

Ranchers' price-fixing suit against Big Four packers dismissed

By Greg Henderson, *Drover's*
Antitrust claims against the nation's largest beef packers by a group of ranchers have been dismissed.

A federal judge in Minnesota dismissed the claims filed by a putative class of cattle ranchers in a long-running case that alleged an industry-wide scheme to fix prices.

Judge John R. Tunheim of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota ruled the plaintiffs lacked standing to pursue their central arguments. The ranchers can't refile their complaint without first gain-

ing court approval on how they plan to amend the claims.

However, Tunheim indicated he was doubtful the ranchers could gain such approval, writing that they "have not shown how they would amend their complaint to establish antitrust standing or otherwise overcome the deficiencies in their first pleading."

The suit alleged the largest beef packers, JBS SA, Tyson Foods Inc., Cargill Inc., and National Beef Packing Co., conspired in an industry-wide scheme to widen the "meat margins" between the cost of live

cattle and price of processed beef. Further, the packers were accused of forcing the cost of cattle down, and the price of beef higher, through cartel tactics like coordinated procurement and "slaughter restraint."

The lawsuit alleged the four packers violated the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890 by engaging in a price-fixing conspiracy, and that they violated the Packers and Stockyards Act as well as the Commodity Exchange Act.

JBS reached a \$52.5 million class action settlement with beef wholesalers in September 2022.

Tunheim wrote in

his decision there are too many stages in the beef supply chain and too much time between the ranchers' sale of cattle and their purchase by meatpackers to adequately establish standing for the Sherman Act and Packers and Stockyards claims.

The brief ruling came about three weeks after Smithfield announced the third agreement, a \$75 million pact with consumers. Tunheim, who in January approved the company's \$83 million deal with wholesalers, also scheduled a Nov. 4 hearing on the consumer settlement.

Be on the lookout for worms in soybeans

By James Coover, *KSU Crop Production Agent*

So far we have seen an oddly low number of worms in the soybean fields, but we still have plenty of time for outbreaks in the soybean fields. We've had a couple of reports from the Montgomery and Wilson counties of some type of small worm in the double cropped soybeans. Most likely these are the first or second instar of the soybean podworms (same species as corn earworms), but possibility green cloverworm or loopers.

Don't "preventatively" spray. You might kill some worms, but you will kill all the beneficial wasps and assassin bugs that are currently keeping the worm populations low. You might be missing the prime window when soybean pods are filling and right now the soybeans don't seem to have much leaf damage. Also, soybean fungus pressure has been low due to the heat and dry weather. Personally, I think why not wait a couple of weeks? If you're not seeing much out there now, then check to see soybean pests are becoming an issue and include a fungicide if spraying is warranted. Be on the lookout for stinkbugs and bean leaf beetles too.

Soybean Podworms (Corn Earworms)

Podworm/earworms have multiple generations during the summer, starting off as 'headworms' in wheat. As the corn dries down the moths and worms will travel from the corn into the soybeans. Soybeans close to corn fields are most at risk, but the moths have had plenty of time to travel. They take about a month to go from first instar to the most damaging fifth instar. Because these will feed directly on the pod treatment threshold is low at one worm per row foot.

Greenclover Worms

Some years we see lots of greenclover worms and other years we see very few. This worm and loopers are less of a concern except in very high numbers because they mostly feed on the leaves. They are often controlled naturally by an internal fungus that takes over when conditions are right.

Loopers

Loopers look a lot like greenclover worms, but they have different 'leg' locations. They also crawl differently, more like an inchworm. Loopers also feed mostly on leaves and rarely get to high populations.

Governor Kelly kicks off 2023 KS Agricultural Growth Summit

Governor Laura Kelly kicked off the eighth annual Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth, a meeting of more than 400 leaders representing various agricultural interests across Kansas.

Kelly touted the importance of the industry to Kansas: In 2022, agriculture contributed over \$76 billion to the Kansas economy and fueled over 250,000 jobs - 14% of Kansas' workforce. Recently she announced that Kansas exported nearly \$5.5 billion of agricultural goods - the most in the state's history.

"Despite the many hurdles thrown our way - including the ongoing drought, which has devastated this sum-

mer's wheat harvest - the Kansas ag industry remains strong," said Kelly. "There's no doubt: Kansas remains a worldwide powerhouse in agriculture. But it's also clear that to keep our ag industry modern and competitive, we have to solve two major challenges facing us: water and workforce shortages."

Workforce and water were the focus of the morning sessions at this year's Ag Growth Summit. Kelly shared actions her administration is taking to solve water and workforce shortages, including by making record investments in water-saving infrastructure and expanding registered apprenticeships. Guest

speakers provided insight, and then attendees broke up into groups for an interactive discussion on how we can work together toward solutions for these critical challenges.

"Many of the initiatives that have contributed to Kansas agriculture were the result of discussions here at the Ag Growth Summit," said Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "We appreciate the commitment of leaders and producers who take time to engage in active discussion about what can be done to drive growth and how we can collaborate to move agriculture forward to benefit the state of Kansas."

Beam closed the conference by providing a summary of the morning's discussions on workforce and water and by recognizing the 2023 Kansas Ag Heroes.

For more about the 2023 Kansas Ag Growth Summit and the full Ag Growth Project - including materials shared in the day's sessions and a full list of the Kansas Ag Heroes - visit www.agriculture.ks.gov/GrowAg.



