

Schemm maintains optimism in face of tough conditions

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By Lucas Shivers

A Dalmatian named Patton accompanies Wallace County farmer Clay Schemm almost everywhere – even on the combine for wheat harvest.

“He loves to run everywhere around on the farm,” Schemm said. “About a year after my brother Luke passed away in 2015, I settled on a Dalmatian from a breeder in Council Grove. He’s been here ever since.”

Wheat Harvest Outlook

This year, like most, Clay took part in the Wheat Quality Council’s Annual Hard Winter Wheat Evaluation Tour where people pay close attention to the wheat trends and know where it all goes in the market.

“We want a strong line of communication with policy makers, buyers and consumers to share what we need and continually be in touch with changes on the ground,” Schemm said.

Wheat in western Kansas, and lots of other parts of the state, was pretty dry.

“It’s rough in my area,” Schemm said. “There was some May rain; but it also had some hail. I hope our one irrigated wheat field makes it. The terrace tops don’t have anything, but there’s a little in the bottoms. We need rain really bad.”

Most of the wheat crop turned a blue color and needed more water.

“We’ll keep our fingers crossed and hope for something over the summer for a fresh start in the fall,” Schemm said. “Farming is one profession where you have to be an optimist.”



Back home on the farm Clay Schemm is also heavily involved in ag organizations and understands the importance of being an active advocate for agriculture.

Courtesy photos

Way Back

Clay’s ancestors were part of the Volga-area Germans coming to the Midwest.

“They came over and moved to Kansas around Wakeeney, but my family actually had ground acquired in Wallace County,” Schemm said. “My great-grandpa’s dad shared that he could have the land if they moved out there to farm it.”

So more than 100 years ago, Clay’s great-grandpa journeyed out to Sharon Springs, camping out along the way with a Wallace-brand tractor to start out.

“We actually still farm that piece of ground where they put the original homestead,” Schemm said. “A friend lives in the actual house that my great-grandpa built from a Sears and Roebuck catalog that was brought in on a train.”

Clay’s Grandparents

Clay reflected on fond

memories of being raised on the land with his extended family. His grandpa Vernon, who passed away in 2022, and grandma Dixie, who is still around, worked the farm.

“They taught me and Luke about all of the aspects of it,” Schemm said. “They did about everything you could with farming and rural life in that era.”

With his three brothers, Vernon shared about how he remembered when tractors first got headlights.

“Two boys worked all day and two worked all night with the new lights to double the ground!”

Vernon served in the military, got his degree and taught in the local school all while farming.

“He had a Grade A dairy for a while, but found out he had an allergy to the silage so transitioned into registered Charolais cattle. He taught me about driving a combine, riding

the buddy seat and wood-working.”

Passing It On

Vernon and Dixie had four kids, with two sons and two daughters who all live in Kansas.

“My dad, David, and my mom, Lisa, met at a small church college during a work study,” Clay said.

Lisa worked in the stables with an interest in barrel racing. David worked in the chicken coop where he proposed to her before bringing her back to Sharon Springs.

“I enjoyed growing up on the farm with so many life lessons and experiences. As my dad was doing all of the farm stuff, my mom was a substitute teacher and focused on raising myself and my younger brother.”

Coming back to the Kansas farm in the early 1990s, David and Lisa managed the farm and kept involved with wheat growers and several regional leadership opportunities.

“They always made time for all of the school events and kept us busy on the farm growing up,” he said. “We made sure to do our best and put our might into everything we did from sports to farming.”

Luke passed away as a senior in high school, collapsing at his playoff football game while Clay was a junior at college.

“We always say that it’s a very exclusive club that you don’t want to invite anyone to.”

Back to the Farm

From this tragedy, Clay decided to come back to the family farm to take it on. At KSU, he started to study chemistry but switched to ag tech management to graduate in 2018.

While he was studying in Manhattan, his dad was appointed the state director for the Farm Service Agency. Clay split time between the farm and college to help manage it all.

“From my house to Manhattan, I turn right and then left to get onto the interstate with easy directions for a 300-mile drive,” Schemm said. “It’s

ingrained into me because I’ve done it so much.”

Clay feels the full responsibility by stepping up to the operation early on.

“The biggest thing I learned was that even as a farm kid, you have a whole lot to learn when you take it on full-time,” he said. “The difference between operating equipment and being the decision-maker is a big gap of uncertainty and risk.”

Clay stays on top of the management and knows how to solve any issues that may arise.

“One year a bunch of perennial grasses came in,” he said. “We mixed the chemical hot; but we weren’t able to control it. We lost close to ten bushels per acre; however, we now learned how to take care of it. We use sustainable practices for soil protection and wind protection like wheat to protect all over winter.”

Right now, the current Schemm operation is all crops without livestock.

“It works better for us at the moment with time investment and limited personnel,” Schemm said. “We run an opportunistic rotation to vary based on moisture. We have wheat to corn to sorghum to fallow mostly but it all depends.”

Stepping Up

Thanks to advocacy from producers like his

parents, Clay shared that their medium- to large-sized farm seeks more support.

“We’re grateful for the security and safety net of crop insurance that is critical to continue to operate,” Schemm said. “It’s all about continuing to learn to make better decisions on the farm.”

He has several leadership roles himself, following in the legacy of his family as a board member for the Kansas Association for Wheat Growers and Kansas Farm Bureau wheat committee.

“We help with policy decisions and advocacy to give input for what farmers in Kansas are needing,” Schemm said. “We don’t want to turn a blind eye to any of it. We reiterate the importance of having a good cereal crop to consumers in the U.S. and abroad.”

As president of the Wallace County Farm Bureau, he shared challenges to keep anyone under 60 years old involved.

“We’ve got a coordinator hired and a full board,” he said. “We want to revitalize and get it back to a higher level of involvement.”

When time allows, he still enjoys trips to Manhattan.

“I’ve got lots of friends in Manhattan, and we enjoy swing dancing for fun.”



A Dalmatian named Patton has been keeping Clay Schemm company on the farm since 2015, and will be a passenger in the combine as harvest gets under way.



Members of the SurePoint Ag team on hand for the grand opening of their office in Manhattan on June first were: Marvin Sanchez, Cedric Green, Zane Swafford, Justin (JR) Ringward, Tiaan VanLoggerenburg, Albert Popp, Blaine Ginther, Bo Downing, Dirk Ricker, Nicholas Bowles, Matt Wolters, Josh Wolters, Lisa Wolters.

SurePoint Ag opens office in Manhattan

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

SurePoint Ag, an Atwood-based company, celebrated the grand opening of the SurePoint Innovation Center Office in the K-State Office Park on Thursday, June 1.

SurePoint Ag Systems was founded in 2007 by Blaine Ginther, Josh Wolters and Matt Wolters to provide producers with the precision technology they needed to efficiently and effectively apply the right products to their fields. The company has grown from seven full and part-time employees

in 2008 to now more than seventy full-time employees, as well as seasonal workers. Their products include the QuickDraw Fully Automated Tender System, LiquiShift, Marksman and Sentinel ISOBUS Liquid Row Monitor.

After an introduction by Matt, Josh spoke of their vision in opening the Manhattan office. “When we look at this facility, there are three priorities that led us to being here,” he said. “One of those is we want to add fantastic full-time talent. Manhattan is a great place to grow that

SurePoint team. We want to grow student employment and engagement and really enhance what we do for summer internships to be full-year types of opportunities for students. Then we want to partner with K-State faculty and students on research and development opportunities. There’s lot of good stuff going on and we are excited for those opportunities.”

Opportunity is something the entire SurePoint team believes in. “There are lots and lots of opportunities out there, and we just want to take as many of those and turn them into good products, good employees and good company and keep doing that on a bigger scale,” he said.

Among the attendees at the grand opening was Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. “A few

All creatures great and small



Clay County farmers Dustin and Shelby Mall didn’t set out to hatch eggs, but when the hen became “broody,” decided to let nature take its course. The result was four healthy little chicks, the first of which is seen here peeping his introductory greeting to the world.

Photo by Shelby Mall



Round Tables and Common Ground

By Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer
and rancher

I recently returned home to Kansas after traveling to China to participate in a U.S. Sorghum trade mission. The trip was organized by the U.S. Grains Council, and we were the first U.S. trade mission team into China since the pandemic.

It was a whirlwind – our team's daily schedule consisted of re-engaging with past sorghum buy-

ers as well as meeting with potential customers throughout four cities throughout south China.

Our team traveled by way of planes, trains and automobiles while moving throughout the country. While our world has been back to "business as usual" for some time following the pandemic, China is still slowly re-entering that space.

There were very few foreigners and much of the tour groups we

crossed paths with in public spaces were domestic.

Our days were filled with very official meetings in large office buildings. Our team entered a conference room and sat at a large rectangular table directly across from the Chinese team. We had name placards and business cards. The mood was quite serious. During these meetings – sometimes through translators – we'd discuss the U.S. sorghum crop, transportation logistics, weather concerns, producer concerns and market opportunities. There was no doubt that these meetings were all business.

But following each meeting a major shift in the atmosphere would always occur. Our groups would leave the confer-

ence room and gather together again within a spacious dining room, which always consisted of a large round table. Our two unique teams would sit shoulder to shoulder and partake in food and drink together. We were no longer looking across a table to our counterparts. Instead, we were sitting beside them as warmly welcomed guests.

