughter Lamb has been trending upward, but prices are still about \$1.00 per pound lower than a year ago and 17% lower than two years ago.

Wholesale lamb values were lower in January compared to 2022, but still well above values from 2021 and 2020. All major cuts were down from 2022, with the largest price declines seen in the shoulder (down 26% per pound), leg (down 25% per pound), and loin (down 24% per pound). Costs for processing and packing increased over the past year to \$77/cwt, up \$15/cwt from last year.

The Livestock Marketing Information Center is forecasting live lamb prices to improve as 2023 continues, anticipating prices above a year ago later in 2023

Retail Lamb Prices Remain High

"During this past tough year, ALB worked to support our loyal American Lamb retail and foodservice customers and invest in programs and strategies that can strengthen our long-term competitiveness," said Peter Camino, ALB chairman. "Making American Lamb the preferred choice of consumers, chefs and retailers is at the core of your American Lamb Checkoff's promotion, information and research programs."

That focus is evident in the ambitious 2023 strategic plan, including increasing demand for American Lamb by 5% and taking 5% market share from lamb imports by the end of 2028.

Grass growth and development

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

It's easy to take perennial forage crops for granted. They green up when it gets warm. We graze or hay them. They go dormant in winter and do it all over again the next year. Production levels might be slightly different. Species composition may change slightly. Often, however, the changes are so slight we don't even notice much until we do. An understanding of what's going on in those plants right now can help explain why we see changes from time to time.

As temperatures start to get warmer, cool season grasses (brome/fescue) are slowly emerging from dormancy. As they do so, they are using energy stored in roots to put out new leaves and tillers. As long as there's ample energy in the 'system' leaves come on until there is enough new foliage to support continued leaf growth and root energy replenishment. The plant is off and running and all is well.

Sometimes a is not well, however. We see lots of

stands, particularly hayed stands, where phosphorous (and on an increasing basis, potassium) is low. Low phosphorous levels may mean less plants. Less plants means less production - and more opportunity for invasive species.

Maybe the stand didn't have enough time last fall to recover prior to dormancy (late haying, drought stress, grazing pressure, etc...) and not enough fall growth occurred to replenish root reserves. Green-up could be delayed and species that were just waiting for an opportunity to take off jump ahead of our more desirable species.

There may not be much you can do at this point, but observation is still in order. Do you see differences in green-up between stands? If so, why? Are weeds increasing in a particular part of the pasture or hay field? What does that then mean for management through the remainder of the season? Plan now to make observations that can help you enhance management going forward instead of taking for granted the stand is going to do it all on its own.



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Could you benefit from prairie strips?

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

Insects can benefit crops in many ways but can often be hard to attract or keep around agricultural fields. Kansas State University assistant professor in entomology Tania Kim is researching the benefits of prairie strips in Kansas' climate to better utilize insects in agriculture.

Also known as conservation strips or floral enhancements, prairie strips utilize forbs and grasses to draw insects to benefit the ecosystem around crops, and decrease pesticide use.

Kim said prairie strips can be planted around the border or along contour lines within the fields depending on the slope of the land, or other challenges.

"Iowa State University found numerous benefits of prairie strips including enhancing water quality, reducing soil erosion and increasing carbon sequestration," Kim said. "They have also looked at the benefits for wildlife, like birds, as well."

While Iowa State is leading a study on re-

search and application, Kim said Michigan State University is also looking at ways to bring pollinators to farm fields and support them in a sustainable way.

Of her own work, Kim said she "wanted to see if prairie strips would benefit drier landscapes in Kansas."

Kim specifically is interested in the impact prairie strips would have on soybean crops. "There could be that

added benefit of increasing pollination, where wheat and corn doesn't necessarily need pollinators. But also, there are several beneficial insects that are brought in that can reduce pests in soybeans."

Kim said decomposers can also be attracted to the prairie strips, including ground beetles, dung beetles and ants.

