Wheat industry applauds Senate American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023

Wheat Associates (USW) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) in thanking Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), Jon Tester (D-MT), Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Pete Ricketts (R-NE) for introduction of the American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023 in the U.S. Senate. The bi-partisan legislation would restore the original intent of the Food for Peace program without spending additional Farm Bill resources, while also safeguarding the interests of hard-working American farmers in providing food to those in need around the

USW and NAWG have joined the broader agriculture industry in backing the legislation, seeing it as an effort to use U.S.-grown commodities to fight global hunger rather than spending American taxpayers' dollars to purchase food from competitors of the U.S. wheat in-

"The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers applauds the support of Senator Marshall on the American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023," said Justin Gilpin, CEO of Kansas Wheat. "The Food for Peace program has a storied history in Kansas, sparked by a Kansas farmer who suggested U.S. farmers could share their harvest with global neighbors. Wheat food aid donations now average around 30 million bushels per year. Keeping the food in food aid remains an important aspect of these programs that are designed to provide humanitarian assistance to those in need around the world."

"Wheat farmers in Kansas and all across the country have a long history supporting international food aid going back to the origins of Food for Peace," said Brian Linin, a Goodland wheat farmer who serves on the Kansas Wheat Commission and U.S. Wheat Associates boards and on the USW/NAWG Food Aid Working Group Committee. "Our nation, and those in need, benefit most directly and transparently from receiving American commodities instead of cash and vouchers.'

"It is exciting to see the Senate join the House in supporting the role of U.S. farmers in the Farm Bill's international food aid programs," said USW Director of Trade policy Peter Laudeman. "The American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023 offers an important rebalancing to ensure that Food for Peace remains focused on effectively delivering as much American-grown food to as many people in need as possible. We certainly want to offer a huge thank you to Senator Braun, Senator Tester. Senator Marshall and Senator Rickets for championing this important bill."

The American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023 was introduced in the U.S. House on June 22. USW and NAWG have worked with a coalition of other agriculture groups to advance this legislation through the upcoming new Farm Bill.

"As Congress considers reauthorizing the Farm Bill later this year, this legislation provides an opportunity to revitalize the role of American agriculture in addressing global hunger," said Brent Cheyne, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers and a wheat farmer from Oregon. "It underscores our dedication to providing food assistance to vulnerable populations while prioritizing our farmers ahead of foreign agricultural competitors."

your operation

Meadowlark District Extension agent, livestock

and natural resources The old saying "Don't count vour chickens before they hatch" comes to mind, but high calf prices being reported gives positive indication for possible profitability in the cow/ calf sector in the coming months. Livestock producers often live on very thin margins and it is a rare opportunity when there is extra capital to invest back into the operation. There is never a shortage of places to spend money, but following are some thoughts on places to invest profit. These are ten common questions one

might ask; yours might

the time to ask them is now. Thinking ahead and coming up with a plan for profits can increase the long-term impact on operational profitability and sustainability.

1. Do you know if you even have a profit? If your current recordkeeping and/or accounting system is not what it should be to help you manage and make decisions, now might be the time to invest in accounting tools or hire a trained professional to help on money matters.

2. Is your balance sheet looking healthy? Talk to your lender, tax accountant or other financial managers who can help you evaluate your current

dress what potential income can mean for tax liability in 2023.

3. Need a tractor, pickup or other equipment upgrade? Now may be the time, but be careful. Cost like depreciation, interest, repairs, taxes, insurance, etc... often negatively affect long-term profitability. These investments need to help reduce expenses, not add to them.

4. What shape are your animal handling facilities in? Would improvements provide a safer environment and better working experience for animals and people alike? Could your chute be upgraded? Scales be added to track weights and correctly dose

5. How are your watering systems? Do you have adequate water developments in pastures and pens? Water supply is critical and often a limiting factor for effective grazing management. Remote water monitoring system technology should be considered too.

6. Are fences doing their job and in the right place? Consider purchasing fencing supplies with extra funds. Permanent and flexible fencing strategies will give positive return on investment with improved grazing distribution and forage management.

7. Do you have the ability to store bulk comOften having the ability to buy truckloads of product gives a cost savings. Would an investment in this area reduce cost of production and provide more opportunity when purchasing inputs?

8. Happy with the productivity of pastures? Now is a good time to invest in soil fertility programs and pasture renovations such as reseeding, adding plant diversity, brush control and incorporating legumes, to improve the quantity and quality of forage production.

9. Have you been avoiding discussions of the future? If you've been putting off developing a business transition plan, now in this process. Seek out and hire legal advice, if warranted, to review and evaluate estate and business plans.

10. When is the last time you gave yourself or employees a raise, bonus, or a vacation? Rewarding the commitment to those who contribute to the hard work of raising livestock will only help keep them encouraged and working hard. It is often family members who contribute blood, sweat and tears over long, hard hours, for little to no direct pay. Show them appreciation and recognize efforts in the good times to help through leaner times.

