

Thompson and Mann express concern regarding SCOTUS Prop 12 ruling

On Thursday, May 11 the United States Supreme Court ruled to uphold California's Proposition 12, which mandates a variety of animal production standards and would specifically ban the in-state sale of pork from hogs not raised in accordance with the California law, even if those hogs were raised in other states.

"I certainly respect the authority of the individual states and I appreciate the Supreme Court's instinct to exercise caution when adjudicating conflicting state interests. That said, I am disappointed in today's decision on California's Proposition 12. U.S producers simply cannot operate in a system where one state can dictate production standards for the entire country," said Thompson.

"States have the right to govern affairs within their borders, but today's ruling is a gross misstep by the Supreme Court as it not only threatens the livelihoods of American hog farmers, but also sets a terrible precedent for interstate commerce," said Mann. "This decision opens the door to unthinkable, unscientific regulatory overreach against all producers. Today it's the pig pen, tomorrow it's the whole barnyard."

USDA mails 2023 Agricultural Resource Management Survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is collecting data from approximately 4,000 Kansas farmers and ranchers for the first phase of the 2023 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The annual survey looks at all aspects of U.S. agricultural production, the well-being of farm households, farm finances, chemical usage, and various farm production characteristics.

across the country," added Bounds. "For maximum convenience, producers should complete the survey online at agcount.usda.gov with the survey code mailed to them. Online reporting is fast and secure. Producers may also mail or fax their completed questionnaire to us."

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April lamb market report reflects first quarter data

The American Lamb Board (ALB) and the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) have released the April market summary report aimed at delivering timely and useful information for American Lamb producers. The report summarizes lamb supplies, prices, trade, retail trends and more for the first quarter of 2023.

Inflationary Environment Lingers

Consumers are still coping with an inflationary environment as retail food prices were 20-25% higher in the first quarter than in 2020. However, food inflation seems to moderate each month and wholesale and retail lamb prices are declining relative to last year. While consumers are still buying lamb, they are getting less for their dollar due to elevated prices, which is limiting their willingness to pay higher prices and increase their purchase volumes.

Lamb Supply in Better Position

Compared to last year, the industry is in a better position on the supply side of the market. Lamb and yearling slaughter in the first quarter was 11% higher than a year ago, but slaughter levels were smaller in 2022 due to increasing numbers of lambs on-feed. Lighter weights have offset the larger numbers, with production only 7% higher in the first quarter. Based on weekly data for April, lamb and yearling slaughter is down about 2% with a greater decline in production due to lighter dressed weights. Data shows May 1st with the smallest on-feed num-

bers since August as those seasonally decline and the smallest May on-feed number since 2010.

Imports Lower in First Quarter

In the first quarter, lamb imports were 9% lower than in 2022. Import volumes from both Australia and New Zealand were also below a year ago for the first quarter, down 7% and 13%, respectively. According to Meat Livestock Australia (MLA), lamb exports to the U.S. saw declines in April.

Retail Features Lamb for Spring Holidays

Consumers continue to adapt to higher meat prices and inflationary pressures by opting for more value-based channels, trading down to lower priced products and brands, and taking advantage of sales. Spending for food at home remains higher than pre-pandemic levels as many people continue to work from home, a change that looks to remain in the post-pandemic environment.

As expected, the number of retail store circulars that featured lamb in April increased relative to prior months for the spring holidays. According to the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) retail featuring report, about 14% of retail store circulars featured lamb in April with 20% featuring the week leading to Easter. The average price of all lamb cuts published in the retail featuring report continues to decline, with the April average at just over \$8 per lb. versus nearly \$10 per lb. a year ago.

Looking Ahead

Consumer trends and economic indicators are still hinting at an impending recession this year. The severity of the economic slowdown will determine how much consumer demand for lamb could be affected as evidenced in past recessions. The Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) expects feeder and slaughter lamb prices to improve through the remainder of 2023, with annual prices on average about 20-25% lower than in 2022.

"Overall price inflation, labor challenges and economic downturn creates more pressure for the U.S. Lamb industry," said Peter Camino, ALB Chairman. "Increasing the value of American Lamb for all segments contributing to the American Lamb Checkoff remains our mission."

Funded through the national American Lamb Checkoff, the ALB invests the industry's valuable resources to foster profitability and create opportunities for all sectors involved in producing American Lamb. All segments of the American Lamb Industry contribute to building the demand for American Lamb through mandatory checkoff payments. Unlike other U.S. livestock checkoffs, funding is only collected from domestic lamb, not imported lamb. This allows ALB to focus all its efforts on increasing demand for American Lamb.

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Local youth win wildlife habitat education program contest

Wildcat District 4-H members Abby Dolecheck, Alex Dolecheck, Dayson Elsworth, Raylan Elsworth, Damien Evans, Brian Longan and Philip Longan, recently traveled to the Marais des Cygnes

State Wildlife Area to compete in the Kansas Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) competition.

This year the Wildcat District had two teams competing in the contest.

Abby Dolecheck, Alex Dolecheck, and Dayson Elsworth were on Wildcat A Team and received first place junior team.

Raylan Elsworth, Damien Evans, Brian Longan, and Philip Longan were on Wildcat B team and received second place junior team. Damien Evens received second high individual. Alex Dolecheck received third high individual.

The teams were coached by Brian Elsworth and Adaven Scronce. WHEP is a hands-

on environmental education program that gives youth the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge. The eco-region for this year's contest was the Eastern Deciduous Forest. In preparation for the

contest, the team learned about wildlife in the Eastern Deciduous Forest, including wildlife terms and concepts, habitat management practices, wildlife damage management, and how to evaluate

wildlife habitat.

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

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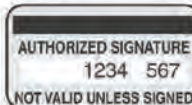
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