The stark contrast between the business meetings and the meals struck me. Time and time again as our meal host would serve a piece of fish, tofu, goose or something new and exotic to me, it was very apparent we were not just sharing a meal together but also nurturing established or building on newly created relationships.

It took a round table and food to bring our teams together. It took a round table and food to have candid conversations about our families, our hobbies and our ways of life. It took a round table and food to minimize the barriers that tend to set us all apart.

There is no doubt relationships matter. Many of the relationships that have been developed with our Chinese sorghum buyers have been works in progress by groups like ours within the U.S. agriculture industry over many, many years.

It's also glaringly apparent our governments are not on good terms currently. Tensions are high and trust is lacking.

But we share common ground when it comes to

food. After all, food is what allowed our trade mission team to enter into China in the first place. Food was the topic of our meetings. And it was while enjoying food together that allowed us to grow and nurture relationships that will benefit us all.

If only more of us – both domestic and abroad – were willing to gather around, shoulder to shoulder at a round table while enjoying food together, What a world it could be.

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Enjoy a Flint Hills Feast in Alma on Friday, June 23

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's From the Land of Kansas program is sponsoring the Flint Hills Feast at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023, at The Volland Store in Alma. This culinary pop-up is going to be a unique foodie experience featuring authentic tastings from the Flint Hills region of Kansas along with live music, libations, local artisan tastings, cooking demonstration, art viewing, and more.

This event offers the public an opportunity to meet local producers including Alma Cheese, Manhattan Brewing Company, Alma Bakery and Sweet Shoppe, Sweet Granada, Boot Hill Distillery, Guilty Biscuit, Piccalilli Farm, Woolly Bee Farm, MHK Caravan and Pacheco Beef.

The Flint Hills Feast will be held at The Volland Store, which is the perfect setting for an evening of great food, drinks, live music and art. The evening will feature a live cooking demonstration by The Curious Plate and Pacheco Beef. The duo will be sharing tips and tricks on cooking and seasoning beef.

Tickets can be purchased for the event by visiting the Flint Hills Feast link found on the KDA From the Land of Kansas page at agriculture.ks.gov/FromtheLandofKansas. An event ticket includes:

- Sample tastings from local Kansas artisan vendors
- Beef cooking demonstration from your co-hosts: Arturo and Wrenn Pacheco of Pacheco Beef & Lauren Grier of The Curious Plate
- Live music from Tallgrass Express
- Art viewing at The Volland Store

Events like the Flint Hills Feast support the goals of From the Land of Kansas to support businesses that grow, produce, process or manufacture products in Kansas, and to provide consumers with local, Kansas-grown food. Find out more about From the Land of Kansas and find member companies at FromtheLandofKansas.com.



Next week I am making a trip back to Washington D.C. It is really my first trip back post-Covid. I did go back right as D.C. was opening up to help Tatum get settled in for her summer internship, but this is my first working trip since the pandemic. As a sidenote, the last time I went back on a working trip was the very week everything closed down. I was part of the last group to go to the USDA and one of the last groups in the Capitol. Let's hope we don't repeat that experience.

I admit it, I am looking forward to the trip. I know many of you are wondering just how weird or warped I am to be looking forward to going to D.C. I admit that I like it far more than I probably should, but I also see it as a duty both as a citizen and as an ag producer. This is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. This is something I think many of us have forgotten, both elected and non-elected, and we must fix it.

Often, I hear that the government does not represent me, and they have lost touch with their real purpose. I would agree with that statement somewhat. I do think there is a certain amount of disconnect between some parts of our government and those of us out in the "real world." You know whose fault that is? It is our fault. We, the citizens, are the ones who let that happen, we are the ones who chose to disengage. You want to know the best news? We are also the ones who can fix the problem.

I realize that not everyone has the opportunity to go to the Capitol and advocate. Although I would also say that in reality, everyone can go and I bet you would be surprised just how much power you would have, but I also know that there are some barriers, with time and money being the biggest. I do not take these opportunities to advocate lightly or forget that I am representing more than just myself. Having said that, we all have opportunities to make our voices heard and yet, very few of us take advantage of that.

First, of all, the people in D.C. were sent there to represent us and if that is not happening, we have the chance to replace them every two, four or six years depending on their position. I challenge

you to get to know your elected officials and if they do not represent you, do some homework and find a candidate that will. If none of the candidates truly appeal to you then get involved and find one that does, even if that candidate is looking back in the mirror.

Outside of the elections, you have other ways to get involved and make your voice heard. Just about every elected official has some sort of town hall meeting or coffee stop. Seek those out and go meet them and voice your opinion. I have and at times I have been concerned because I can tell you that the extreme factions know how to show up. We, the people in the middle, need to make our voices heard also. You know the old adage about the squeaky wheel? It is true.

Also take the time to get educated. Too many times a hot-button issue is addressed with legislation that has unintended consequences. Good policy is not made on the spur of the moment and often something that may sound good is not good for us at all. Get informed and do your homework and seek to find out all sides of the issue and the facts. Here is a spoiler alert, you have to dig to find the facts and not just go to one source. What I am saying is that we all need to take a greater interest in how we are governed. Do I think the system is broken? Maybe a little, but I also believe that it can be fixed and that there is more good than bad. We just need to do our civic duty and get involved, make our voices heard and stop this governing from the extremes. Most elected officials and civil servants are there for the right reason and we should not lump them all together. Rather, we should get involved and help to effect change.

Yes, I am looking forward to my trip to D.C. and my chance to advocate on behalf of agriculture. I am passionate about what I do and how good we are in agriculture, and I enjoy sharing that with anyone, yes, even politicians. I will also say that my favorite part of any trip is the day after when I am back on the farm, reflecting on the trip in the quiet away from the hustle and bustle. Just remember it is a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Let's keep it that way.

Kansas Corn Growers praise move by U.S. Trade Representative to initiate dispute settlement with Mexico over corn decree

The U.S. Trade Representative announced that it is filing a dispute settlement under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement in response to the steps Mexico has taken to ban biotech corn for human consumption. The Kansas Corn Growers Association applauds the USTR and thanks them for their commitment to upholding the trade agreements we have fought to secure.

"Thanks to strong grassroots voices from KCGA members and our Kansas Congressional Delegation, the USTR realized the importance of this issue to corn farmers and the potential slippery slope that the entire agricultural industry was on if we stood back and let non-scientific

bans take place on U.S. agricultural products," said Josh Roe, Kansas Corn CEO. "We look forward to this dispute settlement being resolved and maintaining relationships with our top international customer. Mexico agreed to terms under the USMCA, this simply holds them to their original agreement."

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), which along with affiliated state associations, has been leading calls for the Biden administration to act, praised the development.

"Mexico's actions, which are not based on sound science, have threatened the financial wellbeing of corn growers and our nation's rural

communities," said NCGA president Tom Haag. "We are deeply appreciative of Ambassador Katherine Tai and USTR for moving this process forward and thankful for the efforts of Secretary Tom Vilsack and members of Congress for standing up for farmers in such a meaningful way."

Under USMCA, once a dispute settlement is filed, a group of objective experts will be empaneled to hear the case and make final determinations based on the commitments both parties signed as part of the free trade agreement.

The dispute stems from a 2020 decree by Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador that sought to ban imports of biotech corn beginning in January 2024. Mexico issued a revised decree in February of this year that banned biotech corn for human consumption effective immediately and left the door open for a future ban on biotech corn for feed.

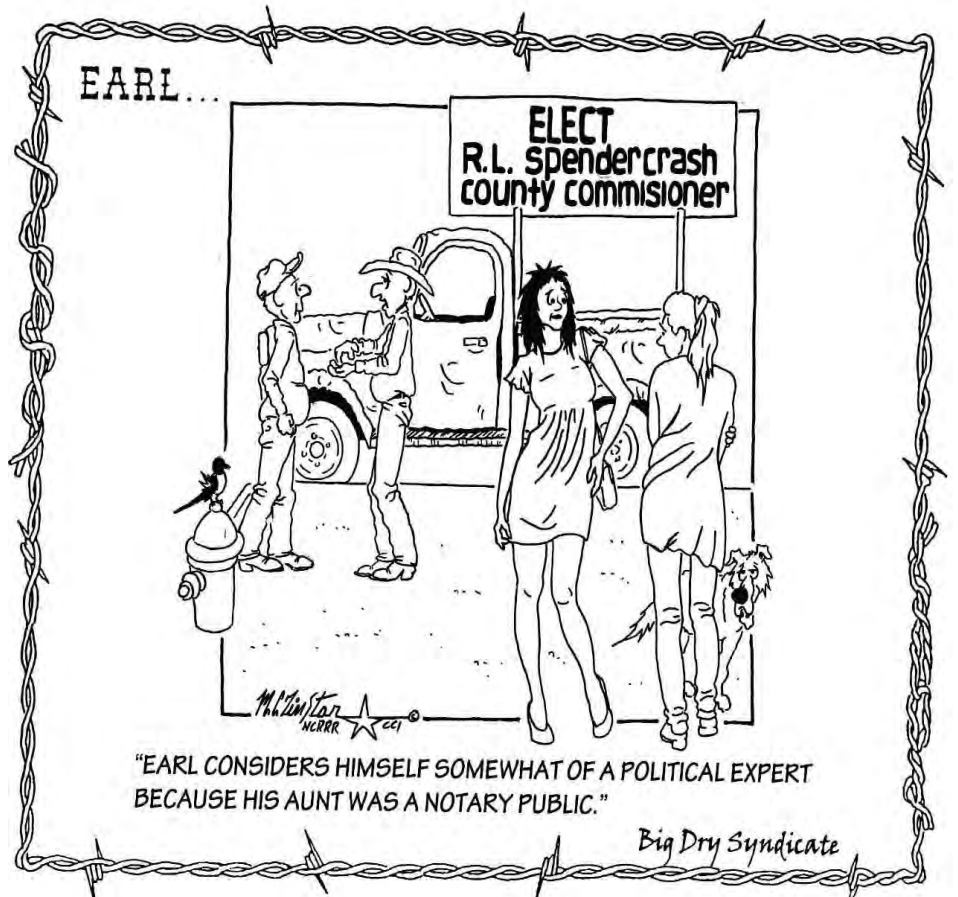
Mexico is a top market for corn, the number one agricultural export from the U.S., which has led to strong concerns over how the ban would impact U.S. farmers, rural economies and food security for the people of Mexico.