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Compared to the last report, demand and trade activity remains slow, prices were steady. As hay harvest continues, additional scattered rainfall recently has led to further improvements in some of the highest categories of drought. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 15th, the categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) increased to near 18%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to near 24%, severe drought (D2) increased to 23%, extreme drought (D3) decreased to 17%, and exceptional drought (D4) decreased to 1%.

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Needing a quick-growing tree thanks to storm damage? Not so fast!

With the recent storm damage, some people need to find replacement trees. Fast-growing plants can be a blessing when you need something in your landscape as soon as possible, but come with their own set of drawbacks. Some of the fastest-growing trees aren't native to North America and run the risk of becoming invasive. Even native trees can turn brittle if growing too fast, and the faster a tree grows, the

more likely it is to have subpar structure. However, there are some good compromises between fast growth and strong trees.

Oaks are not known for their fast growth, but Chinquapin and red oaks are exceptions to this rule, with each growing at over two feet per year. Chinquapin oaks are one criminally underrated and underplanted tree, but are gaining more popularity in landscaping, so they are becoming easier to find in garden centers. They are also one of the best white oak species for Southeastern Kansas, and come with my full recommendation. However, don't try to fit square pegs in round holes - there may be better choices for your specific location. If you ever have any questions about putting a specific tree in a certain spot, your local Extension office can help you find the best tree for what you need.

Because fast-growing trees quickly outgrow arm's length, it will take extra diligence during the tree's early years to prune out any poor branching structure before the tree's growth kicks into high gear and you need extra equipment to do any corrective pruning. Most

trees need a strong central leader with multiple horizontal limbs, called excurrent growth. Some species such as redbuds and ornamental pears fight against this convention, instead sending multiple branches upwards - this is known as decurrent growth. This results in nice-looking canopy shape, but creates a potential point of failure in strong winds. The point at which these upward stems diverge is called the crotch, and the lower that this crotch occurs on the trunk, the more likely you are to experience a total tree failure. Trees that already have weak wood have a much higher risk of failure, so ornamental pears, silver maples, ashes, and pecans all need substantial corrective pruning when they are still small.

When buying a tree from a nursery, you have the option of getting smaller individuals or larger individuals. There are pros and cons to each. Buying a larger tree from the get-go gives you a head start toward a mature tree in the landscape. Most larger trees will also be set in their branching structure, so trees with the right structure will need minimal correction, if any.

However, larger trees are a bigger money investment, are harder to transport, and will go through greater transplant shock once you get the tree in the ground. If you are okay with providing extra care to the tree in its first year until the transplant shock wears off, then a larger tree might be worth the investment. On the other hand, if your tree needs corrective pruning, if you are concerned about the effects of transplant shock, or if you are trying to save money, a smaller individual is usually worth the extra time that it will take for the tree to grow.

For every tree, the best time to be looking to plant trees is in the fall. The soil is still warm from the summer, which encourages root growth. The temperatures are falling, but still relatively warm, and you can get an idea of what fall color your tree will have before you buy it. Your extension office will have publications on how to plant and care for newly planted trees, to give your investment the best possible chance of paying off.

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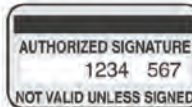
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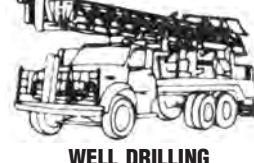
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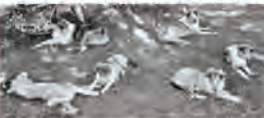
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With short feed supplies in many regions of the country because of drought, a lot of hay changed hands in recent years. Purchased forage should still be tested just like a producer would do for his/her own homegrown bales. Testing your forage will ensure what you have in your feed for matching and meeting your animals' nutritional requirements. In addition to nutrients, forage tests can tell producers if there are any toxins present in their feed.

Drought-stressed crops such as corn and sorghum, sorghum-Sudan grass, Sudan, and millet tend to accumulate high nitrate levels in the lower leaves and stalk of the plant. Nitrates accumulate in the lower portion of these plants when stressed. Nitrate toxicity in livestock is because of its absorption into the bloodstream and binding to hemoglobin, ren-

dering it unable to carry oxygen throughout the body, the result of nitrate toxicity in livestock is eventual asphyxiation and death. It is wise for producers to test their drought-stricken forage prior to harvest. Levels of nitrates can increase in drought-stressed plants after a rain and delaying harvest may be beneficial.

If testing before harvesting, samples should reflect what the animals are expected to consume, generally leaves and upper portion of the plant. Sample a minimum of 15 sites across a given field. One method is to sample from each corner and the center by walking diagonal lines and sample plants every 50-100 steps or as appropriate for field size.

Collecting a forage sample might seem like a difficult task but it can be made easy with these simple steps. 1.) Obtain a hay-sampling probe, which can be obtained from your local Extension office. 2.) For large round or square bales, the probe should penetrate at least 18 inches into the bale and have an internal diameter of at least 3/8 inch. About 20 core samples are considered a lot. 3.) Collect one sample

from each bale by coring straight in from the center of the end of square bales and from the wrapped circumference of round bales. Place the entire sample into a plastic bucket, mix it around, and then fill a plastic zip-lock bag for transport. Make sure to label each "lot" sampled based on cutting date, location, and producer's name. 4.) For chopped or ground hay, collect about ten small samples during the grinding process and place them in a plastic bucket for mixing then place the sample into a zip-lock bag for transport. If you are sampling a pile, take about one-fourth of the samples from the top half of the pile and the rest from the lower half.

