

Livestock Marketeers hold Hall of Fame banquet

On June 13th, 2023, The Livestock Marketeers held their 58th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet in Kansas City, Mo. This year's host was the American Hereford Association and Certified Hereford Beef. The 2023 class of inductees was comprised of Steve Sellers (Posthumous), Mike Sorensen and Joe Rickabaugh.



Pictured from left are: Joe Rickabaugh, Mike Sorensen and Bruce Miller, representing Steve Sellers.

Steve Sellers served as the director of communications for the Georgia Cattlemen's Association until his death in 2022. Previously Steve held positions with EDJE Technologies, Auction.com, and other firms. Steve and his wife CeCe called Lake Park, Ga. home.

Mike Sorensen is the longtime owner and publisher of Livestock Plus magazine. Based in Iowa, Mike made LPI a household name traveling the

country and providing ring service for some of the most progressive purebred breeders. Mike and his wife Dixie reside in Greenfield, Ia. Joe Rickabaugh has served as the Central Region field representative and director of seedstock marketing for the American Hereford Association since 1999. Before his tenure at AHA, Joe worked for the Kansas Livestock Association. Joe

and Tracey Rickabaugh currently live in Topeka.

This year's event saw the introduction of the Livestock Marketeers Scholarship. This award is aimed at college-age students who are interested in entering the livestock marketing industry. Through generous sponsorships and donations, they will be able to deposit over \$15,000 into the scholarship fund.

Ponds as a water source for livestock

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

Anyone who has spent time working outside in the summer knows the importance of drinking adequate amounts of clean

water to keep heat-related illnesses away. Just like people, cattle will increase their water consumption in the summer, and that source needs to be well maintained for optimum health, say the experts at

Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute.

"Cows typically will drink twice as much water in the summer per day as compared to what they drink daily in the winter," said K-State veterinarian Brad White, speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast. Typically, for a lactating cow that ranges from 20 to 30 gallons per day.

One source of water that many producers turn to for cattle out on summer pasture is ponds, White said. And like any water source, they must be monitored for quality and quantity as the summer progresses.

"As ponds start to get low on water, the cattle are sourcing the water from a smaller access point, and so it is important to monitor them," said K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers.

He added that there are increased health risks when cattle are drinking from a depleted water

source that is hard to get to.

"As ponds shrink, accessibility to the water can be an issue depending on the shape of the pond," Lubbers said. "Deep ponds can have steep sides that make it difficult for the cattle to reach and leave the water source."

Also as the pond water becomes stagnant, the quality goes down, White said.

"As the water amount decreases, there is more fecal contamination coming from cattle trying to get to the available water," Lubbers said.

Once ponds are no longer viable watering options, it is time to look for

other solutions, say the experts.

"A temporary solution is to haul water in tanks to the pastures where the cattle are," K-State nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said.

He added that it is critical that the water tank only be used for storing water and that no amount of rinsing will fully clear the chemicals from a tank that was used for something else prior to hauling water.

"The plastic polymers in the tank may hold onto the nitrates and you cannot dilute them enough through rinsing to be sure that it won't kill cattle," Lancaster said.

White agreed, adding: "If the tank has been used for something besides water, it is no longer a viable option for water."

Another solution to a possible pond dry-up is to look at the grazing rotation of the herd, Lancaster said.

"Producers may need to graze a pasture with the pond earlier in the season to use that water source first, and then rotate cattle to other pastures that either have other water sources or are easier to haul water to," he said.

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

Cattle stolen in Crawford County

A member has reported ten head of Longhorn cattle stolen from a pasture northwest of Girard in Crawford County. Those taken include one small bull and two cows, with the remaining being a mixture of steers and heifers. Some of the cattle carry a Crown M brand on the right hip and most have colored ear tags. The cattle were stolen sometime between the morning of July 3 and the evening of July 4.

KLA is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves. The reward program only applies when the producer is a KLA member. Anyone with information on the stolen livestock should contact Dani Menghini at (620) 875-0280 or the Crawford County Sheriff's Office at (620) 724-8274.

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Seventy percent of U.S. corn crop facing drought conditions

It's now estimated 70 percent of the U.S. corn crop is covered in drought. According to an article in *Drovers*, while the latest U.S. Drought Monitor shows drought expanded across Illinois and Indiana over the past seven days, increased chances of rain across the Corn Belt, including those two states, could hit at a critical time.

In a recent report, 64 percent of the corn planted was impacted by drought. The latest update shows a six-point expansion.

Even with rain sweeping the Northern Corn Belt recently, the latest drought monitor shows drought continues to spread across Illinois. The Monitor shows D2 (Severe Drought) conditions taking a considerable jump in Illinois. Severe drought covers nearly 59 percent of the state, up 28 percentage points in just a week. The amount of the state considered abnormally dry is 92 percent, up ten points in a week.