"They feed on other insects, but they can also feed on seeds of weeds. There's that potential for weed control as well," Kim said.

Prairie strips may include high diversity mixtures of many forbs and

"You want perennial plants that will flower throughout the season... a mixture so that they provide season-long floral resources for those insects," Kim said.

perennial grasses.

While it may be a time investment for the prairie strips to be established, there is potential for increased pest suppression, which means less insecticide being sprayed, Kim added.

"If your crop relies on pollination, I think there's that added benefit, so you don't have to bring in honeybees. You can rely on the wild bees," she said.

Some management is required to maintain plant health and growth.

"Much like our natural prairies, there is mowing that's going to have to be done, or prescribed burns required on an annual basis," Kim said.

Kim recently outlined her work on Agriculture Today, a podcast available from K-State Research and Extension. The website for Agriculture Today is www. agtoday.net.

Looking at the challenges of moisture in sheep barns

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

I'm writing this the day after the very well-attended Northeast Kansas Sheep and Goat school. The McLouth school cafeteria was filled with over 70 individuals anxious to learn more about sheep and goat management. This interest surely speaks to the need for a new KSRE Sheep and Goat Extension specialist. South Dakota State recently published a good publication on how moisture effects enclosed sheep facilities and seems like a timely topic to discuss today. You may view the full publication authored by Kelly Froehlich & Xufei Yang at: https:// extension.sdstate.edu/ sites/default/files/2023-03/P-00261.pdf

While the focus of discussion will be sheep today, the same principles apply to all livestock confined in enclosed facilities. Lambing indoors helps increase lamb survivability, but this comes with challenges of regulating temperature, humidity and comfort. Providing dry, draft-free facilities is key to healthy lambs and ewes mitigating respiratory issues. Moisture accumulation can become a challenge during extreme cold or transitional periods such as winter to spring, as temperatures swing.

Air holds water and moisture issues in barns are the result of conden-



sation as water changes states. Not only do animals need water to survive, so do some undesirable organisms that can cause respiratory and other health concerns, like bacteria, viruses, fungi, etc... Stale, moisture-rich, "recycled" air in closed barns generally lends itself to health issues for livestock.

Making barns comfortable and dry is a balancing act of air temperature. humidity, and ventilation. Periods of extreme cold and/or fluctuating temperatures make moisture issues more of a challenge. Closed barns stay warmer at the expense of less ventilation, trapping moisture, increasing humidity, and creating an unhealthy environment. Ventilation draws in cooler, drier air and expels warm moist air, keeping the barn dry but potentially too cold for lambs.

Two options that could help maintain balance in temperature and humidity would be to add heat or increase the amount of insulation to the barn. Adding heat helps maintain a comfortable temperature while allowing for proper ventilation. Increasing in-

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sulation in the barn can help to maintain a comfortable temperature as well. When done properly insulation can potentially decrease the formation of condensation on walls and roofs of barns making it drier by simply keeping the barn warmer and increasing the air moisture holding capacity.

Besides adding heat or insulation to help maintain balance, producers can consider a few additional tips:

• Shear ewes prior to housing indoors. Wool can hold up to 30% of its weight in moisture. A sheep with seven pounds of wool can potentially also hold up to 2.1 pounds of water.

• Fix dripping or leaky waterlines/water fountains as these can add more humidity and moisture.

• Consider grinding bedding materials such as straw. As moisture enters through the cut ends, larger straw stems take more time to absorb moisture and longer to dry out.

• Increase barn ventilation drawing out moisture-laden air during the day on warmer days. Unheated barns can be cool-

atial- drainage or environmental ation issues adding to moisture valls accumulation inside.

er inside than outside Wheth during the day, leading to more condensation. or renova-• Note and address any make sur

Whether you are considering building a new or renovating an old barn, make sure to consider the balance of temperature and moisture to ensure the barn will provide an environment ideal for the type of animals being housed. Thoughtful planning can mean a healthier barn, healthier animals, and increased profits.