Forage analyses are an inexpensive technique to know what you are feeding your cattle. Forage probes can be checked out at any River Valley Extension office. Additionally, we will help you select the proper analysis for your operation and send your samples off to a certified laboratory. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn Hildebrand in the Concordia office at 785-243-8185 or at khildebrand@ksu.edu.

Killer wasps? Only the cicadas need to worry

By Maddy Rohr,

K-State Research and Extension news service

They may look brilliant to the human eye, but cicada killer wasps are certainly no ally to the six-legged, three-eyed insect whose steady buzz can be heard on most summer nights in Kansas.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said it is common for cicada killer wasps to build nests in lawn and garden areas around the home.

"At about one and a half inches long, cicada killers are an intimidating wasp. They have reddish-colored wings and legs and a black abdomen with wide, yellow stripes," Domenghini said.

Females have a stinger which is used to paralyze their prey. Domenghini said they rarely sting people unless agitated. Males are smaller and do not have a stinger.

"Females are responsible for locating cicadas and paralyzing them with their stinger. She then carries the cicada back to her burrow. Each burrow can house up to 20 cicadas," Domenghini said.

There is one generation per year of cicada killers, beginning with larvae hatching. Adult cicada killers are most abundant during June and July, then die in early fall.

"Cicada killers typically cause very little damage to the landscape. A heavy infestation may become a nuisance as they protect their nests, and the burrows may be considered unsightly, especially in a lawn area," Domenghini said.

Cicada killers prefer well-drained, light soils in full sun, she added.

"They may burrow along sidewalks or flowerbeds but do not like areas covered with mulch," Domenghini said. "Maintaining a thick, healthy lawn is the best control for preventing burrows."

Domenghini warns that pesticides are not usually necessary since adults are only present for about two months beginning mid- to late summer, but Permethrin may be used for control.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to

Domenghini at cdom@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.



You Don't Know What You Don't Know

I haven't been at it long, but I'm seeing that foraging is difficult in ways I hadn't anticipated: It's actually quite hard to learn on your own when you don't know what you don't know. It's harder when you realize that you don't even know what you thought you knew going into it. My main focus right now is on identifying local weeds and their hidden usefulness. One day, after adding a few new pages to the ever-growing binder of plant information I've been putting together, I grabbed it along with a notepad and pen, and headed off to my favorite trail. It's a heavily wooded path with wild foliage, and with a careful foot, you can make it down to a serene creek. My goal was to get to said creek and see what I could find along the bank. I walked maybe 20 paces into the mouth of the trail before getting distracted by some familiar, heart-shaped leaves poking out of the ground (spoiler alert - I never made it to the creek). I was pretty sure that these did not belong to a weed, but they looked very similar to a couple different ones I had just been reading about; could it be miner's lettuce, wild ginger, maybe garlic mustard? I paused to look through my binder, but quickly deflated as I came to the conclusions of no, no, and definitely not. How did I know for sure? For one, the leaves sprouting along the ground looked exactly like some leaves stretching sporadically across the branches of several very tall trees in the same area. I confirmed these leaves didn't belong to a vine, and

last I checked, weeds didn't grow quite that tall. Also, the leaves of each plant in my binder, while similarly shaped, were noticeably different in size and abundance from what I was actually looking at. At this point, I was starting to feel overwhelmed. Why did everything have to look so similar? You'd think nature would have more variety. Checking my physical resources off the list of "things that are helping me right now," I reluctantly turned to Google Reverse Image Search, not expecting much. The answer it gave me? Eastern Redbud. What?? That's preposterous, I thought. Redbud is one I actually know, because they're prolific enough around here to have streets and neighborhoods named after them. As I scrolled through the results, getting more indignant about how this couldn't be possible, it occurred to me that I couldn't confidently identify a redbud when it wasn't in bloom. Perhaps the trees were just barren until next spring, or perhaps they had shoots of green, heart-shaped leaves that I'd never gotten close enough to pay attention to before. I jotted down some notes as I pondered this and then noticed I was short on time, so I left the trail without getting any farther, feeling the prickle of dis-suasion creeping into my chest. I lamented to myself what a waste of time this had been, and how useless what little knowledge I had was. This is so daunting; will I ever have a hope of knowing enough to confidently forage and care for my-

self? It sure didn't feel like it, but I had barely even started. I knew in that moment I wasn't ready to give up, not just yet.

I'm jumping off on my own into an unknown world with little guidance, so it's reasonable that I'm struggling to find a place to start, that the things I'm learning so far aren't helping me on my walks. It wasn't for naught; that short-lived and disappointing excursion taught me that I need to shake up my tactics. Maybe I need to look for a new source or use different keywords when I search for information. Maybe this will be the push I need to try and find a local nature group or an online forum to meet new, more knowledgeable people (as horrifying as that sounds). With this affirmation, another important thought struck me like lightning; I also learned that I don't know everything I think I know, and wow, is that some powerful knowledge to have. Not only is it humbling, but a very valuable mindset when doing an activity such as foraging for medicinal plants. You do NOT want to make a mistake with what you're using

- one misidentification is all it takes to end up sick, or worse. Admitting that you don't recognize a plant is far better than confidently identifying it wrong. I learned I have the exact level of caution that I need to for(a) ge on (pun intended), and that is encouraging. The grand conclusion here is that I still don't know what that plant was. It's probably a safe, semi-educated guess to say it was a redbud sapling, and I'll certainly be taking a closer look next season at any tree with those classic pink buds, but it's okay that I don't know for sure yet. It's even better that I know I don't know, because I get the sense that will save me at some point in the future. What's important right now is not what I don't know, but that I stay on my quest and keep learning, because you don't know what you don't know, until you do.