Missouri is also seeing the impacts of drought take a toll across the state. D3 (Exceptional Drought) spans across nearly 20 percent of the state, up from 15.7 percent. D2 is covering more than half of the state, close to a 10-point spike in a week.

Across the entire Midwest, the Drought Monitor shows:

- 64.71 percent of the Midwest is D1 (Abnormally Dry), a six-point increase
- 24.65 is D2, up nearly 9 points
- D3 increased to 3.52 percent, up from 2.59 percent last week

According to USDA-NASS, corn condition ratings across the U.S. dropped to only 50 percent in good to excellent condition this week. The five-point decline in a week's time means this year's corn crop has only been rated worse one other time in history: 1988.

The weekly condition ratings show drops in the following states:

- Illinois: 26 percent good to excellent, down 10 points
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Body condition scoring goats and sheep

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

Body condition scoring is a way to evaluate goats

and sheep to determine if they are in good condition before breeding. Does and ewes that have a good body condition score are more likely to breed and

successfully have lambs or kids in the spring. Body condition scoring is a great tool to use to determine how thin or fat goats and sheep are and if the amount they are being fed needs to be adjusted not only before breeding, but at any time of year.

Body condition refers to the fleshiness of an animal. Body condition scoring is a method used to determine how thin or fat goats and sheep are using a scoring system of one to five. However, goats and

sheep cannot be body-conditioned scored by simply looking at the animal, it requires placing your hands on the animals to feel for muscle and fat cover. Body condition scoring is most commonly determined in the loin area (between the ribs and hips) by feeling the amount of fat covered over the vertebrae and determining the amount of muscle and fat filling the space between vertebrae along the backbone. In goats and sheep that are very thin the vertebrae

may feel "sharp" and the vertebrae will start feeling smoother and more rounded as they gain condition. With a little practice, body condition scoring is a quick and easy tool.

Body condition scores (BCS) are given on a scale of 1-5, with one being emaciated and five being obese. Two to four is the range that we like to see goats and sheep in. Half scores can also be given, for example, a goat can be given a score of 3.5 if it is between a three and a four. The ideal body condition score that an animal should be will depend on the production stage they are in. It is recommended that does and ewes should have a BCS of 2.5 to 3.5 at the beginning of the breeding season and a BCS of 3 to 3.5 prior to kidding and lambing because it is common for does and ewes to lose some weight during lactation. Failure to reproduce, low twinning rates and low weaning weights can result if does and ewes become too thin. On the other hand, if they are over-conditioned it can result in does and ewes developing pregnancy tox-

emia or having difficulty giving birth.

While it can be easy to focus on the does and ewes, it is important to remember the bucks and rams as well. Before breeding bucks and rams should have a BCS of 3 to 3.5. If bucks and rams are too thin during breeding season they will have decreased stamina. However, if rams and bucks are over-conditioned they may lack the vigor needed to breed large numbers of does and ewes. If rams and bucks are over- or under-conditioned it can result in fewer females being bred and settling during the first heat cycle, which can lead to a longer lambing/kidding season in the spring. If rams and bucks are too thin they should be given supplemental feed starting roughly a month before breeding season to increase their body condition and ensure they are in good physical shape.