Given the high stakes, KCGA, NCGA and corn grower leaders across the country began sounding the alarm last fall and have been calling on the Biden administration to initiate a dispute settlement under USMCA.

Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



Chicken a la King



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SurePoint Ag opens office in Manhattan June 1

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 weeks after stepping into this role, I learned about Matt, Josh and the rest of the crew at SurePoint and what they've built," Beam stated. "It's a real success story that I always get excited about. Homegrown innovation and entrepreneurship, particularly as it relates to agriculture."
 Rural economic development is one of the bedrocks of the company. "If you talk to any of us, you'll see that's important to us and we enjoy that," Josh said. "By opening up this facility in Manhattan, it really just multiplies our opportunities to continue to feed that whole mission."
 In 2022 SurePoint Ag entered into a joint venture with John Deere. "That whole relationship opens up additional opportunities for the company, for all of our employees, for the things we can do in our communities, and that's really exciting," said Josh.
 From its beginnings



Josh Wolters outlines the mission of SurePoint Ag during the grand opening of their Manhattan office June 1. Photos by Donna Sullivan



Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam welcomed SurePoint Ag to Manhattan, describing how he'd heard of the company soon after taking office and was impressed with their innovation and entrepreneurship.

in a 1950s steel building with their office in a 1930s farmhouse to now, a 5000-square-foot building with room for offices, a lab and test-engineering, SurePoint Ag Systems ships products all across North America and internationally.

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

Andrea Van Genderen, Topeka, Wins This Week's Grass & Grain Recipe Contest
 Winner Andrea Van Genderen, Topeka:
EASY MINESTRONE

1 onion, chopped
 1/4 cup butter
 Half of 9-ounce package deli ham, chopped
 1/4 teaspoon oregano
 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 32 ounces beef broth
 24 ounces marinara sauce
 15 ounces garbanzo beans, drained & rinsed
 15 ounces Veg All, drained
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 cups water
 6 ounces broken spaghetti or fideo pasta
 Salt to taste
 Grated Parmesan cheese

In a large soup pot, saute onion in butter. Add chopped ham, oregano and red pepper flakes; saute for 2-3 minutes. Add beef broth, marinara sauce, garbanzo beans, Veg-All, and brown sugar. Simmer covered for 20 minutes. Near the end of this time bring 2 cups water to a boil in a skillet. Add broken spaghetti or fideo and cook until tender. Tip the pasta and water into the simmering soup. Taste and season with salt. Set off heat for 10 minutes, covered, and serve with grated Parmesan cheese.

Carol Nelson, Topeka:
 "This is a yummy Top of the Morning recipe."
HAM & PEPPER JACK MUFFINS

1 egg
 1 cup buttermilk
 1/4 cup corn oil
 1 tablespoon diced canned chiles, drained
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup cubed ham
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1 1/2 cups shredded Pepper Jack cheese

Beat egg, buttermilk, corn oil, chiles, sugar, salt, pepper and ham together in a medium-size bowl. Lightly stir in flour, baking powder and cheese. Spray paper-lined muffin tins with Pam. Fill muffin papers with batter. Bake in a preheated 375-degree

oven for 25 minutes or until muffin tops are lightly browned. Makes 12 regular muffins.

Kellee George, Shawnee:
SCALLOPED CORN

1/4 cup butter
 1/3 cup chopped onion
 1 green pepper, chopped
 1 can cream corn
 1/2 cup Italian-style dry bread crumbs
 2 eggs

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 1-quart casserole. Melt butter in saucepan. Add onion and bell pepper and cook 4 minutes or until crisp-tender. Stir in all remaining ingredients. Pour into casserole. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Kimberly Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
GRILLED SWEET ONIONS

Glaze:
 2 tablespoons oil
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 2 sweet onions, cut into 1/4-inch slices

Heat grill. In a bowl combine all glaze ingredients. Blend well. When ready to grill place onions on gas grill over medium heat. Cook 10 to 15 minutes or until crisp-tender and lightly browned, brushing both sides with glaze and turning once.

Jackie Doud, Topeka:
SOUTHERN SUCCOTASH

1 tablespoon butter
 1/2 cup red bell pepper
 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
 9-ounce bag frozen lima beans
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add bell pepper; cook and stir 1 minute. Add all remaining ingredients and mix well. Cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Stir and serve.

Millie Conger, Tecumseh:
POTATO PUFFS

2 eggs
 1/3 cup sour cream
 3 cups mashed potatoes
 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 Salt & pepper to taste

Set oven to 400 degrees. Butter 8 to 9 cupcake cups in pan. Mix eggs with sour cream and potatoes. Mix in cheeses, salt and pepper. Spoon into greased cupcake pan cups. Bake 25-30 minutes or until brown. Remove and let cool 5 minutes. Serve with sour cream.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Oklahoma:
PEA POD MEDLEY

1 cup frozen sweet peas
 1 cup frozen sugar snap peas
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 garlic clove, minced

In microwave-safe casserole combine all ingredients; cover. Microwave

on high for 5-6 minutes or until vegetables are heated through. Stir twice during cooking.

This recipe is being shared from the 14 Hands Ranch May Newsletter, Jada Sharp, Leonardville. www.14handsranchks.com

Once a week, usually on Friday or Saturday, depending on the time of year we have homemade pizza for dinner. Our family's favorite is BBQ Chicken (roasted chicken diced up and mixed with your favorite BBQ sauce) but we also love taco, bacon cheeseburger, sausage, or hamburger. This month I thought I would share the crust recipe that I have used for years. It is simple, quick, and easy; even if you have never baked bread, with a little practice you can easily master this crust! I make it in my KitchenAid mixer with the dough hook attachment.

EASY PIZZA CRUST
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

1 cup warm water
 1 packet or 2 1/4 teaspoons yeast
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons olive oil

Combine these together in the mixing bowl and let the yeast proof for a few minutes. Then add:

2 cups of all-purpose flour
 After that is mixed in, slowly add another 1/2 to 1 cup of flour just until the dough comes together and isn't sticky to the touch. Remove from the mixer and form into a smooth ball. Cover the bowl with a tea towel and let it rise for 10-15 minutes or until doubled. Prepare your pizza pan by pouring a light drizzle of oil on it and spreading it around, then sprinkle some cornmeal on it. Roll your dough out into the desired shape, form your crust, and using a fork poke holes around the middle to keep it from rising too much while baking. Bake crust for approximately 5 minutes or just until it isn't doughy anymore. Remove from the oven and add toppings of your choice then bake for another 10-15 minutes or until the crust is lightly brown.



Baking With Sugarbuns

By Michele Drees
June Birthdays S'mores Chocolate Chip Cookies

June has never been one of my favorite months; between the sometimes-extreme heat and my birthday, I tend to be less than amused by June. When I was younger and in school, my mom would do what she could to help ensure I was able to celebrate my birthday at school, but obviously with not being in school in June, it never felt quite the same as other kids' birthdays. Add in the fact that most kids take their family vacations over the summer and that tended to leave my birthday feeling like just another day.

With age, birthdays became less about the actual day and more about celebrating with the people I love, and of course one cannot forget my one birthday request, ice cream cake from Baskin-Robbins. Enter in meeting Kyle, who happens to have a birthday the day after mine and June suddenly became much more intriguing. Now instead of dreading the month of June and the inevitable looming birthday, I instead look forward to June and the chance to celebrate Kyle.

This year for our birthdays we both got some new clothes for work (woohoo being an adult). Kyle also had a stained-glass window that my grandma had made many years ago re-framed for me. We found it in her basement when we were cleaning out her house; the frame it was in was in less-than-great shape and I was dying for the chance to honor my grandma by hanging it; now because of Kyle, I will be able to do just that. For him, he has been eyeing a new bat for softball, so one will be here soon. Top that all off with a dinner together and all in all, June is looking more and more appealing.

S'mores Chocolate Chip Cookies

*This is one of those recipes I stumbled upon while scrolling Facebook. I had to try it and instantly fell in love, well worth the effort and time to make them.

**These make BIG cookies!
 1 batch or package of your favorite chocolate chip cookie dough
 1 sleeve graham crackers
 Hershey's chocolate
 1 bag of large marshmallows (I bought the s'mores friendly ones and ripped them in half)
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper.

Break each graham cracker into four rectangles and place with plenty of space between each other on the cookie sheet. Place a piece of Hershey's chocolate on each graham cracker piece. Top that with either a full marshmallow or a half of a marshmallow (keep in mind the marshmallow will melt and expand, so need lots of room).