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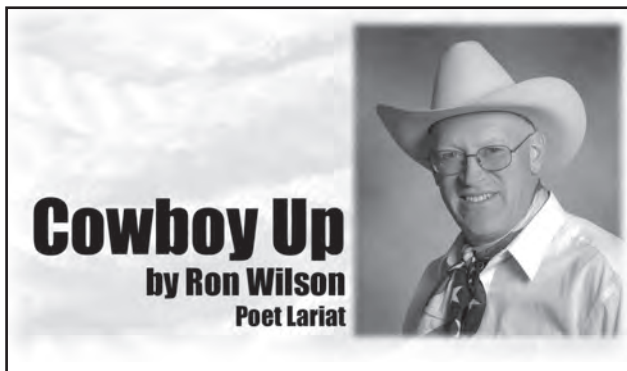
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Bonnie and Clyde Return

The following is a true story of a Bonnie and Clyde sighting.

Our ranch has an old concrete bridge over a deep creek bed. Decades ago, a previous owner dumped an old truck in the creek next to the bridge, I assume to keep the sides of the creek bed from eroding. It has worked well. There was even cement dumped on it at some point.

As a result, there is a cool-looking late 1930s/early 1940s-model truck lodged in the creek next to the bridge. That bridge is on the route where I take

hayrack rides when guests come to visit the ranch.

A few years ago, we had a group come to visit in late October (I think it was a 4-H club that was having a Halloween party). On Halloween night, we were to provide a hayrack ride.

I decided that I would make up a tall tale to tell the group about the truck, just for fun. Before the hay wagon left for the ride, I told the group that in the 1930s there were some bad bank robbers named Bonnie and Clyde. Then I told them a fanciful tale (totally made up) about how Bonnie and Clyde robbed

Bonnie and Clyde

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Bonnie and Clyde were bad guys, bank robbers of yesteryear. I made up a tale for the kids of how Bonnie and Clyde were once here. It was purely a made-up story of Bonnie and Clyde on the run: An imaginary tall tale, all made up for Halloween fun. And then it happened years later, when our neighbor's donkeys got loose, they were caught and brought to our ranch so they wouldn't again vamoose. The owner made the trip over for donkeys' possession, he claims. He told us that "Bonnie and Clyde" happened to be these donkeys' names. It fit with my tall tale of yesteryear, of robbers in our countryside, So I thought that it was quite fitting: The Return of Bonnie and Clyde.

Happy Trails!

a bank in Manhattan, Kansas on Halloween Day.

I told them that the police were chasing Bonnie and Clyde after they robbed the bank, and that Bonnie & Clyde drove out into the countryside and onto our farm. "Bonnie and Clyde crashed their truck into the creek and got away under the bridge, and then the police got

them years later," I said.

"Now according to legend," I went on, "every year on Halloween night, you can see Bonnie and Clyde's old truck if the moon is just right, so stay alert." Then we took the hayrack ride across the meadow and across the bridge. There the kids were able to see what was Bonnie and Clyde's al-

leged truck. The kids were so excited! The club leaders and I all had a laugh. It was a good time.

Fast forward to today. I got a call from the county police department: "Two donkeys are loose on the state highway near your place. Are they yours?"

Uh-oh. We own one miniature donkey plus several horses. I made a quick check and was relieved to find that all our livestock were in place and secure. I reported this to the county staff, who advised me that the two runaway donkeys were now standing in a neighbor's backyard next to the highway a couple of miles away.

I went over to the neighbors to see if I could help. Sure enough, at the neighbor's place there was a pair of donkeys (male and female, technically a jack and a jenny) standing on their unfenced lawn. The donkeys were calm and friendly but we didn't know where they belonged.

Calls around the neigh-

borhood proved fruitless. I left a message on one person's cell number which it turned out had been re-assigned to someone new. Imagine the conversation when the new owner of the number retrieved that message: "Hey Mabel, some idiot wants to know if our donkeys are out. Is this some drunk prank?!"

The donkeys were now at a place with no barn, panels or pen in which to hold them, so I volunteered to trailer them to our place and care for them until the owner was found. We did so and reported all this to the county.

Eventually my wife was able to track down the owner. He was nice and apologetic, and came and got the runaways.

"These are very nice donkeys," I said. "What are their names?"

"Bonnie and Clyde," he said.

Wow. It was as if those outlaws made one last trip to the ranch.

Consumers still prefer beef over alternatives

In the July 2023 Consumer Food Insights Report, 1,200 surveyors were asked to compare beef from cattle to alternatives including plant-based, cell-cultured and lab-grown. Each surveyor was randomly assigned one of the three options to compare beef from cattle.

The researchers found that consumers have yet to embrace meat alternatives as better than beef from cattle. The sole exception is that plant-based alternatives are rated higher than beef on the animal-welfare dimension.