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Page 22 Grass & Grain, March 21, 2023 producers meet in Topeka for first session oung

A group of 20 young producers from across the state met in Topeka February 14-15 for the first installment of the 2023 KLA Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA). Merck Animal Health is again partnering with the association to host these members for an in-depth look into KLA and the livestock industry. A series of four seminars will be held throughout the year at various locations in Kansas.

During this session, attendees learned about the array of member services provided by KLA, heard about the importance of being an advocate for the livestock industry, saw KLA lobbyists in action at the state capitol and



Pictured front row from left are: Cooper Imthurn, Maple Hill; Allison Castilleja, Satanta; Erica Auchard, Cimarron; Emily Grund, Wamego; Leslie Smith, Ashland; Tara Bina, Halstead; Jack Adams, Plains; Brody Thayer, La Cygne; Middle row: Garret Smith, Great Bend; Logan Hoobler, Perry; Bubba Sullivan, Sublette; Cole Baumgartner, Westmoreland; Kyler Jost, Spring Hill; Eric Blythe, White City; Jose Woolfolk, Hugoton; Back row: Cole Renner, Monument; Jay Ziegelmeier, Hays; Garret Otter, Almena; Arlan Newby, Haven; and Cody Howell, Chanute.

took part in the KLA Legislative Meeting. As part of an interactive training session led by KLA staff and WIBW-Topeka farm broadcaster Greg Akagi, the group was given an overview of various media outlets available to help tell the beef production story. In addition, YSA members attended a Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meeting at the Capitol and participated in a financial planning seminar conducted by Pinion.

Members of the 2023 YSA class are Jack Adams. Plains; Erica Auchard, Cimarron; Cole Baumgartner, Westmoreland; Tara Bina, Halstead; Eric Blythe, White City; Allison

Castilleja; Satanta; Emily Grund, Wamego; Logan Hoobler, Perry; Cody Howell, Chanute; Cooper Imthurn, Maple Hill; Kyler Jost, Spring Hill; Arlan Newby, Haven; Garret Otter, Almena; Cole Renner, Monument; Garret Smith. Great Bend: Leslie Smith, Ashland; Bubba Sullivan, Sublette; Brody Thayer, La Cygne; Jose Woolfolk, Hugoton; and Jay Ziegelmeier, Hays.

The second session for the YSA class will be held in May. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. More information about YSA can be found at www.kla.org

Pork exports robust in January; slow start for beef exports

U.S. pork exports, which posted a strong finish in 2022, maintained momentum in January, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). U.S. beef exports were record-breaking in 2022 but slowed late in the year. This trend continued in January, as shipments

were well below the large totals from a year ago.

Record-large shipments to Mexico lead strong

month for pork exports January pork exports totaled 236.767 metric tons (mt), up 13% year-overyear, while export value climbed 16% to \$643.4 million. Exports to Mexico, which finished 2022 on a remarkable run on the way to an annual record. set another volume record in January. Exports also trended significantly higher year-over-year to China/ Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Honduras and the ASEAN region.

"While Mexico is certainly the pacesetter for U.S. pork exports, it's encouraging to see such broad-based growth," said USMEF president and

CEO Dan Halstrom. "Market diversification is always a point of emphasis for the U.S. industry, and it's more important than ever to find new opportunities for U.S. pork in both established and emerging markets.

Challenging month for beef exports, but bright spots emerge

Beef exports declined to several major destinations in January, though

shipments increased sharply to Mexico, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines and Africa. January volume fell 15% year-over-year to 100,942 mt, valued at \$702.3 million (down 32%).

Beef inventories swelled in some key markets near the end of last year, contributing to a challenging environment for U.S. exports.

'While beef exports are off to a slow start in 2023, we remain optimistic

vice demand will strengthen in additional markets as the year progresses," Halstrom said.