Take your cookie dough and form it around your neat little s'mores piles you have created (the closer you get the dough to everything the better).

Bake for 13-15 minutes or until the marshmallows have reached a light brown color and your cookies are done. Let cool and enjoy!

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Are Dietary Supplements Helpful For Older Adults? Consult Physician First

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

We see advertisements everywhere for dietary supplements. The colorful bottles line the shelves of the grocery store. It's confusing as to which supplement may offer the promise of good health. They may sound like a quick fix for health problems, but you should be aware that they may not be the quick fix you are hoping for. Regarding vitamin and mineral supplements, it is always best to consult your healthcare provider before buying a supplement.

Most people do manage to get the needed nutrition from their food. Research tells us that it is best to get the recommended amount of vitamins and minerals in this manner. If you suspect you lack a vitamin, consult with your healthcare provider. They can advise if you need a supplement and which type, and brand works best. Also, remember the recommended amounts of vitamins and minerals needed daily. If you are taking more than the recommended amount, you could have detrimental

health consequences. Choosing a variety of fruit and vegetables is the best choice. Whole fruits and vegetables contain the vitamins and minerals you need and phytochemicals that can help prevent disease. Fruits and vegetables also contain more fiber. Eat whole grain bread and cereal or whole grain crackers. Ensure that you get enough Vitamin D. Good sources include low-fat dairy, green vegetables, and calcium-fortified foods. Calcium and vitamin D may help protect against hypertension and some types of cancer.

If you need to take a vitamin or mineral supplement, follow these helpful tips. Take your supplement with food for better absorption. Store your supplements in a cool, dry location and watch the expiration dates. Taking your supplement with food will improve absorption and stomach distress. Take calcium and iron separated by several hours. When you shop for a multivitamin, look for no more than 100% thiamin, B12, iodine, riboflavin, folic acid, selenium, niacin, zinc, chromium, B6, and copper. Look for no more

than 200% of vitamin D3, 25% of vitamin K, 250mg of vitamin C, 200 mg of B6, 200 mcg of selenium, 9 mg of zinc, and no more than 50% iron for men and post-menopausal women.

Try this delicious recipe to get your vitamins and minerals.

Tropical Green Smoothie (Tufts University)

2 cups tropical frozen fruit (pineapple, mango, banana)
1 medium apple, cored & roughly chopped
2 cups milk or fortified soy milk
1 cup fresh spinach or kale
2 tablespoons ground flaxseed
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger (optional)

- Blend all ingredients until smooth, adding more milk if needed.
- Divide into glasses.

Serving Size: (4) 8-ounce servings.

Nutrition Per Serving: Using pineapple and non-fat milk; Calories: 135, Total Fat: 1 g; Saturated Fat: 0 g; Total Carbohydrate: 26 g; Total Sugars: 20 g; Dietary Fiber: 4 g; Protein: 6 g; Sodium: 73 mg; Potassium: 410 mg; Calcium: 169 mg; Vitamin D: 1 mcg; Iron: 2 mg
Resources; University of Missouri, USDA, CDC



Recipes and Ramblings from the Farm

Handy Harvest Preparations

By Ashleigh Krispense

It's amazing to me how quickly the wheat fields are changing from their lush, vibrant green to a golden yellow. Before we know it, the combine will be headed into its first field and a posse of vehicles won't be far behind as the tractor and grain cart, grain trucks, and vehicles bringing meals and helpers begin to arrive.

While the guys are getting things ready around the farm, I'm thawing hamburger and thinking of easy-to-grab meals to stick in the freezer. From cheeseburger pockets and homemade summer sausage to mini chicken pot pies (see last column!) - I'm hoping to make and tuck away some main dishes that can be eaten easily in a semi. While you can take a variety of meals to the field, whether salads in jars or a full meal on a plate, I'm trying to stick with mostly hand-held ideas.

I've even found that just browning some hamburger and freezing it in smaller portions is helpful to have on hand for making a quick dish. The same can be done with leftover roast beef, which could be made into an easy BBQ beef sandwich.

If you're looking for some inspiration for your own harvest preparations, here are some meal ideas that might be helpful:

Main Dishes:
Summer sausage sandwiches
BBQ chicken wraps
Bierocks

Walking tacos
BLT sandwiches
Cheeseburger pockets
Calzones
Deli sandwiches
BBQ beef sandwiches
Cheeseburgers
Ham and cheese sliders
Grilled brats (or hotdogs)
BBQ beef cups
Loaded quesadillas
Ham and cheese pockets
Sloppy joes (but you may need a fork!)
Grilled cheese sandwiches
Pizza

Sides:
Chips
Fresh fruit
Applesauce
Yogurt cups
Beef jerky
Sliced veggies (green peppers, carrot sticks, celery)
Trail mix
Soft pretzels
Cheese cubes

Desserts/Snacks:
Blonde brownies
Rice Krispies treats
Chocolate chip cookies
Mini hand-held pies
Peanut butter cookies
Cream puffs
Chocolate chip cookie bars
No-bake cookies
Lemon blueberry muffins
Monster cookies
Chocolate-peanut butter bars
Homemade granola bars
Banana muffins

It can be helpful to make a trip to the grocery store and stock up on a few extras such as chips, fun snacks, fresh fruit, water, pop or tea, lemonade fixings, paper tableware, etc. Just yesterday, I found hard-sid-

ed cold packs (which hopefully won't spring a leak as easy as regular cold packs!) for 98 cents a piece in the camping section at Walmart. For other forms of ice, if you have water jugs that will need refilling, empty sour cream or yogurt containers with lids will make great, big ice cubes.

Grabbing some extra dog food or toilet paper is also a good idea to avoid running short and needing to make a special trip to town! If you have small kiddos, consider getting some inexpensive coloring books or a couple of new toys/activities to keep them entertained. If I'm stuck in the car waiting somewhere for very long, it can be nice to have some magazines tucked in a pocket somewhere to browse through. Extra phone chargers (or a portable battery pack), containers of wet wipes, and even a first aid kit or just some bandaids and antibiotic ointment can all be good additions to any vehicle chasing the harvest crew. If you plan to be chauffeuring people around from field to field, keep some old sheets or large trash bags handy for sitting on to help protect the seats from dirty clothes.

Hopefully your harvest goes well and I'll be praying for safety for you all! If you have any suggestions or handy harvest-prep ideas that you want to share, just send them to: contact@prairiegalcookin.com
Ashleigh is a freelance writer and the gal behind the website, *Prairie Gal Cookin'* (www.prairiegalcookin.com), where she shares step-by-step recipes and stories from the farm in Kansas.

Burn Calories By Working Out While Cooking

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

While we often think of the kitchen as a place where we cook up calories, it's also possible to burn additional calories while cooking. There are several advantages to building some "workout" time into the time we spend preparing food.

1. Cooking is a time already reserved for an activity and is on our schedule.

2. You have to eat — so, it is less likely you'll have a schedule conflict.

The following examples are some simple ways to burn more calories while you cook. Values for approximate calories burned are from MyFitnessPal at www.myfitnesspal.com/exercise/lookup and are for a 150-pound person. You can adjust the weight and amount of time entered in the online calculator up or down.

These activities aren't

meant to replace regular physical activities such as walking, biking, weight-lifting, etc. However, while the individual amounts appear rather small — just by adding together a few activities, one can see how it is easy to burn 100 or more calories during a regular ongoing event such as food preparation. As an extra 100 calories daily could lead to a weight gain of 10 pounds a year, this amount of energy expenditure could be significant over a period of time.

Here are some exercises you might want to try:

1. Burn calories by cooking! Just by cooking, you're burning more calories than eating out or picking up a take-out meal. Plus, you're more likely to eat a healthier meal. Activity (time): Cooking or food preparation — 20 minutes. Approximate calories burned: 37.

2. Workout while waiting for water to boil. Just walking around, waving

your arms in circles, raising your legs, etc. will burn calories. Activity (time): Calories burned from light calisthenics, home, light/moderate effort — 5 minutes. Approximate calories burned: 20.

3. March in place while stirring at the stove. Many recipes say to "stir frequently." Use the time between stirs to add some activity such as marching in place. Activity (time): Marching rapidly, military style — 5 minutes. Approximate calories burned: 37.

4. Dance while dinner is in the oven. Just by cooking, you're burning more calories than eating. Rather than sit and read the paper or have a cup of coffee while dinner is cooking, dance the time away. Have a couple of lively tunes ready to begin to boogie! Or, simply head outdoors and take a brisk walk while dinner is cooking. Activity (time): Dancing, general — 10 minutes. Approximate calories burned: 51.

Connection Between Brain Health And Tea?

By Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, Family & Community Wellness

There have been many reports on the benefits of drinking tea. It can be refreshing, soothing, calming and also provide health benefits.

In a recent study from the National University of Singapore, they looked at how tea affects brain function. Specifically, they targeted the connection between the left and right hemispheres of

the brain. This was designed to see if tea would reduce the aging affects on the brain and the connections regarding cognition and organization.

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K-State agronomy details recommendations for cutting short, thin wheat

By Julie Debes

As producers prepare to harvest short wheat and thin stands, K-State cropping specialists recently detailed their recommendations for adjusting combines and operator control in a recent Agronomy eUpdate.

"In short wheat, getting the heads into the combine with less straw will be a challenge," the authors wrote. "In some cases, the reel may not be able to convey the wheat back from the cutter bar to the auger, nor hold it in place during cutting."