"The biggest takeaway from our alternative meat questions is that consumers still overwhelmingly prefer beef from cattle across a wide range of product attributes. This result reinforces the fact that plant-based meat remains a niche product. And while cell-cultured meat has not yet hit the market, our study highlights that marketing — and in particular, the naming of a new product or technology — can influence consumer perceptions of the

product," said Joseph Balagtas, the new director of the Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability and a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service has used the term "cell-cultured" in its recent directives on these products. "There is potential for some tension if food companies find that a term like 'lab-grown' markets better," he said.

Additional takeaways from the monthly survey include:

- Household food-at-home spending is up 4.6 percent from July 2022, reaching its highest level yet.
- Consumers' predictions for food inflation over the next 12 months have dropped to 3.7 percent, the lowest recorded by this survey.
- Food insecurity is a percentage point lower than last month but higher than the 2022 average for the third straight month.



Soil Temp Determines Fertilizing Date

The calendar indicates that the fescue or bluegrass lawn should be fertilized soon. Temperatures indicate that we should wait a little bit. Fertilizer provides additional resources for the plant to use, but only when it is growing. Cool-season grasses won't use fertilizer until it cools down.

Research indicates that cool-season turf roots which take up the fertilizer stop growing when soil temperature is above 77 degrees. The soil temperature in Riley County is around 79 degrees. K-State's weather data library records soil temperatures around the state. You can check them at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wd/.

Optimum grass shoot growth is with air tem-

peratures of 60 to 75 degrees. Root growth is 50 to 65 degrees. These are soil temperatures at four inches below the soil surface. We have a ways to go before they drop to optimum growth.

September is traditionally the most important time to fertilize cool-season grasses. Once the grass starts growing again, we want it to have all it needs to grow and fill in areas. This will keep weeds from growing in the open spots. An inch of water a week will also keep the grass growing.

Nitrogen fertilizer is the major nutrient most established lawns need. Apply 1 to 1.5 pounds of actual nitrogen per one thousand square feet of lawn. Fertilizer bags usually cover five to ten thousand square feet with one pound of actual nitrogen. Organic fertilizers aren't as concentrated, and more product is required to get

to the recommended nitrogen amount.

Apply the fertilizer evenly across the lawn. Overlapping is good if all the grass gets the same amount. Streaks appear when one area gets less nitrogen fertilizer than another.

Fertilizer that lands on hard surfaces must be distributed on the yard evenly. If not, this fertilizer washes into storm drains. It is a waste and becomes a pollutant when not put on the lawn.

Contact me or go to k-state.edu/turf/ for additional information.

You can find out more information on this and other horticulture topics by going to the Riley County, K-State Research and Extension website at www.riley.ksu.edu. Gregg may be contacted by calling 785-537-6350 or stopping by 110 Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan or e-mail: geyeston@ksu.edu.

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Governor updates declaration of drought emergency, warnings and watches for Kansas counties

Governor Laura Kelly has approved updated drought declarations for Kansas counties with Executive Order #23-04.

"Kansans have been resilient in the face of drought this past year," said Kelly. "Even with some regions receiving significant rainfall, I strongly encourage all Kansans to continue to be mindful of ways we can conserve water and minimize fire hazards."

The drought declaration placed 55 counties into an emergency status, 18 counties in a warning status and 32 into a watch status. This action was recommended by Connie Owen, director of the Kansas Water Office and chair of the Governor's Drought Response Team. While most of western

Kansas have seen relief from drought in the last two months, central and southeast Kansas have continued to be dry, with nearly 30 percent of Kansas currently in extreme or exceptional drought.

"We are still seeing the effects of the drought conditions from the past year. With drought conditions persisting throughout parts of the state, we are continuing to see stressed surface and ground water supplies, negative effects on crop production and elevated wildfire risk," said Owen. "The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to monitor the drought conditions across Kansas and make recommendations to Governor Kelly as conditions change."

Through an interagency agreement between the Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Kansas Division of Emergency Management, counties in emergency stage are eligible for emergency use of water from certain state fishing lakes. These counties also become eligible for water in some federal reservoirs.

Individuals and communities need to contact the Kansas Water Office for a water supply request prior to any withdrawals from lakes. These requests will in turn be referred to the appropriate office to obtain necessary permits to withdraw requested water.

This Executive Order

shall remain in effect for those counties identified until rescinded by Executive Order ending the declaration or revising the drought stage status of the affected counties.

Effective immediately, Executive Order #23-04:

• Declares a Drought Emergency, Warning or Watch for the counties as identified below;

• Authorizes and directs all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate watch, warning or emergency level drought response actions assigned in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

The Governor's Drought Response Team will continue to watch the situation closely and

work to minimize the negative drought-induced effects on Kansans.

For more detailed information about current conditions, visit the Climate and Drought webpage on the Kansas Water Office website at kwo.ks.gov.

County Drought Stage Declarations:

Drought Emergency: Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Dickinson, Edwards, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Greenwood, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jewell, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips,

Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Smith, Stafford, Sumner, Trego, Wilson, Woodson.

Drought Warning: Cherokee, Clay, Decatur, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Johnson, Kingman, Labette, Linn, Miami, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, Sheridan, Wabaunsee, Washington.

Drought Watch: Atchison, Barber, Brown, Cheyenne, Clark, Comanche, Doniphan, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Jackson, Jefferson, Kearny, Leavenworth, Logan, Marshall, Meade, Morton, Nemaha, Rawlins, Scott, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita, Wyandotte.