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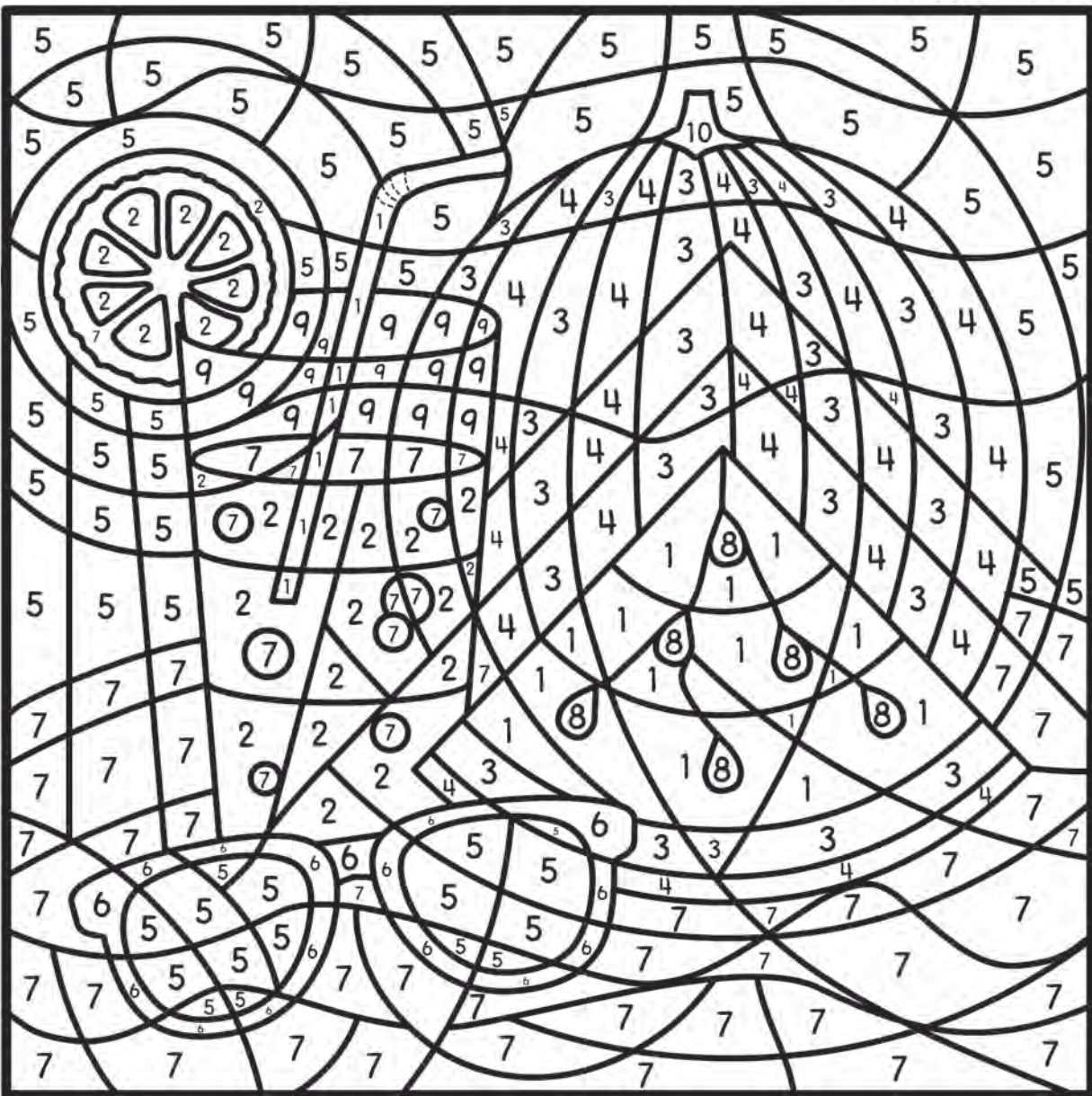
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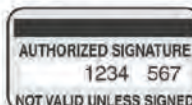
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Infectious Bovine Keratoconjunctivitis (IBK) or pinkeye can be very problematic at times. It is manifested as an inflammation/infection of the cornea and conjunctiva of one or both eyes. Pinkeye is a highly contagious infectious disease that affects cattle worldwide. The incidence and severity of this common disease can vary widely from year to year. One year there will be limited issues and the next can be a total train wreck! Pinkeye can cause substantial losses to the cattle industry through decreased weight gain, lowered milk production and treatment costs. Additionally, market research shows substantial discounts for feeder calves with indications of active or past pinkeye infections. In fact, a recent South Dakota study shows that calves with eye issues only averaged 57% - 76% value of their non-affected counterparts.

Excessive eye weeping and eye closure are the two signs most commonly observed. Severely affected animals will be reclusive and move cautiously, even running into objects with reduced vision. As the disease progresses, the cornea becomes cloudy or white. Frequently, an ulcer develops near the center of the cornea. Cattle with pinkeye keep the affected eye or eyes closed because of pain and to avoid bright sunlight. The infection may run its course for several weeks. Long-term effects can be minor scarring to blue eyes to "dead" or popped eyes.

Moraxella bovis (*M. bovis*) is the major causative agent; however, other organisms have been de-

tected in eyes with infections resembling pinkeye. Most often pinkeye is not the result of a random direct bacterial infection, but rather caused by a combination of factors. Factors contributing to infections are: physical eye injury, plant parts (seeds, stems, leaves, pollen), dust, pest such as flies and excessive ultraviolet light exposure.

Prevention efforts should be directed at minimizing eye irritation and reducing transmission between animals. Since flies cause both irritation and transmission, fly control efforts are paramount, although don't completely eliminate pinkeye risk. The benefits of fly control are many, in addition to the reduced risk of pinkeye. Reducing dusty conditions and providing protection against sunlight also aids in control. Cattle often have grass or weed seeds in their eyes, and these materials can irritate the eye and contribute to pinkeye development.

