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crop production agent USDA-NASS released its annual Acreage Report on Friday, June 30th with a surprise reduction in estimated US and Kansas soybean acreage. The report estimated U.S. soybean acres sharply declining, at 83.5 mil. ac., down 5% or 4 mil. ac. from the 2022 Acreage Report and the 2023 Prospective Plantings Report, which was published at the end of March. Soybean acres in Kansas were also cut from 4.6 mil. ac. In March to 4.25 mil. ac. in the 2023 Acreage Report, down from 5.05 mil. ac. in

In contrast, the reacreage at 94.1 mil. ac., up 6% or 5.5 mil. ac. from 2022 and up 2.3% or 2.1 mil. ac. from Prospective Plantings. Kansas corn plantings, however, were reduced from Prospective Plantings' 5.6 mil. ac. to 5.5 mil. ac. currently, level with 2022 figures.

U.S. winter wheat acres held steady relative to the Prospective Plantings Report, estimated at 37 mil. ac. compared to an estimate of 37.5 mil. in March. The June 30th figure is up sharply (11%) from the 2022 figure of 33.3 million acres. Winter wheat plantings in Kansas also rose significantly from 7.3 million acres in 2022 to 8.1

port estimated U.S. corn million acres in 2023, up 11%.

> Kansas remains the dominant player in milo plantings, with 3.3 mil. ac. planted in 2023 and 48.5% of all U.S. milo acres. However, this share is reduced from 52.2% in 2022 as total U.S. milo acres have risen 7.6%, which is a dramatic increase from the March estimate (up 13.9%).

Grain markets responded accordingly in the wake of the Acreage Report, which has historically contributed to market volatility. Soybeans have rallied, and several other grains have followed behind to lesser extents. However, with these figures now baked into the markets. major moves from here will likely depend on weather patterns in the latter half of summer and on how smoothly harvest progresses from there.

An interesting figure on the Acreage Report is the occurrence of double-crop soybeans. In the U.S., it is estimated that 4% of soybeans are planted after another crop in 2023, whereas in Kansas double-cropping rate is at 12% for 2023. This is the highest rate of double-cropping soybeans since 2020 when Kansas was estimated at 13%.

The use of biotechnology in corn and soybean varieties is also documented in the report. Genetically modified corn varieties in

Kansas were estimated at 95%, compared with 93% nationally. Genetically modified soybean varieties were estimated at 93%, compared with 95% nationally.

Nationally, corn is estimated to be harvested for grain at 91.7% of its planted acreage, up from 89.4% in 2022. Sorghum, also, is estimated to be harvested for grain at a higher rate than in 2022, 87.3% compared with 72.3%. Soybean harvest rate is up marginally at 99.0% compared with 98.7% in 2022. Winter wheat, however, is estimated to have a lower harvest rate, at 69.5% compared with 70.5% last year. While this is a national figure, many winter wheat growers around the area and the state anecdotally attest to lower wheat harvest rates than are published in this report. Likewise, winter wheat yield in the area will likely fall short of the national average posted in this report, which was pegged at 44.9 bushels/acre, down from 47.0 bushels/acre in 2022.

For more information about crop production data or about how you can manage production risk on vour farm, please reach out to Luke Byers, your River Valley Extension District Agriculture & Natural Resources agent, at 785-632-5335 or by email at lsbyers@ksu.edu.

# ion stretches hay supplies during drought

As hay supplies dwindle, University of Missouri Extension agronomist Rusty Lee is showing forage producers how to use a simple, inexpensive treatment to stretch feed supplies during drought.

Ammoniation boosts the nutritive value and digestibility of poor-quality hay, cornstalks, wheat straw and other feedstuffs that livestock producers turn to when hay is in short supply, Lee says. The process makes roughages more digestible for cows and horses.

Ammoniation takes one week to a month, depending on temperature: two to three weeks in summer (Lee recommends one week if the temperature is 85 F or higher) and up to four weeks in winter. Lee says three weeks is a good average.

Lee gives these steps:

- Stack round bales seven at a time four bales side by side and three on top.
  - Cover with heavy mil 100-foot plastic.
- Secure the edges of the plastic by covering with soil or waste lime. Tamp soil down to seal securely.
- Prefill your ammonia tank to the correct amount to avoid risk of overtreating. Lee suggests 60 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per ton of hav.

Slowly add ammonia by cracking the valve on

the anhydrous ammonia tank. Allow ammonia to trickle into the middle of the hay bales overnight. Wear proper safety equipment when working around ammonia.

Air out bales three days before feeding to allow the ammonia to clear. Do not uncover in windy conditions. Air out before testing forage to check improve-

Current anhydrous prices run about \$960 per ton. This translates to \$28.80 for the recommended 60 pound per ton rate. That's \$14.40 of anhydrous per 1,000-pound bale, says Lee.