ServiTech hires conservation agronomist to encourage conservation and carbon strategy on company's extensive list of services

As the agriculture industry moves toward collecting data on its carbon footprint, ServiTech is poised to assist growers and co-op managers with its own conservation agronomist. ServiTech has hired Chris Lobbmeyer, Plymouth, Kan., to lead this area of agronomy and help growers navigate the evolving environmental and carbon-market focused programs now available.

With an extensive career in agriculture, crop consulting and most recently technology, Lobbmeyer will lead ServiTech's agriculture, consulting and lab services customers through the aggressive carbon market. ServiTech welcomes Lobbmeyer to the team as an essential tool in the company's toolbox.

Lobbmeyer earned a

Bachelor of Science in agriculture, majoring in animal science, from Kansas State University. He maintained a conservation-focused degree program, studying range management, while also working for his family's farm near Garden City. Lobbmeyer watched his brother, who manages the farm, convert acres to no-till and says his range management, biology and ecology courses from K-State sparked his interest in conservation practices.

"In the end, every farmer and every agronomist is an ecologist," Lobbmeyer says. "Applied agriculture is biology and nature is going to win. Growers naturally protect the environment with all they do."

After graduating from K-State Lobbmeyer worked

in the feed and cattle industry, managed his own seed plant then began working for ServiTech as an agronomist for five seasons. He spent time in industry and worked as an independent crop consultant before spending nearly three years at Indigo as a technical services agronomist focused on soil health.

"My time with ServiTech was the best education I had because I was able to see how different farmers operate, both good and bad," Lobbmeyer says. "I was able to witness a lot better, more consistent farms due to conservation practices."

As ServiTech's Conservation Agronomist Lobbmeyer says he will work to help co-ops and growers navigate the current carbon markets and newer

conservation programs. His job will include consulting with customers to find ways to reduce inputs that add to their bottom line. Lobbmeyer says he will also focus on building relationships in the carbon industry to benefit growers long term.

Ryan Hassebrook, president and CEO of ServiTech, says the company's new conservation agronomist position will be critical to co-op owners and growers who need advice as they work through cover cropping, no till practices and carbon credits.

"Chris brings a wealth of knowledge in regenerative agriculture and has contacts with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture," Hassebrook says. "The up-

coming Farm Bill will most likely provide dollars for cover cropping that Chris can help our customers work toward. As growers navigate drought and disasters, ServiTech is ready to provide them with someone to provide strategies and to mitigate catastrophes."

Lobbmeyer is a board member of the Kansas Ag Research Technology Association, president of the Garden City regional music Tumbleweed Festival and is a member of the Garden City band boosters. He has four children and lives in Garden City.



Conservation Agronomist Chris Lobbmeyer of Plymouth, Kansas. *Courtesy photo*

Understand your opponent: fight mastitis by the pathogen

Mastitis is not a one-treatment-fits-all disease, and it can show up on a dairy in many places.

"Mastitis is an opportunistic disease, with most infections coming from bacteria entering the teat and reaching the mammary gland," shared Linda Tikofsky, DVM, Boehringer Ingelheim. "So many organisms can cause it, but there are ones that are more common than others that we see repeat themselves, rather than just oddball infections." *Streptococcus (Strep) agalactiae*, *Staphylococcus (Staph) aureus*, *Strep dysgalactiae* and *Escherichia coli* are four well-known pathogens that cause mastitis.

Prevention protocols are the best method of keeping mastitis in check. To decide where prevention measures may need to be strengthened, you must know where the pathogens are coming from and how they are infecting your cows. We can break down mastitis pathogens into two categories: contagious and environmental.

"*Strep agalactiae* and *Staph aureus* are both contagious pathogens," explained Dr. Tikofsky.

"They primarily live in the cow's udder and spread from cow to cow at milking time." Luckily, with the help of strong milking parlor protocols and well-established dry cow therapy programs on our modern dairy farms, the risk of contagious mastitis has been greatly reduced. "*Strep dysgalactiae* and *E. coli* are environmental pathogens," she continued. "They can be found in a variety of places on the dairy, like bedding, manure, water or the milking parlor if proper hygiene isn't practiced." Environmental pathogens are more of a concern within our dairy herds today, because they are the most opportunistic pathogens, ready to infect cows at any time.

Dr. Tikofsky reminds us that having strong, hygienic parlor protocols, good bedding and manure management, solid dry cow procedures and well-balanced rations are all great places to start when preventing and managing mastitis. Segregating mastitis-positive cows and healthy cows is another great practice, she added.

Mastitis infections can be generally defined

through their microbiological group classifications: Gram-positive, Gram-negative or no-growth. Knowing the classification of a mastitis case can help you choose the best treatment options.

Gram-positive infections are the ones we need to focus our antibiotic treatment on. These mastitis infections are most likely to become chronic if left untreated, and should be treated with a short-duration antibiotic labeled for Gram-positive pathogens.

Gram-negative and no-growth mastitis infections are cases in which an animal will likely not benefit from treatment. A no-growth case lets us know that the cow has cleared the infection on her own and will not need antibiotics. Many mild to moderate Gram-negative mastitis infections will self-cure and providing an antibiotic treatment will make no difference in the outcome. However, it is important to work with your veterinarian to develop protocols that address supportive

care for severe Gram-negative cases.