Lamb exports open 2023 on high note

January exports of U.S. lamb muscle cuts totaled 222 mt, up 161% from the low year-ago volume, while export value essentially doubled to \$1.1 million (up 99%). Growth was led by strong increases to Mexico and the Caribbean, while shipments were also higher to Canada and Guatemala

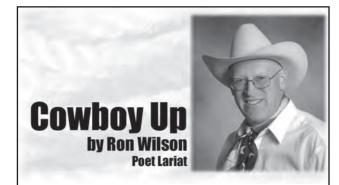
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There is a well on the north side of the barn which furnishes the outside hydrants and all the automatic livestock waterers with water – until now

What is wrong? My mind races through the possibilities. Are the pipes frozen? All of our hydrants are frost-free, meaning that once we are done running water and they are turned off, the water level falls below the frost line so they won't freeze. We endured a terrible cold snap, but there's no evidence that water pipes broke. Did the power to the pump trip off? No, it appears fine. Has the well run dry? Can't be - we're in the valley, not far from the river.

But there is no water. Cows and horses can get very thirsty. A cow needs a gallon of water per 100 pounds of body weight every day, and a momma cow can need double that. For an entire herd, this adds up pretty quickly.

Our house is served by a rural water district so the people in our family have water. It is the livestock I am suddenly very concerned about.

So why does the well not operate?

Then I remember that we had a group out to the ranch last Saturday night. A few cars parked in the field in front of the house where the wellhead stands. On Saturday we had some light snow and it was very dark by the time the last car left. Is it possible that a car hit the wellhead in the dark? The wellhead is marked with heavy duty PVC pipe which sticks up out of the ground a foot or so, and is sealed with a cap. A smaller pipe holds the electrical wiring to control the pump. Years ago, I put big rocks around the wellhead to protect it from cars, tractors, or loose livestock. Turns out that wasn't enough protection.

Sure enough, on this day the wellhead was in smithereens. There were even tire tracks which showed where the car went right over it. The PVC was all busted up, the smaller pipe was bent, and the wiring was broken loose from the cap. Worst of all, the person who hit the well left without telling us.

I called the guys who had drilled our well years Fortunately, they ago. were able to send a crew We hauled promptly. water to the livestock for a couple of days, but it could

Oh, Well By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat We take it so for granted. When we pull that handle up. We assume water will flow, into the bucket or the cup. We are so used to seeing water flowing from the spout, That I'm totally puzzled when no water will come out. In winter, we bring cows in to keep in the dry lot. The well which feeds the waterers is the only source we've got. So I got anxious when I raised the hydrant handle with a jerk, And no water came flowing out. The well had ceased to work. What would cause this situation to be so bizarre? Then I found someone had smashed our wellhead with their car. I was able to reach our well-drillers that next day. Thanks to them, there was soon a repair crew on the way. We had to haul water to the cows a couple days, But the guys soon had the well back to its working ways. I gained new appreciation for the farmers in the west. Who lose water when level of the aquifer's depressed. So when all my cows are thirsty and my panic starts to swell, I give thanks for the blessing of a working water well.

Happy Trails!

ays to minimize scours in young calves

REMINDER: Plan to Attend!

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

The importance of limiting exposure to disease has been top of mind for folks these past few years and many of the prevention strategies also apply to livestock, specifically newborn calves, said Kansas State University veterinary experts on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

"Prevention and early detection are two keys in reducing the spread of disease in newborn calves,' said Brad White, veterinarian.

One disease that is of great concern for newborn calves is scours, otherwise known as diarrhea, said veterinarian Bob Larson.

'Scours often impacts calves in the first month of life because of their developing immune system, and if they lose too many electrolytes, they can develop metabolic acidosis, which an be fatal if not prompt ly treated," Larson said. "Once the calves reach a month of age, they are much more resilient to the severe effects of scours." Larson said the disease typically spreads through animal-to-animal transmission, but this risk can be minimized depending on how the cows and calves are managed during the calving season. "Keeping the older calves away from the newborns is one management strategy to reduce the like-

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lihood of disease spread," Larson said. "A calf that is a few weeks of age tends to shed a lot of germs, putting the newborns at risk.'