If a pinkeye is noted in any animal, the best way to get ahead of an infection storm is rapid response and treatment. Prompt treatment of cattle with pinkeye usually includes an antibiotic, topical treatment and often includes eyepatches to limit further irritation. Since the cornea heals slowly, any ulceration is likely to require several weeks for complete recovery. Caution needs to be given to the handling of animals with pinkeye infections, as they may become more flighty than normal. Vaccinations for pinkeye have variable results, mainly due to the wide range of specific causative organisms in a particular region, that may or may not be included in a vaccine.

There are other infections that look like pinkeye so it is recommended that you consult with your herd veterinarian to assist you in the diagnosis, treatment and control of pinkeye or any other eye health issue. Prevention and control are best achieved with a watchful eye and proper animal health product guidance from a veterinarian. K-State's Pinkeye publication MF-2210 provides additional information for those wanting to learn more.



Why Not Today?

I've always had an interest in plants. That's all it's been, though; an interest. As in, maybe someday that will be an interesting subject to learn about. Not today, though. Today is for work, cleaning, socializing, or recovering from it all. I don't need to know it today, so I'll save it for tomorrow. I have a lot of interests like this, but day in and day out I do the same thing, over and over on repeat. Day after day, nothing changes. The change will come tomorrow, I tell myself. Then tomorrow comes, and everything stays the same. Until finally, one day, in the midst of the endless grind of work, personal struggles, and daily burn-out, after 26 years of thinking "maybe someday," I finally thought: Why not today?

It happened as I sat on my couch on a much-needed day off, watching a video about foraging lamb's quarters. I realized, I have that growing in my yard, and it's edible. Wild spinach, you say? Don't mind if I do. The sun is shining, I've been wanting to spend more time outside, and this won't take long. A little bit of effort goes a long way, right? One step leads to another. One afternoon picking and eating the wild spinach right out of my backyard, and suddenly I'm germinating lemon seeds in my pantry. Now, I don't mean I heard about wild spinach, which then started a long process of learning, planting, and growing, which eventually (after much time) led me to germinating lemon seeds. Oh no. Within a few days of my spinach discovery, I was wrapping lemon seeds in paper towels and sliding them in next to my spices. I have passively killed multiple cacti due to forgetting to water them. Can you imagine how long you have to forget about a dang cactus to kill it of thirst? I've done it more than once and I still don't know the answer. I don't know what makes me think I can tackle a tropical tree and keep it alive, let alone bring it to fruit, but I unwrapped the seeds last night to check on them, and those baby sprouts filled me with such a sense of accomplishment and hope that I can't believe I didn't start trying to learn about absolutely anything sooner.

So how did learning about wild spinach spiral me off on this path of lemon germination? A couple different videos on

TikTok, an unpredictable thought process, and the sudden understanding of infinite possibility. Oh, and the truth about weeds, but I'll tackle that another time.

We live in this fast-paced world where we expect everything to be quick and easy, then wonder why we feel no satisfaction at the end of the day. Little things like foraging for plants and experimenting with growing lemons have given me a much greater sense of purpose in the last few months than I can remember feeling in the last several years combined.

I no longer want to "work hard to live easy." I want to work with a purpose and live well. The best way I can see to do that at this point is to return to my roots - quite literally. I always said my dream home is a cabin in the middle of the woods where nobody can find me, and a girl needs to know how to grow her own food if she wants that to be her reality. I don't want to just sit around watching other people foraging, growing, building, and thriving instead of just surviving - I want to be right there with them. So, give me the videos about wild spinach, germinating plants that I probably need a greenhouse to grow, the medicinal herbs hiding right under my nose, and everything in between, because I want to learn it, I want to try it, and I want to see where it can take me. In the columns to come, I hope to take you on miniature adventures with me as I jump from foraging 'weeds,' to growing my own food, to beekeeping, to holistic healing and anything else I discover (and can focus on for long enough) along the way. Maybe my ramblings will amuse you, confuse you, or teach you a little smidge of something you hadn't known before. Whatever you take out of it, I hope it also encourages you to finally start learning or doing that thing you've always thought about but never done. You know the thing.

We may not have tomorrow, so why not start today?

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Food labels offer consumer choices but also confusion about animal welfare

Animal-based food products often come packaged in a wide array of information labels, including organic, natural, grass-fed, humanely raised and pasture-raised. "There's some confusion about food labels related to animal welfare," said Purdue University's Marisa Erasmus, associate professor of animal sciences and a specialist in animal behavior and welfare. "It's typically up to the consumer to do their homework and figure out what these different claims mean. Labels do provide consumers with a choice because, in theory, you can choose products that align with your personal and social values."