"Short-cutting will also mean more contact potential with the ground and reduced levels of surface residue, which will likely negatively impact moisture storage."

To address these issues, the cropping specialists provided specific recommendations for the different types of headers used for harvesting.

- Stripper headers can help maximize the amount of standing residue left in the field while also capturing thin stands. Combine operators should pay close attention to stripping rotor height and the relative position of the hood to the rotor, while also keeping ground speeds high (above 4 mph) to maintain collec-

tion efficiency and minimize. When using an air reel, the operator needs to control cutting height, but this type of header will aid in conveying material from the cutter bar to the auger in reel-type units when crops are light or thin.

- Draper headers also help convey material since they have a very short distance between the cutterbar and the conveyance belt. Operators can also tip the cutterbar completely back to aid in keeping harvested material moving across the cutterbar and onto the belt, while also keeping some stubble standing.

- Flex heads also help operators deal with lower cutting heights and potential ground strikes, but on headers with finger reels, short-cut wheat may pass between the fingers rather than being swept backward.

- Producers can also make mechanical adjustments to conventional headers to get the best movement of heads from the cutterbar to the auger and prevent wheat heads from being flipped out of the header from the top of the auger.

Regardless of the type of header, producers should consider adjust-

ing combines for concave/rotor cage clearance, cylinder/rotor speed and fan speed. These adjustments help reduce grain losses from leaving wheat in the field and threshing damage within the combine. Producers should also perform kill-stops during harvest to make mid-harvest adjustments.

Overall, harvesting short, thin wheat is challenging, but producers can influence the amount of wheat successfully deposited in the bin. Perhaps equally as important during this prolonged

drought, leaving the maximum amount of the already-short residue in the field can help reduce post-harvest water evaporation, aid in the retention of snow next winter and improve next year's yields.

"Although this will be a rough wheat harvest for many farmers, some changes can be made to help harvest efficiencies," the specialists wrote. "Producers in dryland production systems need to keep in mind that in very low-yielding wheat years, anything that can be done to preserve what lit-

tle crop residue is present will have a large impact on evaporative losses and the productivity of the next crop."

The eUpdate was authored by Lucas Haag, K-State Northwest area crops and soils specialist, Ajay Sharda, K-State Extension biological and agricultural engineer, John Holman, K-State cropping systems agronomist in

Garden City, and Romulo Lollato, K-State wheat and forages specialist.

Read the full K-State Agronomy eUpdate from June 1, 2023, at <https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu>; Full link for this story can be found at: https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu/article_new/considerations-when-harvesting-short-wheat-547-1

Wheat still suffering, corn, beans and sorghum on pace, cotton lagging

For the week ending June 4, 2023, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14% very short, 26% short, 52% adequate, and 8% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 29% very short, 31% short, 39% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 34% very poor, 31% poor, 23% fair, 11% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat headed was 93%, behind 98% last year, and near 96% for the five-year average. Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 39% fair, 43% good, and 8% excellent. Corn planted was 91%, near 92% last year, and equal to average. Emerged was 75%, equal to last year, and near 76% average. Soybean condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 37% fair, 50% good, and 7% excellent. Soybeans planted was 80%, ahead of 63% last year and 62% average. Emerged was 62%, ahead of 44% last year and 45% average. Sorghum planted was 31%, behind 39% last year, and near 32% average. Cotton condition rated 5% very poor, 9% poor, 39% fair, 43% good, and 4% excellent. Cotton planted was 69%, well behind 91% last year, and behind 79% average. Squaring was 3%. Sunflowers planted was 18%, behind 29% last year and 34% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 21% very poor, 24% poor, 37% fair, 17% good, and 1% excellent.

Dust explosion incidents increased last year, no fatalities

The annual summary recording nationwide grain dust bin explosions reported nine incidents in 2022. This compares to seven reported incidents in 2021 and a ten-year average of 7.8 explosions annually.

Kingsly Ambrose, Purdue University professor of agricultural and biological engineering and report author, said that despite the increase in explosions from the previous year and 18 total injuries this year, no fatalities were reported.

The explosions occurred in one ethanol plant, two feed mills, two grain elevators, two rice mills and two grain processing plants. The probable ignition sources were identified in three cases as a fire and one incidence as welding, while five cases were from unknown sources. Fuel sources for all nine explosions were identified as grain dust.

The dust explosions occurred in seven different states, with two each occurring in Arkansas and Louisiana, and one each in New Mexico, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Ohio.

"Often, five of the conditions needed for a grain dust explosion to occur are present in most grain feed, milling and processing facilities," Ambrose said. "These conditions include dust, dispersed dust, confined space and oxygen. The presence of the fifth factor, an ignition source such as overheated bearing or mechanical friction, could lead to an explosion."

He emphasized the importance of developing and implementing a detailed housekeeping program to mitigate the hazards and utilizing government and industry resources that are publicly available to provide guidance on developing such a program.

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Noble Research Institute launches new program offering farmers and ranchers the essentials of regenerative ranch management

Noble Research Institute announces the launch of Essentials of Regenerative Ranching, a new program designed to help ranchers monitor and improve the health of their land, livestock and livelihood. Essentials provides producers with practical tools, hands-on experience and guidance to break free from the cycle of high inputs and low returns. The first in-person Essentials course will be held July 11-12, 2023, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Registration for the event is open to the public.

from weather, fluctuating market prices and skyrocketing inputs. Many producers are seeking new skills and tools that offer greater control and reduce their operational uncertainty. While regenerative ranching can help mitigate or avoid some of these issues altogether, ranchers may struggle to find reliable information about implementation or fail to receive the ongoing support they need for lasting success.

In response to these challenges, Noble Research Institute designed Essentials of Regenerative Ranching to offer farmers and ranchers



The key to a healthy ranch is healthy soil, but many producers don't know what signs and scents to look for when they dig in.

Photo by Noble Research Institute/Rob Mattson

problem solvers and more resilient to the highs and lows of the industry. By participating in this program, ranchers join a community of like-minded producers who are shaping the future of ranching and leaving a lasting impact on their land and families.

"If I had known what I learned in this course when I started my regenerative journey, I could have avoided some key mistakes," said Tana McCarter, a rancher and Essentials alumna. "I left with the tools I needed to monitor my soil health and financial progress. I'll now have the right data to make informed decisions on how to meet my regenerative goals."

"Program participants gain working knowledge and experience in monitoring and improving the health of their soil, grazing livestock more

strategically and making informed financial decisions," said Hugh Aljoe, Noble Research Institute's director of ranches, outreach and partnerships. "We use a mix of classroom and field work to send producers home with the tools they need to begin making changes on their ranch."

The first in-person training will be offered July 11-12, 2023, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Registration is open now at www.noble.org/essentials-of-regenerative-ranching. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended.

"The course is well-suited for ranchers of all experience levels and all types and sizes of operations," Aljoe added. "No matter your situation, this program will transform the way you think about your ranch."

Rising cost of grain storage will force elevators to lower bids, widen basis

The cost of storing grain, commonly referred to as the cost of carry, has soared to record highs due to rising interest rates, high commodity prices and increasing costs for labor, insurance, transportation and energy. That is putting a significant squeeze on grain elevators, which may be forced to lower their local bids on grain to manage through the unfavorable economics of holding commodities.

According to a new report from CoBank's Knowledge Exchange, the interest-related cost of carry in the 2023-2024 crop year will increase 21% for corn, 42% for soybeans and 50% for all-wheat, year-over-year. Each of those costs is estimated to be the highest on record. The projections are based on the forecasted average annual interest rate for grain merchandisers of 7.75% for the 2023-2024 crop year, and USDA's marketing year average price forecasts of \$4.80/bu. for corn, \$12.10/bu. for soybeans and \$8.00/bu. for all-wheat.

Financing the ownership of corn, wheat and soybean inventories is a major cost of carry for grain elevators. Interest expense as a percentage of the total cost of carry can vary widely among grain merchandisers and between crop years. But it can typically comprise one-quarter to one-third or more of a grain elevator's total cost of storing grain and oilseeds.

"For grain elevators, the sharp rise in interest rates couldn't have come at a worse time as they borrow higher-priced funds on commodities that have also remained at historically high prices," said Tanner Ehmke, lead grains and oilseeds economist for CoBank. "And while grain elevators are motivated to move inventory as fast as possible to lower carrying costs, processors and end users will want to delay ownership of commodities to reduce their own inventory costs."

The persistent inverse in futures markets, where the price of later-dated contracts are lower than spot prices, further complicates matters for grain elevators. In normal market conditions when supplies are abundant, forward futures contracts are priced higher than the nearby spot prices to account for storage costs and a small risk premium. When futures prices are lower than spot prices, farmers are motivated to sell commodities rather than hold them for future sale.

Cooperative elevators are in business to buy and market their members' grain. That means they will be obligated to carry inventory despite the economic disincentive of doing so. Holding commodities in high-interest rate environments also ties up a company's working capital, which can put a strain on other business operations.

This is especially problematic in volatile markets when liquidity is needed for managing margin calls on futures hedges.

"It's a challenging situation for cooperative grain elevators as well as farmers, because it comes at a time when farmers are also facing higher costs," said Ehmke. "Co-op managers will need to closely scrutinize their operating costs and impose greater discipline on cost wherever possible. And if they need to lower their bids and widen basis to cover storage costs, they should communicate early and consistently with farmer members who will be impacted."