"By spending \$14.40, plus some labor, we can improve the feed value of a \$60 straw bale." he says. "It does not become the equivalent of good grass hay, but with good hay eclipsing \$100 per bale, the \$14.40 spent should make a positive return on investment."

Only ammoniate poor-quality forages, Lee says. High-quality forages can become toxic after ammonia treatment and cause "crazy cow" syndrome when fed.

After ammoniating, uncover and air out for about three days. Then test forage quality using procedures described in the MU Extension publication "Missouri's Ultimate Feed Alternative: Ammoniated Tall Fescue" at https://extension.missouri.edu/agw1003.

Ammoniation also can reduce toxicity from endophyte-infected forages. MU Extension state forage specialist Craig Roberts says MU studies show that ammoniated tall fescue is about five times less toxic than infected pastures.

Ammoniation can double the crude protein of low-quality forages and increase the total digestible nutrients by up to 20% (40% TDN before, 48% TDN after), says MU Extension beef nutritionist Eric Bailey.

Producers should consider herd nutritional needs when feeding ammoniated forages. "Energy will be limiting in diets built around ammoniated low-quality forages, especially for cows nursing calves," Bailey says. "Ammoniated forage will meet the nutrient requirements of pregnant, nonlactating females, but any winter-calving cows with a calf or cows in the last trimester of gestation before calving will need additional energy supplement."

For more information, contact Lee at 573-564-3733 or leerw@missouri.edu. You may also contact your local MU Extension agronomist.

For more drought resources, go to https://mizzou.us/ DroughtResources.

## " cow marketing Apply the

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

One of my favorite classes in livestock judging contests are keep/cull classes. Not only do I appreciate that these classes typically involve data, but also knowing which animals to keep as breeders and which to cull from the herd/flock is a true life skill. The term cull might have a negative connotation, but rigorous culling standards will lead to a better herd in the future. Cull animals have substantial value to the operation, so making the most out of a "cull" is important.

For beef cows, the summer months provide a seasonal opportunity to capture value in marketing cull cows. This lines up well with traditional fall calving cow weaning time and can play into early weaning strategies for spring calving herds. The first thing that needs to be determined with cows near weaning is which will stay in the herd as producers and who will leave as culls. The current historically low cow numbers, high cull cow prices and ongoing regionally dry conditions give even more reason to work to capture the most value possible.

The four "O" rule should be the gold standard by which a producer makes culling decisions. This rule states, cull your Open, Old, Ornery, and Odd/Out/Off cows. The first three make good sense at any time, but if numbers need to be adjusted more, the fourth O of "odd" comes into play. These are cows that don't fit your production system. They can be cows: with a bad udder, either larger or smaller-framed, a completely different genetic package, hair coat color diluter, late breeder, bad eye or any other number of things can be considered.

Cull cows generally comprise ten to 20 percent of the cow/calf enterprise income. Thus, it is beneficial to consider when and how those animals will be marketed. Feed inventories have been strained in the broader region, but if adequate feed is on hand, it might make financial sense to feed cull cows at certain times of the year. Here are a few points to keep in mind when considering how to add value.

- Sell cows outside seasonal marketing windows. Cull cow prices are normally lowest in October through January. If possible, consider marketing between February and September when cow slaughter rates are lower.
- Add weight to thin cows before selling, particularly when cows are BCS 3 or lower at culling. Use high quality forage or grain diets to replenish muscle mass on cows. Target a BCS of 5 for light muscled cows and BCS 5 to 6 for heavier muscled cows.
  - Cull old cows be-

fore they lose their teeth, decline in body condition, fail to breed or die.

Sell cows before they become fat (BCS 8 to 9). Fat cows are discounted for low lean yield regardless of their potential to have higher quality grade classification.

Bids are often very competitive at local auctions, but for some producers it might make sense to direct market to a packer. This can be beneficial for operations who have a good handle on their carcass quality. can feed cows efficiently and market larger lots.

Don't forget to keep a focus on quality and safety. Bruising is a major problem with cull cows, most of which are caused by rough handling and hauling. Give attention to withdrawal times when cows have been treated with animal health products.

Remember, the cow is an extremely important part of the total beef cow/ calf enterprise, so management of her can affect your productivity and profitability. Keeping a cow in the herd with problems will propagate onto subsequent generations. Oklahoma State University has a good publication that discusses this topic in greater detail. https:// extension.okstate.edu/ fact-sheets/print-publications/agec/cull-cow-grazing-and-marketing-opportunities-agec-613.pdf Good luck with your culling decisions!

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# ansas 4-H names state project award winners

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development program has recognized more than two dozen youth as state project award winners.