With the help of your herd veterinarian, an on-farm culturing system can help differentiate between these classifications of mastitis infections, providing results within 24 hours. By keeping records of what cases are causing the most trouble, you can pinpoint what protocols need to be strengthened.

Here is a basic outline of how each of the four well-known mastitis pathogens will show up on a culture plate:

- *Strep agalactiae* and *Staph aureus* are both contagious pathogens and will show up as Gram-positive. They have characteristic growth patterns that can help identify their presence and provide indication that you should alert your veterinarian.

- *Strep dysgalactiae* is an environmental pathogen and will also show up as Gram-positive.

- *E. coli* is an environmental pathogen but will show up as Gram-negative.

- If there is no-growth on your culture plate,

there may be little to no bacteria left in the udder, because the cow has already cleared the infection herself.

"There is not one singular spot on the dairy that we need to look at for mastitis prevention," concluded Dr. Tikofsky. "It is important to remember that preventing mastitis is multifactorial." With the help of your veterinarian, implementing an on-site culturing system can help decipher when antibiotic treatments are necessary, and where most cases of mastitis originate on your dairy. By knowing your top pathogen opponents, you can build the best preven-

tion and treatment protocols to keep mastitis under control.

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Trend on Cows & Bulls: Steady to firm.

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- 20 pairs
- 25 mx steers & heifers, 600lbs
- 50 blk steers & heifers, off cows, 450-650lbs
- 120 steers & heifers, HR, LTW, 750-850lbs
- 180 mostly blk steers, off grass, 850-950lbs
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Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

Could soil microplastics possibly introduce resistant superbugs to the food supply?

Like every industry, modern farming relies heavily on plastics. Think plastic mulch lining vegetable beds, PVC pipes draining water from fields, polyethylene covering high tunnels, and plastic seed, fertilizer, and herbicide packaging, to name a few. In a new review article, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign researchers say these plastics are now widely dispersed in agricultural soils in the form of microplastics and nanoplastics.

That's not necessarily new; microplastics have been found in nearly every ecosystem and organism on Earth. The twist, according to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) researchers, is that micro- and nanoplastics in agricultural soil could contribute to antibiotic resistant bacteria with a ready route into our food supply.

"Plastic itself may not be very toxic, but it can act as a vector for transmitting pathogenic and antimicrobial resistant bacteria into the food chain," said study author Jayashree Nath, postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition in ACES. "This phenomenon is not very well

known to people, so we wanted to raise awareness."

If the link between microplastics and antibiotic resistance is less than obvious, here's how it works. First, plastics are an excellent adsorbent. That means chemical substances and microscopic organisms love to stick to plastic. Chemicals that would ordinarily move through soil quickly — things like pesticides and heavy metals — instead stick around and are concentrated when they encounter plastics. Similarly, bacteria and other micro-organisms that occur naturally in soil preferentially congregate on the stable surfaces of microplastics, forming what are known as biofilms.

When bacteria encounter unusual chemical substances in their new home base, they activate stress response genes that incidentally help them resist other chemicals too, including, sometimes, antibiotics. And when groups of bacteria attach to the same surface, they have a habit of sharing these genes through a process called horizontal gene transfer. Nanoplastics, which can enter bacterial cells, present a different kind of stress, but

that stress can have the same outcome.

"Bacteria have been evolving genetic mechanisms to cope with stress for millions of years. Plastic is a new material bacteria have never seen in nature, so they are now evoking these genetic tool sets to deal with that stress," said co-author Pratik Banerjee, associate professor in FSHN and Illinois Extension specialist. "We have also shown bacteria may become more virulent in the presence of plastics, in addition to becoming more resistant to antimicrobials."

Gene transfer between bacteria on microplastics has been documented in other environments, particularly water. So far, the phenomenon is only hypothetical in agricultural soil, but that doesn't mean it's not happening. Nath and Banerjee are currently running laboratory studies to document gene transfer.

"Soil is an under-researched area in this field," Banerjee said. "We have an obligation to understand what's going on in soil, because what we suspect and what we fear is that the situation in soil could be even worse than in water."

"One of the technical

problems is that soil is a very difficult medium to handle when it comes to fishing out microplastics. Water is so easy, because you can simply filter the microplastic out," Banerjee added. "But we have made some good headway thanks to Jayashree and our collaboration with the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center."

The authors point out many foodborne pathogens make it onto produce from their native home in the soil, but nanoplastics and antibiotic resistant bacteria could be small enough to enter roots and plant tissues — where they are impossible to wash away. While nanoplastics have been documented in and on crops, the field of study is still new and it's not well known how often this occurs. Banerjee's research group plans to tackle that question as well.

Ultimately, microplastics are here to stay. After all, they persist in the environment for centuries or longer. The authors say it's time to understand their impacts in the soil and our food system, raise awareness, and push toward biodegradable plastic alternatives.

The study, "Interaction of microbes with

microplastics and nanoplastics in the agroecosystems—impact on antimicrobial resistance," is published in Pathogens [DOI: 10.3390/pathogens12070888]. Authors

include Jayashree Nath, Jayita De, Shantanu Sur, and Pratik Banerjee. The research was supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the USDA.