The positive news on carrying costs is that the Federal Reserve is expected to hold interest rates at their current levels for the foreseeable future. And USDA is forecasting corn, soybean and all-wheat prices to drop for the 2023-2024 crop year from the year prior, which will take some pressure off carrying costs.

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Day of Questioning

One of the most difficult jobs many farmers and ranchers are responsible for is raising kids.

No, not the four legged kind; those are easy. But those 'little' people you might have noticed on those occasional visits back to the house, where you might wake up in the morning, or come back to for an occasional meal. You know, those people who invaded your lives and started making all sorts of demands immediately upon arrival, such as food, diaper changes, and one-on-one time in the middle of your sleep cycle which, if graphed out, would look like GM's stock

chart in 2008. Those little buggers you occasionally have to rescue your spouse from, and then make sure they get enough training and education so they can function in a dysfunctional world! Yeah, you know the ones I'm talking about.

Seriously though, the farming and ranching world is, in my opinion, the best place for kids to grow up and learn responsibility, the cycle of life and death, and experience God's creation first-hand while learning their place in it.

My wife, like most ranch women, is most certainly the glue that kept this place functioning and

operational, especially when we were overrun for a few years with 'little people.' We made the joint decision when our oldest was three that Mom was more valuable to our family at home, than out in the corporate world, and we sacrificed and did without a lot of material things to make that happen. The rewards have been self-evident in the lives of our mature progeny, but that's not to say there weren't moments, sometimes years, of challenges!

And I don't need to tell anyone reading this, that a ranch wife does a lot more than keep the house and raise kids. There's midnight heifer checks, bottle calf chores, cold-calf nursing, garden making and harvesting, maybe raking or baling hay, having an extra hand at the squeeze chute or a-horseback, or running to town for parts! All that, besides the regular homemaking, hauling kids and goats to 4-H and sanctioned shows, plus, in our case, homeschooling

the 'little people!' Yeah, I really did marry 'Wonder Woman!' The amazing thing is, she's still here, and the 'little people' grew up and escaped!

One such challenge that's still fresh in my mind was the "Day of Questioning." My 'Wonder Woman' is not a violent person, although she does have a pretty good right hook! But three kids between five and 13 years old can get pretty rowdy, and some days, (well, let's face it; most days!) test the patience of the most 'saintly' among us.

This particular day must have been the full moon or something because we awoke to a barroom brawl in our house, and it didn't get much better with referees. Breakfast was a mess, and the youngest wanted a 'bunny' pancake instead of a 'mouse' and that was the lighter side of the mayhem. I was already running late, after trying to help settle things down, but I finally grabbed my hat and headed out to

feed the dogs. "You gotta win this one, Babe" I offered as I retreated for the sanctity of the outdoors, finching slightly when she raised her spatula to wave me out.

Later that day I broke for lunch, not knowing what the mood of the house would be upon my return, but the house still standing, smokeless, was a pretty good sign! All was quiet as I pulled into the yard, which usually on a nice day like this had at least one or two of the little people out and about, but all was silent.

I crawled out of the truck and was walking across the drive, approaching the end of the sidewalk which extends about 30 feet from the house. Just as I reached the cement, the door explodes and Wonder Woman barges out of the house. I stopped. She, still on the porch, having not descended the steps at this point, had donned her favorite denim apron that the kids had made for Christmas, complete with

permanent marker hearts, and paint hand-prints from three different sized hands. That apron was also splattered with bloody smears (I hadn't noticed the pin feathers) and she held a hatchet in one hand and a butcher knife in the other.

As we both froze in our tracks for just a moment, I looked around and said, "Honey. Where are the children?"

Her response of confusion was, "What?"

"Where are the children?" I repeated, slowly. Just then, the door exploded again and our youngest bounded out past Mom with her big smile, laughing eyes, and yelling, "Daddy!!"

When Wonder Woman realized what she looked like, she too laughed and went about her chosen chore of the day; butchering chickens!

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Farmer sentiment sours as crop prices decline

Producer sentiment fell to its weakest reading since July 2022 as the Purdue University/CME

Group Ag Economy Barometer declined 19 points to a reading of 104 in May. The Index of Future Expectations was down 22 points to a reading of 98 in May, while the Index of Current Conditions was down 13 points to a reading of 116. This month's lower sentiment was fueled by drops in both of the barometer's sub-indices and likely triggered by weakened crop prices. In mid-May, Eastern Corn Belt fall delivery bids for corn fell over \$0.50/bushel (10%), and soybean bids declined over \$1.00/bushel (8%), while new crop June/July delivery wheat bids declined nearly \$0.50/

bushel (8%), all compared to bids available in mid-April, when last month's barometer survey was conducted. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted between May 15-19.

"Producers are feeling the squeeze from weakened crop prices, which has reduced their expectations for strong financial performance in the coming year," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commer-

cial Agriculture.

The Farm Financial Performance Index was impacted by lower sentiment, dropping 17 points to a reading of 76 in May. Crop price weakness, uncertainty related to U.S. bank failures, and rising interest rates were likely key factors behind the decline. This month, 38% of respondents said they expect weaker financial performance for their farm this year, compared to just 23% who felt that way in April. Higher input cost remains the top concern among producers in the year ahead; however, concern over the risk of lower crop and/or livestock prices is growing. This month 26% of respondents chose lower output prices as their top concern, compared with just 8% of respondents who felt that way in September. Meanwhile, nearly three-fifths (59%) of producers said they expect interest rates to rise during the upcoming year, and 22% of respondents chose rising interest rates as a top concern for their farm in

the next 12 months. Additionally, 40% of farmers in this month's poll said they expect this spring's U.S. bank failures to lead to some changes in farm loan terms in the upcoming year, possibly putting more financial pressure on their operations.

Unsurprisingly, the Farm Capital Investment Index was also lower, down 6 points to a reading of 37 in May. More than three-fourths (76%) of respondents continue to feel now is a bad time for large investments. Among those who feel now is a bad time, two-thirds (67%) cited rising interest rates and increased prices for machinery and new construction as key reasons.

Producers' expectations for short-term farmland values fell 13 points to 110 in May and marked the weakest short-term index reading since August 2020. In this month's survey, just 29% of respondents said they expect farmland values to rise over the next 12 months, compared to 54% who felt that way a year earlier. In contrast,

producers remain more optimistic about the longer-term outlook for farmland values, as the Long-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index rose 3 points in May to a reading of 145.

With farm bill discussions ongoing, this month's survey asked respondents what title in the upcoming legislation will be most important to their farming operation. Nearly half (48%) of producers said the Crop Insurance Title will be the most important aspect of a new farm bill to their farms, followed by the Commodity Title, chosen by 25% of respondents. In a follow-up question, corn and soybean growers were asked what change, if any, they expect to see to the Price Loss Coverage reference prices in a new farm bill. Close to half (45%) of corn and soybean growers said they expect Congress to establish higher reference prices for both crops, with very few (10% and 13%) expecting lower reference prices for soybeans and corn, respectively.

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Beyond Meat seeks up to \$200 million in offering

Beyond Meat is looking to raise as much as \$200 million in an equity offering as the plant-based protein company deals with slumping sales and diminished cash reserves. The money would go toward "general corporate and working capital purposes,"

the California-based company said in a statement.

The announcement comes in the wake of first-quarter sales that exceeded expectations; however, both analysts and the market are still questioning Beyond's trajectory.

The offering should

provide "additional cushion if its cash flow timeline is delayed," BMO Capital Markets analyst Andrew Strelzik wrote in a research note. He noted that Beyond had reiterated expectations of a positive cash flow by the second half of 2023 in releasing earnings.

The market was more certain, with shares of Beyond dropping to their lowest level on record in the hours following the company's statement. When the bell rang, the stock was down 18.3 percent to \$10.20, its largest percent decrease since November 10, 2020. Overall, the stock price has fallen 61 percent since last year.

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Ag Business Council recognizes Young Leaders in Agribusiness

The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City has selected eight individuals who it will honor in 2023 as Young Leaders in Agribusiness.

"We are pleased to recognize these young people who have been nominated by their employers and have shown exemplary passion, leadership, and business acumen," said Dustin Johansen, chair, KC Ag Business Council. Johansen, senior vice president – livestock division, Farm Journal, pointed out these individuals represent the future, the next generation of executives who will lead the agribusiness sector.



Sara Befort, American Royal

Sara Befort is the Director of Events and Rodeo Manager for the American

Royal Association, where she has served for ten years in various positions of increasing responsibility and leadership. Sara leads the American Royal Events Team to successfully execute all events throughout the year. She also oversees the production of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeo as well as the Youth Rodeo. In 2020, she had the distinct opportunity to assist the General Manager of the National Finals Rodeo in Arlington, Texas. She competed on the Livestock Judging Team at Colby Community College and graduated from Kansas State University, where she earned her bachelor's in Agribusiness and minor in Business. Sara and her husband Trey live in Tonganoxie with their daughter Lyla



Allison Bockenstedt, John Deere

Allison (Young) Bocken-

stedt works as the Sales Analytics Manager for John Deere's Ag and Turf Division. Her career with Deere has spanned over twelve years; during her career Allison has spent time in both data, analytics, sales, and marketing with career highlights including developing auto-decisioning algorithms for John Deere Financial and helping to launch the 2680H High-Performance Disk. Allison graduated from Drake University with a BSBA and has an MBA from Kansas State University. Allison also serves at the Kansas Technology Student Association (TSA) Judges and Event coordinator, managing volunteers for over fifty STEM related competitive events for high school and middle school students each year.