Sarah Maass, state leader for the Kansas 4-H program, said "being a state project winner indicates prior excellence and points to (youth's) future potential."

"Youth must display leadership skills and hearts for service by organizing events like community service projects, project meetings to share their expertise with younger 4-H members, and other unique efforts," Maass said.

One state winner is selected yearly from the senior division (ages 14-18) in 27 project categories. Kansas 4-H youth submit a project report form, a summary of their work in a certain project.

Maass notes that in addition to learning new project skills, these youth must also demonstrate growth and strength in leadership, organization,

civic engagement, and Elizabeth "Ellie" Seeger, above all, communication within the project.

This year's project winners are:

Beef - Dustin Denton, Marshall County

Civic Engagement -Clara Johnson, Meadowlark District - Jefferson

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edith Burgess, Shawnee County.

Dairy - Trena Garcia, Butler County.

Dog Care and Training Christopher Mork, Sedgwick County.

Entomology - MacKenzie Krueger, Coffey County. Fiber Arts - Renatta Heintz, Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson Coun-

Foods and Nutrition Kylee Barlett, Butler County.

Geology - Amber Kolle, River Valley District -Washington County.

Horse - Clayton Carlgren, River Valley District - Republic County.

Leadership - Brennan Aldridge, Sunflower District - Republic County.

Meat Goats - Channing Dillinger, Wild West District - Stevens County.

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iel Rausch, Coffey County. Sheep - Reygan Schrock, Central Kansas District - Saline County.

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Visual Arts - Kyla Lankton, Coffey County.

Wildlife - Joseph Westerman, McPherson Coun-

Wood Science - Zachary Piroutek, River Valley District - Republic County.

Award winners were recognized during the Emerald Circle Banquet, hosted each year by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Officials say project report forms progress through county, regional and statewide evaluations before the state winner in each project area is named.

A video of the annual banquet is available online at https://bit.ly/2022-State-Project-Award-Winners-2.

State 4-H project award winners are also eligible to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, in November.

More information about opportunities available through the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program is available online.

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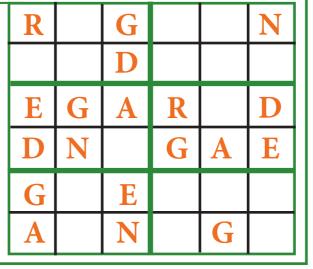
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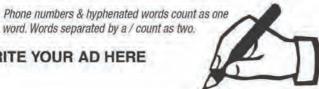
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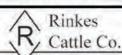
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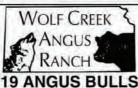


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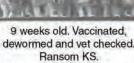
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# Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad

How big is your museum? Today let's visit a museum that is five miles long and 100 feet wide.

What in the world is that kind of museum? The answer is, it's like a moving museum - a historic excursion train operating on railroad track in rural Kansas.

Ross Boelling is president and general manager of this remarkable train known as the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad. Thanks to railroad volunteer and retired K-State department head Steve Smethers for the following information.

The Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad operates on railroad track that once belonged to the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad, which began service in 1886. The Rock Island operated successfully for many years. It was the lifeline of a burgeoning regional agribusiness industry, but after nearly a century, the company was

in financial trouble.

The Rock Island took bankruptcy in 1980 and the MKT took title. In 1988, the Union Pacific acquired the lines, but company executives decided not to use the portion through Abilene.

Two local men decided to try to save the Rock Island legacy in Dickinson County. Joe Minnick and the late Fred Schmidt approached the Union Pacific and proposed to acquire the Rock Island rail between Abilene and Woodbine.

The two railfans had the backing of the community, including some banks in the county. The banks agreed to loan money for the purchase of track between Enterprise and the rural community of Woodbine, population 157 people. Now, that's rural.

Abilene-to-En-The terprise leg of the line was donated and that became the railroad route. The non-profit Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad Association was formed in 1993, so it is celebrating 30 years. In 1994, the A&SV operated its first excursion train from Abilene to Enterprise and back.

Over time, the association acquired historic pieces of rolling stock. Those now include a century-old Santa Fe steam locomotive, a first-generation diesel switch engine, and vintage passenger and freight cars.

Among those are a 1902 MKT wooden passenger car, a 1930s vintage Chicago and Northwestern passenger coach, a gondola car made for the Missouri Pacific in June 1951, and a Union Pacific caboose.

Today the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad offers regular excursion trains, private charters, school field trip excursions and dinner trains for a 90-minute roundtrip journey between Abilene and Enterprise, near a historic grist mill. Excursion trains run on weekends from May through September, with dinner trains scheduled every weekend in June and July.

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Smethers describes the train as an experiential "museum on wheels," 5.5 miles long and 100 feet wide. Since its inaugural season in 1994, the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad has carried well over a quarter of a million passengers.