Erasmus' comments follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's newly launched effort to strengthen the validity of animal-raising claims.

Erasmus and her colleagues will be watching to see what additional documentation animal food producers will need to provide regarding food label claims.

In general, she noted, producers need to submit certain claims about their food products to the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service for approval. The FSIS regulates certain food labels and claims on meat and poultry products. Some claims require that producers submit documentation before approval is granted.

"One point of confusion is which claims are associated with animal welfare certification organizations that use third-party verification," Erasmus said. "Producers that work with one of these organizations can put the latter's seal on their products to indicate that the animals were raised according to certain standards. Typically, those standards are intended to offer higher animal welfare than what you would see with a conventional product. But a lot of consumers don't necessarily know

what these different seals mean. And the absence of a label claim does not mean that food animals were raised inhumanely."

Other labels have more to do with how people perceive the health benefits of a product and do not relate as much to the animal's welfare.

"We definitely want to make sustainable, healthy choices," Erasmus said. "But just because an animal product has an organic label on it doesn't always mean that animal had a better life than an animal that wasn't raised organically."

The USDA regulates organics through the National Organic Program, which offers a label distinct from those provided by other sources.

The idea of "no antibiotics added" is another claim that can cause confusion.

"This label is confusing because antibiotics are occasionally used to treat live animals or prevent illness, but antibiotics are not added to meat products."

If animals are given antibiotics at some point in their lives, then there is a mandatory withdraw-

al period. That period allows the antibiotics to pass from the animal's system before any products are created from that animal.

Erasmus and her colleagues work closely with producers in Indiana and across the U.S. to support humane animal production practices and conduct research providing guidelines for animal welfare and management. The Poultry Extension Collaborative provides more details about animal food product labeling in the July 2023 issue of Poultry Press.

Animal nutritionists collaborate with soy checkoff to uncover value opportunities for U.S. soybean meal

Collaboration between animal nutritionists and the soy checkoff could bring additional value opportunities for U.S. soybeans, ultimately benefiting both animal agriculture and American farmers. This impact spans the poultry, pig, dairy and aquaculture sectors.

The checkoff convenes industry leaders as part of its Animal Nutrition Working Group (ANWG) to advise research investments with the highest value for farmers and the industry. USB's new strategic plan consists of three priorities for soybean meal. These are overall nutrient composition, improved measurement of anti-nutri-

tional factors and the resulting benefits to animal production, performance and health.

"Animal nutritionists formulate feed based on digestible amino acids and net energy content as well as best cost," said R. Dean Boyd, Ph.D., adjunct professor of nutrition at Iowa State and North Carolina State universities and a member of the ANWG. "On the other hand, farmers can make more income by maximizing yield. Over time, this has led to seed varieties that are high yielding but slowly declined in crude protein concentration. This is a global problem that USB is actively working on to

correct and highlight for other partners in the value chain."

Soybean meal continues to be the standard for all other protein feedstuffs. This team of nutritionists examines how soybean meals are properly used beyond just protein content.

"Our hope is to improve awareness and understanding of U.S. soybean meal's benefits to overall animal health and encourage a shift toward total value-based ingredient decisions on the production and processing side of the supply chain," said Mamduh Sifri, Ph.D., Sifri Solutions LLC, retired director of poultry nutrition at ADM and a member of the ANWG.

Research funded by the checkoff demonstrates that enhanced nutrient content can improve animal health, feed efficiency and the valuation of soybean meals. Examples of this research include:

- A partnership between USB and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research on The Soybean Nutrition Enhancement Project brings together state-of-the-art technologies and expertise in breeding, genomics, biotechnology, statistical and computer learning, phenomics, physiology, agronomy, food and nutritional sciences and engineering. The goal is to improve soybean protein and amino acid composi-

tion, increasing economic return to soybean farmers and the U.S. soybean industry.

- Research confirms an economic return with a direct, positive relationship between soybean meal and improved performance and efficiency of pigs, broilers and laying hens. The research also concluded that soybean meal provides additional complementary nutritional factors, demonstrating antiviral and anti-inflammatory effects that reduce the negative impact of swine health challenges.

- Research that created a framework for estimating the economic value of soybean meal considers the complete nutritional package of crude protein, amino acids and energy concentrations. It found that increasing soybean meal crude protein by 1% increases soybean meal value by \$10.27 for swine and \$12.62 for poultry per metric ton of complete feed. Read more about the findings in the Feedstuffs June edition.