Alexa Cabbage, Dairy Farmers of America

In her role as an innovation project manager for Dairy Farmers of America, Alexa Cabbage concentrates on identifying cross-functional synergies, facilitating programs designed to empower innovative thinking, and managing DFA's CoLAB Accelerator program. At DFA, Alexa also participates in the Growing Profession-

als Employee Resource Group and serves as a DEI Ambassador. She holds a Bachelor of Science in International Business from the University of Arkansas. In her spare time, she enjoys connecting with family and friends, serving at her local Church, and volunteering as a Citizen Archivist.



Jason Lutz, Agri-Pulse Communications

Jason Lutz guides the Agri-Pulse sales and marketing efforts, leading their team to develop new relationships and find creative ways to meet and exceed customer expectations. He oversees both individual and group subscription sales, along with digital program sales, in addition to managing digital advertising and event sales. Jason attended Kishwaukee College in Northern Illinois and has ten years experience in the hospitality industry. He's an active participant in the local community and was selected as a Camden County Young Leader in 2012. Jason and his wife, Danielle, love spending time on the Lake of The Ozarks and playing golf and competitive softball. They have two daughters, Taylor and Austin, and one son, Jonathan.



Emily Koop, Kansas Corn

Emily Koop graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's in food science. Upon graduation, Emily began her career at Cargill Animal Nutrition where she gained experience in a variety of areas including logistics and grain merchandising. For the past five years, Emily has worked for Kansas Corn, an organization which represents corn growers across the state on policy issues and implements checkoff programming. As the director of grower services and market development, her responsibilities include managing the grower services team, developing leadership programs, and expanding ethanol infrastructure and use across the state. Outside of work, Emily enjoys spending time with her son and husband on their family farm and ranch and volunteering with their local church

youth group.



Rosi Thoni, AdFarm

Rosie Thoni is the director of public relations and content for AdFarm, one of North America's premier agri-marketing agencies, where she leads the team delivering innovative PR strategies for AdFarm's clients. Rosie earned her degree in agricultural communications and agribusiness from Oklahoma State University and has a decade of experience in communicating to ag audiences. Named one of AgGrad's Top 30 Under 30 in 2020, Rosie is a dedicated advocate for the advancement of agriculture. Her love for agriculture was cultivated through her upbringing on a cattle ranch and grain farm in Alberta, Canada, and today she calls Wichita home alongside her husband Griffin, and rescue dog Belle.



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Samantha Turner, Missouri Soybean Association/Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council

Communicating on behalf of and for the Missouri soybean farmer is more than a job description for Samantha Turner, director of communications for the Missouri Soybean Association and Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council. Samantha works to shape the growing soybean industry and promote Missouri Soybeans and its vision. She is responsible for developing communications strategies and supporting the industry through content enhancing the soybean narrative. She earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and later earned her master's degree in agricultural leadership, communication and education. Prior to her work with Missouri Soybeans, Samantha worked for Clean Fuels Alliance American and Bayer. Outside of the office, Samantha enjoys spending time with her husband and two kids, Sterling and Sutton, as well as her family, friends and church small group.

The Council will recognize these young leaders a reception in Kansas City on July 6.

Chapman FFA member wins state FFA Proficiency Award

A member from the Chapman FFA chapter was awarded a Proficiency Award at the 95th Kansas FFA Convention, May 31-June 2, 2023, on the Kansas State University campus. Kacey Butler is this year's Kansas State FFA Sheep Production Proficiency Award winner and received a plaque and cash award. For Sheep Production, a member must own the enterprise or work for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market sheep, raw sheep products, and wool. Butler will represent Kansas at the 2023 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The award is sponsored by Hobbs Show Lambs.

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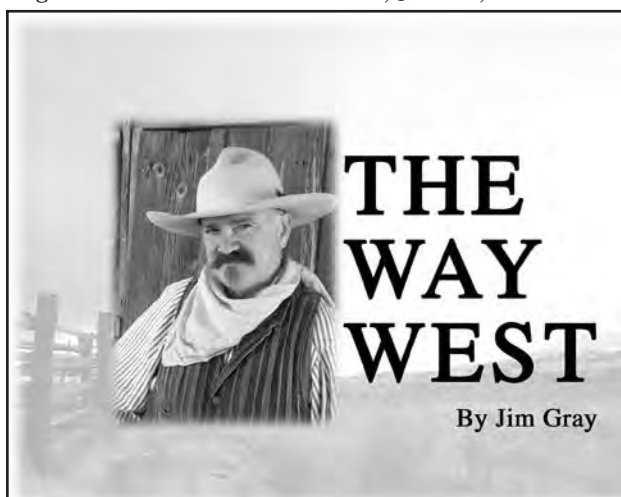
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Auction will be held at the National Guard Armory, 721 Levee Drive, MANHATTAN, KS
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
Bronzes inc: Remington "Mountain Man," "Bronco Buster," "Cheyenne"; bronze buffalo; 14" Buffalo Soldier statue; Italy cowboy figurine; 200 yr old fancy carved walnut bed; marble top humidor cabinet; several hand woven wool Turkey rugs; 2 Greek Flokati rugs; Kurdish rugs; Belgium tapestry; Crewel embroidery dove; **many good pictures inc:** Ft. Leavenworth Main Post Chapel signed print (Shari 329/360); The Cheshire Hunt (Artis Kilburwe); Frank Raton Fox Hunt picture; other good pictures; Turkey shepherd's lanterns; copper lades & pans; German butter spreader; brass bed warmer; several Lladro's; caster sets; cut glass pieces; Fenton pieces; RS German bowls; brides baskets; china pieces; beer steins & glasses; perfume bottles; Oriental items; china clock; dresser set; lamp shades; 3 beaded purses; Halloween; Charlen Kinser Designs bears; large collection of linens, table cloths, bedspreads, doilies, napkins, place mats; Boy Scout items; Military items; 1914 Army saddle bridle complete (Major WH Dolan WWI 6th Mass Infantry); Army saddle bags; clothes, finger print set, medals; 1942 foot locker; replica 1860 army pistol; camel saddle bag; Boy Scout items; nesting boxes; wooden sled; canes; 2 swords; 2 Daisy BB guns; pair iron wheels; wood boxes "Independent Breweries"; branding irons; night sticks; unusual iron wood handle tool; Kroger coffee tin; 1964 Worlds Fair sketch book; assortment of books; set modern golf clubs.
Indian items: Hopi basket; 2 rugs; Kachina doll; arrow heads; spears; hammers; Nomad home hanging utility bag.
NOTE: The Lohman's have moved to a smaller home. Tom & Jane were in Turkey several years, many of the rugs are from Turkey. They have collected for many years, there are many unique items. Check our website for pictures at www.thummelauction.com
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Witness

The Colonel Henry Dodge expedition of 1835 set out from Fort Leavenworth to council with the plains tribes along the Platte River valley and those along the front range of the Rocky Mountains. Dodge had a squadron of one hundred twenty-five First United States Dragoons at his disposal. Through the early weeks of June Dodge held council with Otto, Omaha, and Pawnee chiefs, negotiating successfully even with the troublesome Pawnees. When he marched westward from the village of the Grand Pawnees on June 24th, 1835, it was with the assurance that the Pawnees would throw their weapons behind them and

make peace with all their neighbors.

The expedition reached the Grand Island on June 29th. Colonel Dodge's official journal was authored by his adjutant Lt. Gaines P. Kingsbury who noted that, "Grand Island is about sixty miles long, and, in many places, two or three miles wide. It is covered with timber, consisting of oak, mulberry, cottonwood, etc., and hides the opposite bank of the river entirely from our view." West of Grand Island the shallow river spread to a width of one to one and a half miles wide, flowing rapidly. The line of march led the dragoons over "short and thick" grasslands anchored in soil

"principally composed of dry, yellow sand."

Fifty miles beyond Grand Island interpreter and guide Captain John Gantt left the expedition to bring Arikara leaders to council. Gantt, a former soldier, came west in 1830 to trade with the Indians. While in federal service Gantt had served at several frontier posts. He participated in defeating the Arikara in the 1823 Arikara War, deemed the first Plains Indian war. Despite his earlier clash with the Arikara, Gantt had formed a respectful relationship with a people described by most as "treacherous." Gantt was escorted by Arikara chief "The Star," Star had joined the expedition a couple of days before. If anyone could persuade the apprehensive Arikara to council for peace it was Captain Gantt with Star at his side.

The expedition reached the confluence of the North and South branches of the Platte River (present-day North Platte, Nebraska) on July 3rd. Dodge wrote in his journal, "From the top of the highest hills we had an extensive view of the country for many miles. In front we saw the two forks of the Platte, gliding gently along through their separate valleys, until they met and mingled with

the broad stream itself; beyond this high ridge of hills, forming a dark outline along the horizon, gave a fine background to the picture."

A large circle of buffalo skulls facing inward adorned one of those hills to produce good medicine for bringing the buffalo to this point from every direction for next year's hunt.

Dodge marched the expedition along the South Platte River for twenty-five miles, making camp in the vicinity of present-day Superior, Nebraska. That evening, July 4, 1835, they saw a large herd of buffalo. "The first we have seen."