For more information, schedules, or for tickets, go to www.asvrr.org.

It's time to leave this museum, which might be described as five miles long, 100 feet wide, and full of interesting history. We commend Ross Boelling, Joe Minnick, Steve Smethers, and all the volunteers of the Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad for making a difference with railroad history.

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# Prices higher in first half of the year cattle markets

According to an article on *Drovers*, the first half of 2023 has seen significant changes in cattle and beef markets. Prices are higher across the board as tighter cattle numbers and declining beef supplies push markets toward or beyond record levels. Remaining drought areas in the central and southern plains continue to shrink with continuing impacts on the regions but less impact nationally on cattle markets.

Beef production in the first 24 weeks of the year is down 4.9 percent from the 2022 record pace. In the last four weeks of data, beef production is down 5.3 percent year over year. Yearling steer and heifer slaughter is down 3.0 percent year over year so far in 2023, with steer slaughter down 4.7 percent for the year to date and heifer slaughter down 0.4 percent so far this year. However, heifer slaughter is down 4.9 percent year over year in the last four weeks and combines with a 5.9 percent decrease in steers slaughter to reduce total yearling slaughter 5.5 percent in the most recent four weeks of data. Total cow slaughter is down 4.4 percent for the year to date with a 12.1 percent year over year decrease in beef cow slaughter partially offset by a 5.5 percent year to date increase in dairy cow slaughter. Bull slaughter is down 8.4 percent thus far in 2023.

Oklahoma auction prices for steer calves under 600 pounds have averaged 41.9 percent higher year over year in June. Feeder steers over 600 pounds have averaged 39.7 percent higher compared to the same four weeks one year ago. The five-market fed cattle price has

averaged 30.3 percent higher year over year in the past four weeks. The June cattle on feed report showed that feedlot inventories have been lower for nine consecutive months. The June 1 feedlot inventory was 11.55 million head, down 2.9 percent year over year. The decline in feedlot inventory has been relatively slow with May feedlot placements higher than expected based on lingering drought impacts and strong feeder demand as feedlots attempt to maintain inventories. However, feeder supplies and feedlot numbers will continue to decline as the reality of smaller cattle supplies builds. Increased heifer retention is likely to squeeze feeder supplies more sharply in the second half of the year.

Boxed beef prices in the last four weeks have averaged 24.1 percent higher year over year. Boxed beef prices moved sharply higher after Memorial Day by mid-June with strong buying for the Independence Day holiday. The follow up to July 4 will provide good indications for beef demand for the remainder of summer.

The biggest question for the second half of the year is the extent to which herd rebuilding begins with increased heifer retention and continued reductions in cow slaughter. Producer expectations and remaining drought conditions will impact the timing of herd rebuilding efforts. The upcoming July cattle on feed report and the July cattle report are expected to provide important clues as to how cattle market conditions may change in the second half of the year.

# May pork exports highest in two years; beef exports below record-large, year-ago totals

standing month in Mexico and robust demand for variety meat, exports of U.S. pork continued to gain momentum in May, according to data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). While well below the record-large volume and value posted in May 2022, beef exports improved from April and were the second largest (behind March) of 2023.

Record value for pork variety meat highlights May export growth

May pork exports

Led by another out-reached 261,361 metric tons (mt), up 16% from a year ago, the ninth largest on record and the largest since May 2021. Export value climbed 12% to \$731.1 million, also the highest since May 2021 and the seventh highest on record. Pork variety meat exports were particularly outstanding in May, setting a value record of \$127 mil-

> May exports to leading market Mexico were well above last year, while shipments to Taiwan were the largest in 12 years and export value to South Korea

reached a five-year high. year-over-year but 2% Exports were also significantly higher to Australia, Central America and Malaysia. Through the first five

months of the year, pork and pork variety meat exports were 14% above last year's pace at 1.22 million mt, valued at \$3.35 billion (up 13%).

"While pork shipments to Mexico are on a remarkable pace, it takes a wide range of markets to achieve double-digit growth," explained Dan Halstrom, USMEF president and CEO. "Demand is strong throughout the Western Hemisphere and the U.S. industry continues to make gains in Asian markets where supplies of European pork are much tighter than a year ago."

May beef exports lower overall, but strengthen in North America and Taiwan

Beef exports totaled 116,159 mt, down 14% from the May 2022 record but up 4% from the previous month. Export value was \$874.7 million, down 19%

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above April. May exports strengthened to Mexico, Taiwan and South Africa, and export value to Canada was the highest in nearly eight years. Beef variety meat exports were the largest in 12 months at just under 27.000 mt. For January through

May, beef and beef variety exports were down 10% to 554,069 mt, valued at \$4.09 billion (down 21%).