The veterinarians recommend having multiple calving pastures. In this system, every two to three weeks the pregnant cows are moved to a new location, thereby leaving the cow-calf pairs in the pasture where they calved, White said.

"By moving the pregnant cows to a new pasture, producers can be sure those calves are being born in a clean environment," he said.

Another management strategy is to focus sanitation and age-separation efforts on calves born to heifers since these calves are less likely to consume enough high-quality colostrum compared to the calves born to cows.

To help make sure the cows are giving the calves optimum immunity, good nutrition prior to calving is key, said beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster.

"The antibodies in the colostrum passed from the dam to her calf is the calf's first defense against any of those pathogens, so it is important to have the cows at a body condition score of five or six when they calve," he said.

Once the cows calve, Larson recommends adjusting how the hay is delivered to minimize the congregation of the herd.

"During calving season, feeding hay in round bale feeders can lead to a lot of manure buildup in a small area, increasing the risk of disease spread." Larson said. "Instead, producers should unroll the hay on the ground and move that location to help spread out the cows, even though it means there will be some hay wastage."

White agrees, adding that "Cattle are going to stay around where the hay and water are located, and they don't tend to roam if they are not grazing."

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



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have been worse. The casing was not cracked down below so they could replace the wellhead and the cap and get things in working order quickly.

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Page 23 water flows when I turn a faucet on or lift a hydrant handle. But when it doesn't, everything changes. Think about what it takes to have fresh water flowing every day. That's something for which to be thankful.



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Page 24 Grass & Grain, March 21. 2023 **Ardent Mills donates \$3.5 million for Kansas State** University's new agriculture innovation centers

The Kansas State University Foundation has announced that Ardent Mills has pledged \$3.5 million to support the Kansas State University College of Agriculture's innovation centers for grain, food, animal and agronomy research.

Ardent Mills' investment will support new facilities in the College of Agriculture's Department of Grain Science and Industry, including renovations of current buildings and improvements in the technology and equipment necessary for interdisciplinary, innovative research and will continue to enhance the college's exceptional student experience.

"I want to thank Ardent Mills for their investment in our new facilities project," said Ernie Minton, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. "With our new infrastructure and approach, we will be able to recruit and retain world-class faculty and researchers, which will further strengthen the allure of attending K-State.

Today, the College of Agriculture is globally recognized and respected, and this donation will help fund both innovations in teaching and the pioneering of the cutting-edge skills and tools needed to educate the next generation of leaders in the grain science industry," said Minton.

Troy Anderson, vice president of operations at Ardent Mills, said, "Ardent Mills is passionate about cultivating an innovative future for our industry. That's what makes this opportunity to part-

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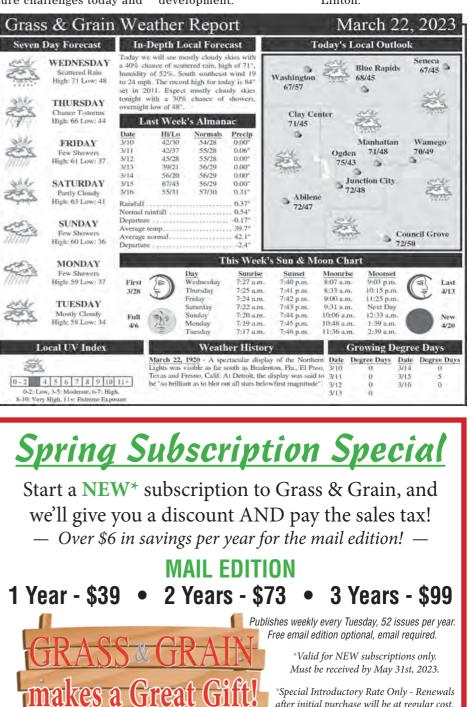


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