The chiefs and principal Arikara warriors arrived during the day of July 5th. While many descriptions of the Arikara speak of their dirty, unkempt condition those descriptions may have been influenced by their treacherous nature. Instead, Lt. Kingsbury recognized them to be the best looking of the tribes they had yet encountered. Dressed in "a more gay and fantastic manner in buffalo skins, "either of a white or yellowish color, and ornamented with different colored beads." Their shirts were trimmed along the sides and around the neck with long

coarse hair died in several colors. Their leggings and moccasins were also beautifully embroidered with beads. War with the United States and with the Sioux had left them "wandering about like the Arabs of the desert," without a land to call their own. Being a lost tribe of the plains has forced them into a cunning life, "killing and robbing almost everyone they meet."

In council Colonel Dodge appealed to the Arikara desire for a homeland with an offer to set aside "a small country" for them. Dodge insisted that they must abandon their treacherous ways. "It is the wish of your great father that you bury the hatchet of war with your numerous enemies... You have a choice between good and evil. I hope you will choose the good and avoid the evil. Your fate as a nation depends upon your choice."

The idea that Indians did not recognize ownership of land is not strictly true. Chief Bloody Hand expressed the misery of being homeless. "I have always been as if I was dead... I am traveling all over this country and am cutting the trees of my brothers; I don't know if they are satisfied or not, but we have no land of our own. I am travelling

on their land and killing their buffalo... I am very poor, and would like to get a piece of land, that I might live with my brothers."

Two Bulls and Star also spoke with intense gratitude at the prospect of living in peace on land of their own. In the stillness and solitude of nature on the vast extended prairie Lt. Kingsbury acknowledged the very special moment he was granted to witness. "The Indians were seated around in a circle, with their pipes in their hands, listening with the most profound attention to every word that was uttered. They appeared like prodigal children returning once more to their father's home. The whole scene was one of the most grand and impressive I have ever witnessed, and such a one as the pencil of the painter or the imagination of the poet would delight to portray."

How fortunate to have Lt. Kingsbury's impressions preserved as witness to a time and culture that once existed but is no more on The Way West.

(Next Time - On to the Rockies!)

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TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: CATTLE - 1626

BULLS: \$132.00-\$149.50	1	Blk	Longford	1620@	\$127.50
COWS: \$110.00-\$129.00	2	Mix	Marquette	1590@	\$125.00
	1	Blk	Durham	1545@	\$124.00
STEERS	2	Mix	Longford	1618@	\$124.00
300-400	2	Blk	Salina	1498@	\$123.50
400-500	1	Blk	Springfield, MO	1410@	\$123.00
500-600	1	Blk	Salina	1530@	\$123.00
600-700	1	Brin	Salina	1510@	\$123.00
700-800	2	Blk	Marquette	1513@	\$123.00
800-900	1	Blk	Delphos	1690@	\$122.00
	1	Red	Lehigh	1265@	\$121.00
HEIFERS	4	Mix	Marquette	1495@	\$121.00
300-400	1	Blk	Little River	1615@	\$120.00
400-500	1	Blk	White City	1445@	\$119.00
500-600	1	Blk	Minneapolis	1475@	\$119.00
600-700	1	Blk	Lincoln	1560@	\$118.00
700-800	1	Blk	Abilene	1465@	\$118.00
800-900	1	Blk	Hillsboro	1400@	\$118.00
	1	Blk	Randall	1440@	\$118.00
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2023	1	Blk	Claffin	1540@	\$117.00
CALVES	1	Blk	Claffin	1405@	\$117.00
1 Bwf Brookville	255@	\$850.00	1 Red Hillsboro	1545@	\$116.00
1 Blk Longford	240@	\$850.00	2 Blk McPherson	1485@	\$116.00
1 Red Brookville	245@	\$825.00	1 Blk White City	1725@	\$116.00
1 Blk Glendale	225@	\$800.00	6 Mix Salina	1419@	\$115.50
1 Blk Gypsum	220@	\$750.00	2 Mix Lindsborg	1273@	\$115.00
1 Bwf Lyons	275@	\$735.00			
3 Blk Glendale	195@	\$635.00	STEERS		
1 Blk Lyons	290@	\$625.00	3 Red Holyrood	283@	\$327.00
1 Blk Longford	195@	\$610.00	2 Blk Canton	318@	\$307.50
1 Bwf Brookville	190@	\$600.00	2 Blk Peabody	333@	\$300.00
1 Bwf Minneapolis	190@	\$600.00	2 Blk Tescott	433@	\$285.00
1 Blk Hope	205@	\$600.00	6 Blk Little River	434@	\$282.00
1 Blk Longford	195@	\$525.00	14 Mix Halstead	541@	\$277.00
1 Blk Gypsum	175@	\$500.00	4 Bwf Salina	569@	\$277.00
			2 Blk Little River	538@	\$275.00
BULLS			7 Mix Ellsworth	543@	\$275.00
1 Blk Longford	2075@	\$149.50	3 Blk Brookville	547@	\$272.00
1 Bwf Longford	2080@	\$149.50	5 B Lindsborg	563@	\$267.00
1 Blk Longford	2325@	\$147.00	4 Blk Peabody	466@	\$265.00
1 Blk Lincoln	1990@	\$144.50	3 B Tescott	433@	\$265.00
1 Blk Lincoln	2365@	\$144.00	2 Blk Peabody	550@	\$262.00
1 Rwf Norway	1825@	\$141.00	22 Mix Halstead	626@	\$258.00
2 Blk Courtland	1860@	\$140.00	2 B Lindsborg	640@	\$245.00
2 Blk Abilene	1790@	\$136.50	3 Mix Halstead	830@	\$230.00
1 Blk Ellsworth	1875@	\$136.50	14 B Hesston	764@	\$226.00
1 Blk Salina	2075@	\$134.50	60 Mix Enterprise	830@	\$220.00
1 Char Salina	1990@	\$132.00	62 Mix Assaria	864@	\$215.25
			60 Blk Hope	898@	\$212.50
COWS					
1 Blk Abilene	1765@	\$129.00	HEIFERS		
1 Gray Salina	1815@	\$128.00	5 Blk Beloit	262@	\$295.00

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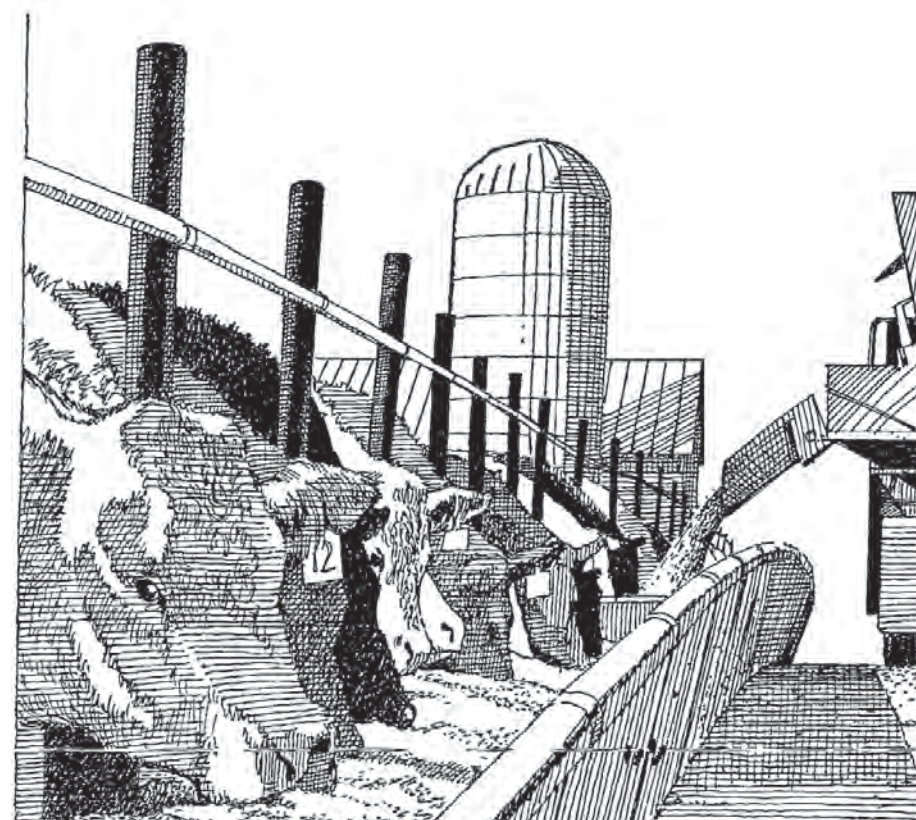
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2 Blk Newton	270@	\$275.00	3 Blk Tescott	657@	\$228.00
3 Blk Peabody	450@	\$267.00	3 Blk McPherson	617@	\$227.50
11 Blk Beloit	337@	\$265.00	8 Blk Salina	622@	\$227.00
25 Blk Beloit	351@	\$257.00	16 Mix Hesston	689@	\$214.50
19 Blk Beloit	396@	\$255.00	4 Blk Halstead	760@	\$210.00
2 Mix Newton	393@	\$252.00	3 Blk Concordia	728@	\$210.00
3 Blk Little River	430@	\$250.00	5 Wf Haven	822@	\$205.00
4 Blk Tescott	545@	\$240.00	5 Mix Salina	837@	\$201.00
4 Blk Lindsborg	521@	\$236.00	36 Mix Hesston	830@	\$198.00
9 Mix Halstead	574@	\$234.00	2 Blk Salina	808@	\$195.00



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