"U.S. beef exports face considerable headwinds in 2023, on both the supply and demand side, especially when compared to last year's massive totals," Halstrom said. "To address tighter beef supplies, USMEF has heightened efforts to showcase underutilized cuts, even in our well-established markets. It's also encouraging to see beef variety meat exports maintain a strong pace, as this is essential for maximizing carcass value.'

### Lamb exports trend lower in May

May exports of U.S. lamb muscle cuts totaled 141 mt, down 32% from a year ago and the lowest volume of 2023. Export value was \$772,409, down 17%. May exports declined to most major destinations, but increased to the Bahamas. For January through May, exports remained 9% above last year's pace at 958 mt, valued at \$5.5 million (up 5%).

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# Sens. Marshall, Grassley, Braun introduce bill to weed out wasteful spending at USDA

(R-Kan.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) have introduced legislation to curb wasteful spending at the United States Department of Agriculture. The USDA Spending Accountability Act would limit the disbursal of funds through the US-

DA's financing institution,

known as the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), to be permitted only when authorized by Congress.

"The USDA has to respect the process and decisions made by Congress. Unfortunately, over the past couple years we have seen USDA use the Commodity Credit Corporation like a slush fund without

tocols for congressional oversight. Even the Government Accountability Office has ruled that many of USDA's newly created programs should have been submitted to Congress for review. Our legislation ensures that the USDA cannot come in and undermine Congress's role

turely deciding spending levels for programs that may not even be included in our final Farm Bill text." Marshall said. "Not only will this bill rein in USDA's slush fund, it will serve to help reduce the cost of the Farm Bill and allow us to fund priorities Congress deems worthy."

"Any good farmer knows that a successful farming operation requires good judgement and strong discipline to balance expenses. The Department of Agriculture should reflect these principles," Grassley said. "I'm concerned that the CCC is at risk of becoming a slush fund for politically driven pet projects. When it comes to agriculture spending, we ought to separate the wheat from the chaff. U.S. dollars should only go to programs that have been specifically authorized by Congress. I'd like to preserve half of the documented savings associated with this bill. The other half should go toward long-term investments in agriculture research and increasing foreign market development. Concentrating on these priorities will win bipartisan support and surely benefit Iowans."

"There must be accountability and transparency across the board in government spending, and the USDA is no exception. This legislation will curb unauthorized, wasteful spending at the USDA and ensure that we save money in the Farm Bill to support popular programs that our farmers depend on, like agricultural research and trade programs," Braun

The CCC is intended to fund a wide range of farm bill programs authorized

of Agriculture has broad discretionary authority in spending excess CCC funds. This includes reimbursing farmers for losses due to trade disputes and funding climate grants, often to multinational corporations. Recent instances of discretionary spending abuse have prompted bipartisan concern, as these programs are enacted without input from Congress and allow USDA to act as authorizer and appropriator. By removing this discretionary authority, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the USDA Spending Accountability Act would save \$8 billion over ten years. The substantial savings created by this bill would assist Congress in its goal to find savings in every nook and cranny of the Farm Bill.

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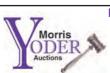
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# USDA report details market concentration in agribusiness

In June, USDA-Economic Research Service (ERS) issued a report detailing issues surrounding market concentration in agribusiness, particularly in three agribusiness sectors where concentration has increased over time: seeds, meatpacking and food retail. Market concentration and its impact on competition have attracted growing public scrutinv. Critics argue that many industries have grown too concentrated, with fewer firms competing with one another and a consequent weakening of competition.

The report covers the consolidation in each of these industries, explains the driving forces behind increased concentration and examines public policies aimed at encouraging competition, focusing on the implementation of merger policy. Some findings of the study include:

Market concentration — measured by the share of industry sales held by the largest firms - has increased sharply



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most supermarket sales. The transformation of meatpacking industries featured shifts of production to larger plants to realize economies of scale, as well as tighter vertical coordination among production and processing stages through reliance on contract arrangements in place of cash markets. Because mature livestock lose value if they are moved long distances for slaughter, packers acquire animals in local and regional markets, which can be highly concentrated.

Food retail has undergone a long reorganization, featuring: (1) traditional supermarkets facing entry from new store formats like Walmart and Costco; (2) increasing store sizes, offering a wider variety of products; (3) the emergence of national chains, often realized through mergers and acquisitions involving local and regional chains; and (4) a growing reliance on data-driven distribution and inventory strategies within agrifood market chains.

U.S. antitrust laws prohibit mergers that reduce competition. Antitrust enforcement agencies consider a wide range of evidence, including the likely impact of a merger on market concentration, when investigating the likely impact of a merger on competition.