"Animal agriculture's strong and growing demand for U.S. soybean meal ensures reliability as our most vital customer and partner for U.S. soybean farmers. In the U.S., animals consumed \$16.6 billion in soybean meal value MY 21/22," said Keenan McRoberts, Ph.D., vice president of strategic alignment for USB. "As global demand for nutritious, sustainable animal protein continues to rise, the checkoff will continue to prioritize research that ensures we deliver a comprehensive and valuable product to the animal ag-

riculture industry. We will work with nutritionists and other animal scientists from pertinent disciplines to communicate and activate market incentives for U.S. Soy around product value, which extends to health benefits, sustainability benefits and other factors beyond cost and crude protein."

Kansas corn stocks down 20 percent

Kansas corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2023 totaled 146 million bushels, down 20% from 2022, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Of the total, 38.0 million bushels are stored on farms, down 21% from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 108 million bushels, are down 20% from last year. Wheat stored in all positions totaled 99.0 million bushels, down 45% from a year ago. On-farm stocks of 4.80 million bushels are up 37% from 2022, but off-farm stocks of 94.2 million bushels are down 46% from last year. Sorghum stored in all positions totaled 34.3 million bushels, down 53% from 2022. On-farm stocks of 4.75 million bushels are up 94% from a year ago, but off-farm stocks of 29.6 million bushels are down 58% from last year. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 33.7 million bushels, down 12% from last year. On-farm stocks of 10.5 million bushels are unchanged from a year ago, but off-farm stocks, at 23.2 million bushels, are down 17% from 2022. Off-farm oat stocks totaled 867,000 bush-

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Klahr engages in premier education at Beef Leaders Institute

Dean Klahr, Topeka, attended the 2023 Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 13-17. The annual event is hosted by the American Angus Association and funded by the Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef® brand (CAB®). BLI provides Association members the opportunity to experience the beef value chain from pasture to plate.

"It's truly a privilege to welcome a new Beef Leaders Institute class each year," said Mark McCully, Association CEO. "This unique experience fosters growth for attendees and provides an opportunity to connect with their fellow breeders."

Participants began the week at the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Missouri. While at the breed's headquarters, attendees met with staff to learn about the many departments and programs housed within the Association. Several Association employees offered insights, including Mark McCully; Kelli Retallick-Riley, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) president; and Clay Zwilling, Angus MediaSM president.

Attendees then hit the road, departing from Saint Joseph to further explore the production and processing sectors of the beef industry. They toured Tyson Fresh

Meats in Dakota City, Nebraska and Weborg Feedyards in Pender, Nebraska.

For the next leg of the trip, attendees traveled to Ohio to continue studying the beef value chain. While visiting Buckhead Toledo, Northwood, Ohio participants experienced the preparation of value-added CAB® products. They explored the impact of genetics in the beef industry at STgenetics, Tiffin, Ohio.

The final days of the experience were spent in The Culinary Center at the CAB® brand's headquarters in Wooster, Ohio. From a "Taste the Difference," steak tasting to a hands-on beef fabrication demonstration in the meat lab, participants explored the specifications behind putting a CAB® steak on the dinner table. Their newly gained knowledge was even put to the test as they prepared their own steaks with the assistance of world-class chef Venoy Rogers III.

During a week fully immersing themselves in the industry, the BLI class realized how the cattle they raise influence the industry well beyond their pastures.

"We're always selling bulls and you see the commercial people, but you don't really see what happens to the beef after it leaves," said Trevor Hinkle, an attendee

from Nevada, Missouri. "It's just a really interesting process to see what happens after it gets to the packer, leaves the packer, and how there's value made along the whole chain, and how many people are really working to do that. — it's a really eye-opening experience."

Hinkle said he's eager to take what he learned home and share it with his operation's customers. He expressed his gratitude for the knowledge, perspective and new friendships gained throughout the week.

"We are proud to support educational opportunities like Beef Leaders Institute for our members," said Jaelyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "Providing experiences that prepare our breeders for success is a vital part of the Foundation's mission to ensure a bright future for the breed."

Providing continued education for the Angus membership is a priority for the Association. BLI is designed to equip members ages 25 to 45 with the resources to understand all segments of the beef industry. Attendees leave as stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry. To learn more about BLI, visit www.angus.org/Event/BLIEntryForm. The 2024 application will be available in early November.

Connealy attends 2023 Young Cattlemen's Conference

By Peyton Schmitt, Angus Communications

Gabriel Connealy of Whitman, Nebraska, represented the Angus breed at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) 2023 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC), June 1-9. Each year, the Angus Foundation selects and sponsors an individual to attend the conference. Originally selected in 2020, Connealy's trip was postponed several years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group of over 70 cattlemen from across the nation convened in Denver, starting the conference at the NCBA office and concluding the trip in Washington, D.C., with a visit to Capitol Hill. Throughout their travels, attendees explored the beef value chain from pasture to plate, including stops at Five Rivers Cattle Feeding, Nebraska Cattlemen's Association, Tyson Foods beef plant, Certified Angus Beef and Wendy's Global Headquarters. Connealy said he enjoyed the variety of stops, from gaining an eye-opening new perspective at Wendy's to visits he was more familiar with.