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Grass & Grain Weather Report Aug. 30, 2023

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Sunny
High: 86 Low: 61

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 91 Low: 67

FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 92 Low: 66

SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 94 Low: 70

SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 96 Low: 71

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 97 Low: 73

TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 98 Low: 72

In-Depth Local Forecast

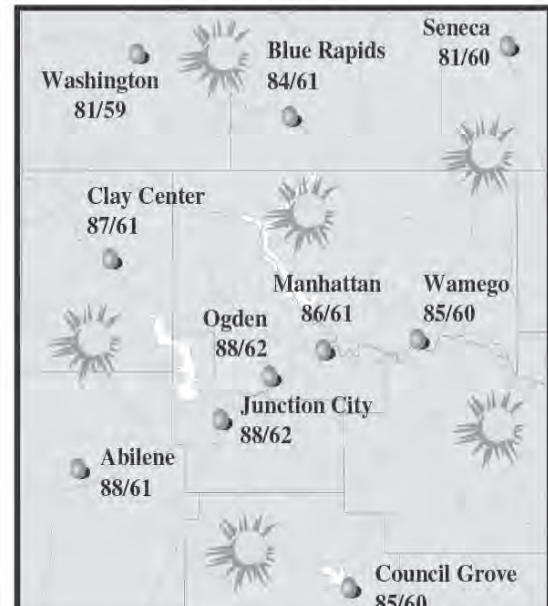
Today we will see sunny skies, high of 86°, humidity of 42%. East southeast wind 3 to 9 mph. The record high for today is 106° set in 2000. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 61°. Southeast wind 9 to 13 mph. The record low for tonight is 46° set in 2009.

Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi/Lo	Normals	Precip
8/18	94/55	89/65	0.00"
8/19	115R/72	89/65	0.00"
8/20	103/70	89/64	0.00"
8/21	108R/75	89/64	0.00"
8/22	106R/78	89/64	0.00"
8/23	105/79	88/64	0.00"
8/24	108/77	88/63	0.00"

Rainfall 0.00"
Normal rainfall 1.11"
Departure -1.11"
Average temp 88.9°
Average normal 76.4°
Departure +12.5°

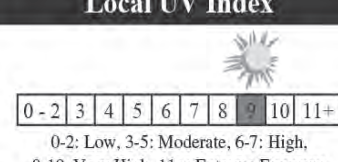
Today's Local Outlook



This Week's Sun & Moon Chart

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:53 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:14 p.m.	6:05 a.m.
Thursday	6:54 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	8:43 p.m.	7:24 a.m.
Friday	6:55 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	9:09 p.m.	8:41 a.m.
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	9:56 a.m.
Sunday	6:57 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	11:09 a.m.
Monday	6:57 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	10:33 p.m.	12:21 p.m.
Tuesday	6:58 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	11:08 p.m.	1:32 p.m.

Local UV Index



0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather History

Aug. 30, 1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to 12 inches fell south of Houston and as much as 18 inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned 14 tornadoes in three days.

Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
8/18	24	8/22	42
8/19	43	8/23	42
8/20	36	8/24	42
8/21	41		

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3 blk/bwf str	527 @ 275.00
2 red bulls	408 @ 265.00
1 blk bull	510 @ 265.00

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7 blk/red str	563 @ 269.00
3 blk/bwf str	613 @ 268.50
16 blk/bwf str	648 @ 267.00
5 x-bred str	608 @ 262.00
3 blk str	597 @ 259.00
14 blk/red str	749 @ 250.50
13 blk str	675 @ 249.50
4 blk str	658 @ 249.00
67 blk/red str	851 @ 247.25

HEIFER CALVES

7 blk hfrs	476 @ 270.50
2 blk hfrs	410 @ 269.00
7 blk hfrs	439 @ 262.00

STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS

8 blk hfrs	571 @ 256.00
5 blk/bwf hfrs	606 @ 254.00
5 blk hfrs	600 @ 252.50
3 x-bred hfrs	600 @ 245.00

BREED COWS

8 blk/bwf cows	@ 2600.00
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COWS

1 blk cow	1380 @ 140.00
1 blk cow	1295 @ 135.00
1 bwf cow	1070 @ 129.00
1 blk cow	1480 @ 126.00
1 blk cow	1520 @ 124.00
1 blk cow	1390 @ 116.00
1 bwf cow	1305 @ 110.00
1 blk cow	1250 @ 105.00
1 blk cow	1085 @ 90.00

BULLS

6 blk/bwf cows	@ 2525.00
2 blk/bwf cows	@ 2400.00
6 blk cows	@ 2300.00
6 blk cows	@ 2100.00
6 blk/bwf cows	@ 2100.00
5 bwf cows	@ 2100.00
2 blk hfrs	@ 2000.00
3 blk/bwf cows	@ 1850.00
3 blk/bwf cows	@ 1700.00
2 x-bred cows	@ 1650.00
2 blk cows	@ 1500.00
7 blk cows	@ 1485.00
1 blk cow	@ 1450.00
1 blk cow	@ 1310.00

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1 bwf bull 1810 @ 128.00 1 blk bull 1605 @ 112.00

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- 50 SimAngus str & hfrs, 550-650 lbs., weaned, vaccinated
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- 28 blk bwf heifers, 850-875 lbs., off grass
- 125 blk steers, 775-800 lbs., off grass
- 480 blk char steers, 750-850 lbs., off grass
- 120 blk str, 875-900 lbs., Northern origin, off grass
- 130 blk steers, 775-800 lbs., off grass
- 60 blk steers, 925-950 lbs.
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