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# Kansas Hay Market Report

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Compared to the last report on June 27th, demand remains good, trade activity slow to moderate, and prices dropped significantly lower in the last two weeks for grinding alfalfa. However, there is an undertone of strength to the grass hay market. Producers continue to try to swath and bale hay across south central and southwest regions but are having difficulty with all the rain. Meanwhile, in the eastern third of the state, rain is scarce on the prairie and with the poor brome harvest, grass price is expected to rise. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for July 4th, much of the Great Plains portion of the region, except for eastern Kansas, saw widespread precipitation, some of it heavy. Conditions continued to worsen in a majority of Kansas, particularly in the east and southeast where mostly dry weather continued. Given continued decreases in soil moisture and groundwater, and growing short- and long-term precipitation deficits, degradations were made from Manhattan to Fort Scott. The categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) decreased to 11%, moderate drought (D1) increased to 24%, severe drought (D2) increased to 23%, extreme drought (D3) increased to near 31%, and exceptional drought (D4) increased to 7.5%.

**Southwest Kansas** 

Dairy alfalfa steady; grinding alfalfa 5.00-15.00 lower; ground and delivered 5.00 to 15.00 lower, movement slow

to moderate. Alfalfa: Dairy,1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 300.00-315.00. Grinding alfalfa, large rounds, old crop 285.00-295.00(-5.00), new crop 280.00-290.00(-15.00), large square 3x4's and 4x4's new crop 295.00-305.00(-5.00). Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies 33 Bluestem: none reported. Corn stalks, ground and delivered 180.00-195.00. Milo, large rounds, 135.00-145.00, The week of 7/2-7/8,9,568T of grinding alfalfa and 25T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. **South Central Kansas** 

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### Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa steady, grass hay steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, stock cow 260.00-270.00.

# Four tips to improve your swine herd's biosecurity

Are you having recurring health issues in your herd? Improving pig health and well-being may mean changing biosecurity protocols. Making a plan and getting everyone on board is crucial to success. Once everyone on the team understands why the changes are being made. they can buy in to ensure the changes are done correctly

"Biosecurity is more than locks on doors, UV chambers and downtime tables – it's a cultural mindset," says Dr. Nicholas Lauterbach, technical services veterinarian for Pharmgate Animal Health. "Protocols help train new employees on processes and ensure they're executed correctly to protect herd health.'

Here are four tips to help make a biosecurity shift successful to protect and improve your herd's health.

1. Develop a realistic written plan

Making a written plan realistic is the most important aspect of creating or changing it.

"Changing protocols is difficult because we immediately want to make protocols more sophisticated and add more layers," explains Lauterbach. "The reality is the best biosecurity plans are clearly defined and repeatable."

If you are considering changing your protocols, ask yourself:

How easy will it be to train individuals on the new processes?

How are you going to verify that everyone is doing them correctly?

Adding or changing your protocol will only be effective if the people on the operation can do the new processes correctly.

"A big part of biosecurity protocol success is whether the written protocol is based on insight and experience of the true process," adds Dr. Jerome Geiger, health assurance veterinarian with Pig Improvement Company (PIC).

In his role, Geiger helps farms understand what's being implemented through system audits. He walks through each layer of the process at the different levels of management and labor, including upper management, production management and employees, to see where breakdowns occur.

For example, one person writes a protocol for washing a room or a truck to reduce contamination. but others are responsible for doing the washing. If those employees have never washed a room or truck before, the plan won't happen correctly. The plan must be written realistically and should include training.

2. Educate your team Biosecurity processes add time to almost everything we do on the farm. Asking people to shower and change clothes before entering farms adds complexity and makes them less efficient, even before addressing in-barn biosecurity practices.

"These steps can be a strain on labor. But if you explain why they are important and how they can help to keep your herd free of disease, they will be more receptive," says Lauterbach.

Not knowing expectations is the biggest area Geiger sees people struggle, which can lead to inconsistency in execution. Lack of understanding or time pressures can break down communication. It's vital that everyone understands the protocols and buys in.

"You need people who are accountable and say, 'This is my job and I'm going to do it right from beginning to end," says Geiger.

3. Execute protocols What's written on paper

isn't always what's executed day-to-day.

'On one farm I audited, the written protocols said every truck leaving the system should be disinfected," says Geiger. "But as I worked through each layer of the operation, we uncovered the wash system wasn't taking up disinfectant and no one knew it. So, what was happening didn't match the written protocol."

Once you've identified shortcomings like this, you can work to create a solution that works for everyone across the company.

Education and protocol execution go hand in hand, Lauterbach emphasizes. He suggests asking yourself: Is my team doing this the way I expect them to? You can have the most

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detailed and robust biosecurity protocols in the industry, but if employees cannot execute what you are asking them to do, they will not be as effective as 4. Document activities Documentation is the

last component of a successful health protocol. What evidence is there that you do X, Y or Z daily? Documentation is helpful when determining where the protocol breakdown is happening.