"Visiting Certified Angus Beef (CAB) is a highlight of any trip, and it was great to see the reactions of other participants who were unfamiliar with CAB," Connealy said.

YCC is designed to broaden experiences for the cattlemen that attend. "Personally, I had little experience or knowledge of the policymaking or lobbying portion of our industry — the D.C. aspect of the trip was especially beneficial."

Connealy is well versed in both involvement and history within the Angus breed. Growing up in Nebraska on his family's Angus seedstock operation, Connealy Angus, he developed a passion for the industry and desire to assist the family business. This led him to obtain his bachelor's degree in finance and later his master's degree, with an emphasis in animal breeding and genetics, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). In addition to managing the family herd of 3,000 registered Angus cows, Connealy is a member of NCBA, has served as an Angus Convention voting delegate and played an integral role in the startup of his local Grant County Nebraska Farm Bureau chapter. His hunger for knowledge and dedication to the industry made YCC the ideal learning opportunity. Connealy emphasized the uniqueness of this experience, which allowed him to connect with and learn from fellow cattlemen from a variety of backgrounds.

"Truly, the highlight of the trip was the other participants from around the nation," Connealy said. "I was exposed to aspects of our industry that I knew little about, and made many friends that I hope to keep in touch with and trade lessons with for years to come."

The Angus Foundation selects a young cattleman to represent the breed at the conference annually through an application process. Emphasis is placed on applicants' leadership experiences and American Angus Association® and beef industry



Gabriel Connealy of Whitman, Nebraska attended the NCBA 2023 Young Cattlemen's Conference June 1-9. The attendee's trip is fully understood through the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted support for the Foundation's mission to advance Angus education, youth and research.

"I'm honored and humbled to be able to represent the Angus breed and Angus Foundation at the YCC," Connealy said. "I'd like to give a sincere thank you to the Association and the Foundation for the opportunity. There are many great young people in our breed, and I would encourage each and every one of them to apply for YCC."

"We are fortunate to have had someone with as much passion and dedication as Gabriel representing the Angus breed at YCC," said Jaelyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive

director. "We're very proud to provide this support as he expands his industry knowledge and leadership, and we're thankful for the generous donors that allow us to do so."

Applications to represent the Angus breed at the 2024 YCC will be due in January of the upcoming year. To learn more about this opportunity and the work of the Angus Foundation, visit www.AngusFoundation.org.

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300-400#	\$290.00-\$260.00	N/T
400-500#	\$274.00-\$257.00	N/T
500-600#	\$260.00-\$247.00	BRED COWS:
600-700#	\$268.00-\$215.00	N/T
700-800#	N/T	HFRTS:
800-900#	\$220.00-\$210.00	N/T
900-1,000#	N/T	COWS-HIGH YIELDING:
		\$129-\$112
		COWS-LGT WT & LOW YIELDING:
		\$91-\$60
		BULLS:
		\$131-\$100

300-400#	\$265.00-\$237.00	15 blk@483# \$262.00
400-500#	\$262.00-\$230.00	9 blk@559# \$240.00
500-600#	\$240.00-\$221.00	22 mix@696# \$227.00
600-700#	\$226.00-\$205.00	49 mix@682# \$223.00
700-800#	N/T	34 blk@847# \$208.00
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July is Bison Month! Celebrate the U.S. National Mammal throughout the month

The National Bison Association announced the kickoff to July Bison Month, encouraging consumers to add this uniquely American, delicious, humanely raised, supremely healthy protein to their regular diets.

The American Bison, whose population once exceeded 30 million animals, was decimated to near-extinction in the late 19th century through a combination of hunting, slaughter, and western-introduced disease. How-

ever, the bison has made a tremendous comeback and now numbers over 400,000 head across the continent. This is thanks to a unique collaboration among American farmers and ranchers, Native American tribes, and con-

servation groups all working to restore the species back to its historic range across North America. It is this collaboration that also successfully made the American bison named the first-ever National Mammal of the United States in 2016.

By making bison a part of your diet, you are eating a delicious, natural, nutrient-dense protein that is healthy for you and good for the environment. By choosing bison, you are helping to restore herds to North American grasslands while supporting regenerative agriculture. Our campaign, Eat Bison to Restore Bison, is educating consumers about their important role in restoring the species, who, by supporting bison ranchers, are in turn supporting grassland regeneration, carbon sequestration, soil regeneration, increased biodiversity, and more bison on the landscape.

July Bison Month, while not a federally designated observance, is celebrated each July by the bison community and is a time in which bison farmers and ranchers promote the delicious taste of bison burgers, steaks, ribs, and roasts as a summer grilling treat. Bison is the leanest protein commercially available to consumers today boasting 26% more iron than beef and 87% lower in fat. Bison has 766% more B12 vitamins than chicken, and 32% less fat, based on nutrient data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Bison is easier to find than ever with all major grocery chains carrying at least ground bison and packaged steaks, with fresh cuts available at natural and specialty food stores, local butchers, etc. offering the same cuts yielded from a beef animal. Bison is showing up on more restaurant menus,

and not just bison burgers as chefs discover the versatility of this uniquely American protein. And that's not to mention bison's growing prevalence online, at farmers' markets, farm stores, CSA programs, and beyond.

Find a local bison producer near you with the easy-to-use BuySome Bison app, our online buyer's guide, both available at www.bisoncentral.com/buying-bison-meat/, and find bison-specific recipes, nutritional data, cuts, and instructional cooking videos at www.bisoncentral.com/how-to-cook-bison/.

The National Bison Association is a 28-year-old, member-based, nonprofit trade association made up of bison farmers, ranchers, marketers, conservationists, public herd managers, enthusiasts and more, based in Westminster, Colorado. Learn more at www.bisoncentral.com, and nationalbison.com.

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Grass & Grain Weather Report July 12, 2023

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																																																																
<p>WEDNESDAY Isolated T-storms High: 95 Low: 68</p> <p>THURSDAY Partly Cloudy High: 91 Low: 65</p> <p>FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 93 Low: 66</p> <p>SATURDAY Few Showers High: 90 Low: 64</p> <p>SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 92 Low: 65</p> <p>MONDAY Sunny High: 93 Low: 67</p> <p>TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 94 Low: 66</p>	<p>Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 95°, humidity of 52%. Southeast wind 14 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 99°. The record high temperature for today is 105° set in 2018.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Week's Almanac</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>H/L</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6/30</td> <td>97/70</td> <td>89/66</td> <td>0.44"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/1</td> <td>88/68</td> <td>89/66</td> <td>0.16"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/2</td> <td>88/65</td> <td>90/66</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/3</td> <td>93/65</td> <td>90/66</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/4</td> <td>101/68</td> <td>90/66</td> <td>1.48"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/5</td> <td>81/68</td> <td>90/66</td> <td>0.29"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/6</td> <td>79/65</td> <td>90/67</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Rainfall: 2.57" Normal rainfall: 1.03" Departure: +1.34" Average temp.: 78.3° Average normal: 77.9° Departure: +0.4°</p>	Date	H/L	Normals	Precip	6/30	97/70	89/66	0.44"	7/1	88/68	89/66	0.16"	7/2	88/65	90/66	0.00"	7/3	93/65	90/66	0.00"	7/4	101/68	90/66	1.48"	7/5	81/68	90/66	0.29"	7/6	79/65	90/67	0.00"	<p style="text-align: center;">This Week's Sun & Moon Chart</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>Sunrise</th> <th>Sunset</th> <th>Moonrise</th> <th>Moonset</th> <th>Phase</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>6:10 a.m.</td> <td>8:53 p.m.</td> <td>2:01 a.m.</td> <td>4:44 p.m.</td> <td>Full 8/1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>6:11 a.m.</td> <td>8:53 p.m.</td> <td>3:11 a.m.</td> <td>5:50 p.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>6:12 a.m.</td> <td>8:52 p.m.</td> <td>3:11 a.m.</td> <td>6:53 p.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>6:12 a.m.</td> <td>8:52 p.m.</td> <td>3:56 a.m.</td> <td>7:51 p.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>6:13 a.m.</td> <td>8:51 p.m.</td> <td>4:47 a.m.</td> <td>8:40 p.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>6:14 a.m.</td> <td>8:50 p.m.</td> <td>5:45 a.m.</td> <td>9:22 p.m.</td> <td>Last 8/8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>6:15 a.m.</td> <td>8:50 p.m.</td> <td>6:45 a.m.</td> <td>9:56 p.m.</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase	Wednesday	6:10 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	2:01 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	Full 8/1	Thursday	6:11 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	3:11 a.m.	5:50 p.m.		Friday	6:12 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	3:11 a.m.	6:53 p.m.		Saturday	6:12 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	3:56 a.m.	7:51 p.m.		Sunday	6:13 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	4:47 a.m.	8:40 p.m.		Monday	6:14 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	Last 8/8	Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	9:56 p.m.	
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