"Documentation doesn't have to be specific to the protocols," says Geiger. "It might simply be reviewing a log of materials delivered to the facility and confirming the number of vaccine doses delivered matches the number of pigs vaccinated."

Biosecurity protocols need constant evaluation.

"We are always learning about processes and disease dynamics to help us make better decisions related to biosecurity,' Lauterbach says.

Consider the preparation, execution and maintenance of biosecurity protocols before deciding if changing them is right for your operation.

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SIEERS					
10 blk bwf	Easton	496	@315.	00	
16 blk	Easton	557	@311.	00	
15 blk	Delia	613	@285.	00	
6 blk	Easton	634	@280.	00	
18 blk red	Axtell	599	@280.	00	
10 blk	Effingham	680	@267.	00	
13 blk	Holton	683	@266.	00	
22 blk char	Lancaster	664	@266.	00	
15 blk	Delia	702	@260.	00	
26 blk	Holton	777	@248.	00	
120 blk bwf	Holton	905	@245.	10	
34 mix	Soldier	791	@244.	00	
16 blk bwl	fSabetha		@235.		
10 blk	Onaga	788	@232.	00	
11 blk	Valley Falls	782	@231.	50	
9 mix	Soldier	877	@225.	50	

9 blk red Soldier 378@266.00 13 blk bwfHolton 600@264.00 15 char blk Lancaster 607@262.50 561@260.00 8 blk Delia Delia 620@260.00 19 mix Soldier 444@257.75 Effingham 647@257.00 Delia 685@253.5011 mix Axtell 538@251.00 64 blk red Quenemo 769@241.50 16 blk red x Centralia 646@233.00 8 blk Valley Falls 713@230.50 16 blk Holton 750@230.00 Axtell 648@224.50 8 blk red Centralia 773@212.00

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Grass & Grain, July 18, 2023 Page 19 Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4 275.00-285.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, large square 3x4 165.00-175.00,large round old crop 140.00-155.00. Brome, large square 185.00-195.00 delivered. The week of 7/2-7/8, 775T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

### **Northwest Kansas**

Dairy alfalfa and grinding alfalfa steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares 300.00-320.00, 3x3 squares 300.00 new crop 1st cutting. Dairy, Premium/ Supreme1.40-1.50/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 295.00-300.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4's 290.00-305.00. Alfalfa ground and delivered 280.00-300.00. North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, ground/delivered, grinding alfalfa steady, and bluestem grass hay steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.00/bale, 3x4's 290.00-300.00; Stock Cow 3x4's 230.00-240.00, new crop 280.00-300.00; Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 250.00-260.00, large square 3x4's 250.00-275.00, new crop 290.00-300.00 FOB.; Alfalfa ground and delivered 290.00-300.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares new crop 8.00-9.00/bale, large 3x4 squares 150.00-160.00, good large rounds 140.00-180.00. Brome: large rounds, 140.00-150.00, large square 3x4's 170.00-180.00. Sudan: large round 130.00-150.00. Wheat straw: large squares 120.00-130.00. Corn stalks: large squares 100.00-125.00 FOB. The week of 7/2-7/8, 622T of grinding alfalfa and 125T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or

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

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

\*\*TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage). Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture-Manhattan, Kansas, Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709.



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Market Report - Sale Date 7-13-23. 2282 head 300-400 lb. steers, \$277-\$327; 400-500 lb. steers, \$281-\$297; heifers, \$246-\$279; 500-600 lb. steers, \$251-\$295; heifers, \$241-\$263; 600-700 lb. steers, \$249-\$275; heifers, \$230-\$271; 700-800 lb. steers, \$234-\$269; heifers, \$223-\$241; 800-900 lb. steers, \$222-\$248; heifers, \$229.50; 900-1,000 lb. steers, \$220-\$236.50 heifers, \$210.50. Trend on Calves: Mostly \$10-\$15 higher instances of \$25 higher. Good Demand! Trend on Feeder Cattle: Mostly \$6-\$12 higher instances of \$20 higher on 600-750 lb. hfrs. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows \$100-\$113; Avg. dressing cows \$90-\$100; Low dressing cows \$80-\$90. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$115-\$134. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Mostly steady on a lighter test. Some Highlights Include:

HEIFERS		5 blk	505@295.00
14 mix	429@279.00	21 mix	587@280.00
15 blk	514@261.00	33 mix	656@275.00
76 mix	619@266.00	16 mix	704@250.00
60 mix	656@249.00	10 blk	724@261.00
160 blk	693@248.00	63 mix	826@246.50
153 blk	737@241.00	52 blk	837@248.00
54 mix	777@227.00	58 mix	860@237.75
65 mix	806@229.50	115 blk	864@242.50
12 blk	850@224.50	59 mix	943@236.50
	STEERS		
3 mix	390@321.00		

Next Sale: Thursday, JULY 20:

 108 black running age cows, spring calvers • 50 home raised steers, mostly black 800-850lbs

• 1 load mix steers, 725-750lbs

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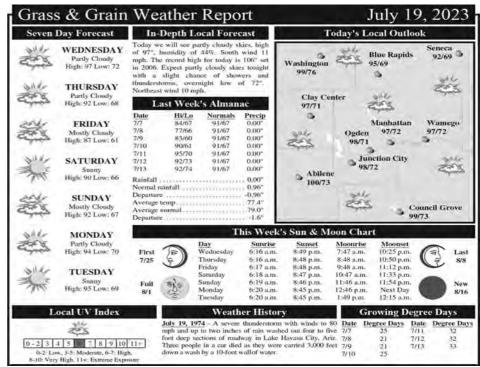
Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

# On-Farm Trial Field Day to be held Aug. 22

Together with the Stevens, Haskell, and Grant County Conservation Districts, the Kansas Soil Health Alliance is hosting an on-farm trial field day on August 22nd near Hugoton from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The day will include a field tour, soil health demonstrations, and lunch. Those attending will meet at Nick and Johanna Vos's farm shed at 2545 Road J near Hugoton for check-in and light breakfast from 8:30-9:00. The field tour will conclude at noon followed by lunch and open discussions until 1:00.

The field to be toured has been part of a multiyear on-farm no-till and cover crop trial. It has been divided into three 40-acre sections, each with different grain and cover crop rotations. When possible, each section has been rotationally grazed by 300 ewes. The field has a center-pivot, but has had minimal irrigation during the span of the trial. Dr. Augustine Obour, associate professor of soil science at Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center in Hays, has conducted infiltration tests on the field. He will be able to speak about the changes in infiltration and soil bulk density measured during the trial period. A Natural Resources and Conservation Services technician will

also be present with fourfoot-deep soil cores pulled from the field. These will be used to further discuss changes to the soil at both the surface and throughout its profile. To further show the differences in infiltration, runoff, and erosion between the toured field compared to fields in different soil management systems, Candy Thomas, NRCS regional soil health specialist, will demonstrate a rainfall simulator. This event is free and open all ages. To get an accurate meal headcount, RSVP is appreciated by August 14th. Registration can be completed online at www. kssoilhealth.org or by calling 620-544-2991.



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3 blk hfrs

1 blk hfr

**HEIFER CALVES** STOCKER & FEEDER STEERS 6 blk/red hfrs 343 @ 267.50 210 @ 265.00 3 blk/red hfrs 6 red/blk hfrs 427 @ 260.00

482 @ 250.00

505 @ 244.00

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417 @ 240.00 1715 @ 116.00 460 @ 240.00 1 blk cow 1325 @ 113.00 499 @ 240.00 1 bwf cow 1115 @ 111.00 1 blk cow 548 @ 236.00 1465 @ 110.00 2 wf/bwf hfrs 435 @ 227.00 1 wf cow 1530 @ 109.00 1320 @ 108.00 1 blk cow STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS 1 blk cow 1375 @ 107.00 1 blk cow 4 blk hfrs 621 @ 237.00 1975 @ 105.00 63 blk/red hfrs 792 @ 234.00 1 blk cow 1290 @ 104.00 1 blk cow 1460 @ 103.00 4 blk hfrs 654 @ 233.00 59 blk/red hfrs 853 @ 232.25 1 bwf cow 1110 @ 102.00 1280 @ 101.00 4 blk hfrs 713 @ 230.00 1 blk cow 1 blk hfr 690 @ 228.00 1 blk cow 1385 @ 99.50 8 blk/bwf hfrs 657 @ 225.00 1 red cow 1210 @ 99.00 3 blk/red hfrs 600 @ 216.00 1 blk cow 1340 @ 97.00 6 blk hfrs 946 @ 194.50 1 bwf cow 1135 @ 96.00 **COWS & HEIFERETTES** 1 blk cow 1220 @ 94.00 1 char hfrt 855 @ 125.00 1 red cow 1090 @ 93.00

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023:

- 60 Angus Char strs & hfrs, 700-900 lbs., vacc., homeraised
- 62 blk heifers, 800-850 lbs., off brome
- 150 blk red Angus strs, 825-875 lbs., off grass
- 60 blk char steers, 925-950 lbs.

1090 @ 147.00

- 61 blk xbred steers, 925-950 lbs.
- 59 blk/red steers, 850-875 lbs.

CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023: • 25 bwf wf strs, 750-800 lbs., weaned, vacc. • 200 blk steers, 800-850 lbs., off grass

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1 blk cow



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