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Haddam	3 Blk	420@332.00		
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Wetmore	3 blk	426@329.00		
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Manhattan	10 blk	512@317.00		
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Compared to the last report, demand increased but trade activity remained slow, prices were mixed with grinding alfalfa continuing to fall in most regions and grass hay bumping up a bit. Producers report they have had a lot of inquiries into sudan and soybean bale price. Unfortunately, there were a lot of "Asks" and "Offers" but no true trades to report. Feed yards are beginning to see some relief in their ground and delivered pricing as cattle prices remain high. Many regions reported recent rain receiving anywhere from a trace to near 3.00 inches, prompting a 1-category improvement to southwestern Kansas along with parts of Nebraska. Conversely, 30-day SPEI and soil moisture supported small degradations across eastern parts of Kansas. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 12, the categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions(D0) decreased to 14%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to 21.5%, severe drought (D2) increased slightly to 26%, extreme drought (D3) increased to 19%, and exceptional drought (D4) increased slightly to near at 2%.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady; grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 lower, and ground and delivered 5.00 lower; movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy, 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 220.00-280.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds new crop 230.00-240.00, fair/weedy/grassy large rounds 185.00-195.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's new crop 245.00 lower-255.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, new crop 265.00-275.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem: none reported. The week of 9/10-9/16, 5,297.50T of grinding alfalfa and 1,000T of dairy alfalfa was reporttember 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$292.83, down \$8.06 from the previous month, which includes mixed hay loads, usage was 615T/day, up 22% and total usage was 19.073T.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady; ground and delivered 10.00 lower; grinding alfalfa 5.00-10.00 lower, alfalfa pellets 5.00-15.00 lower, and movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 15.00/bale; Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, 235.00-245.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds new crop 225.00-235.00 delivered,3x4 and 4x4's new crop 230.00-240.00 delivered, rained on large square 3x4 and 4x4 140.00-150.00. Alfalfa ground and delivered 255.00-265.00, Alfalfa/forage mix ground and delivered 240.00-250.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 315.00-325.00, 17 pct protein 325.00-335.00, Dehydrated 17 pct protein 410.00-420.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, large rounds 165.00-185.00, large square 3x4's none reported, small squares 195.00-205.00; Brome,old crop large rounds 150.00-160.00, new crop large square 3x4's and 4x4's 175.00-185.00, small squares 245.00-250.00/ton. Oat hay, large square 3x4's 190.00-200.00 delivered; oat straw, large rounds, 100.00 FOB. Mixed grass CRP large rounds, 115.00-125.00. Wheat straw, large rounds 125.00-135.00, small squares 5.00-6.00/bale. The week of 9/10-9/16, 8.806.5T of grinding alfalfa and 0T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on September 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was \$247.65, down \$24.38 from the previous month, which includes mixed hay loads, usage was 389T/day, up 100% and total usage was 12,065T.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady; grinding alfalfa 10.00 lower, grass hay 10.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, stock cow 260.00-270.00 delivered. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large square 3x4245.00-255.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares, 195.00-205.00, large square 3x4 175.00-185.00, large round 160.00-170.00. Brome, large round 160.00-170.00, large square 175.00-185.00. The week of 9/10-9/16, 1,105T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 lower; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, small squares none reported, 3x3 squares 300.00 new crop. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.40-1.50/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 235.00-240.00, large square 3x4's 240.00-245.00. Alfalfa ground and delivered 260.00-280.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered steady; grass hay mostly steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.00-13.00/bale; Stock Cow 3x4's 230.00-240.00; Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 240.00-255.00, large square 3x4's 240.00-255.00, Alfalfa ground and delivered 275.00-300.00. Grass hav: Bluestem, small squares new crop 9.00-10.00/bale, large 3x4 squares 165.00-175.00, good large rounds 160.00-210.00. Brome: small squares 10.00-11.00/bale, large rounds 130.00-180.00. Oat hay, large rounds 160.00; Sudan, large square 3x4's; Wheat straw: large rounds 110.00-125.00 delivered, small squares 5.00-6.00 per bale. Corn stalks: large squares 100.00-125.00 FOB. The week of 9/10-9/16, T of grinding alfalfa and 275T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

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ed bought or sold. The average paid by feedlots on Sep-Specialist looks live cattle trade cattle and breeding cattle.

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Cattle imports from Canada have averaged about 795 thousand head per year in the past decade and consists of a diverse set of slaughter steers and heifers, slaughter cows and bulls, feeder

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Gear; Cosmo 3Pt Seeder, New Kewanee 1010 20' Disk With

Hyd Fold, Good Blades; DMC

10"X32' Grain Auger/ 7.5 Hp Electric Motor; Stanhoist 6'X12'

All Steel Box Wagon With Hoist

And Gear; J&M 675 Grain Cart 750 Bu, Corner Auger, Roll Tarp, 42" Tires, Adj Axles, 1000

PTO; JD 6' Chisel Plow With Sweeps, Roller And Harrow, Home Made; Demco 375 Bu

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Bolt Running Gear; Wilmar 6
Ton Fertilizer Spreader, Dual
Spinners, Hyd Shutoff; Wet-

more Hammermill; Parker 2000

200 Bu Gravity Wagon, With

Gehl Running Gear; 1 Bottom 3 Pt Plow; Dirt Scoop; 200 Bu.

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bulls (84.1 percent cows and 15.9 percent bulls). Another 25.9 percent of cattle imports from Canada are feeder steers and heifers, with an average mix of 24.4 percent steers and 75.6 percent heifers. U.S. imports of cattle

In the last five years, cattle

imports from Canada have

consisted of an average

of 43.0 percent fed steers

and heifers for immedi-

ate slaughter, consisting

of a mix of 43.8 percent

fed steers and 56.2 percent

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from Canada have includ-

ed an average of 29.4 per-

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from Mexico have averaged 1.14 million head per



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785-539-7558 agpress3@agpress.com year for the last ten years. Annual imports in the last decade have ranged from a high of 1.44 million head in 2020 to a low of 871 thousand head in 2022. Over the last 30 years, imports of cattle from Mexico have varied from a high of 1.65 million in 1995 to a low of 456 thousand head in 1996. Imports of Mexican cattle average 99.8 percent feeder cattle with just a few slaughter and breeding animals.

The U.S. exports relatively few live cattle compared to cattle imports. Over the past ten years, cattle exports have averaged 241 thousand head, ranging from a low of just under 69 thousand head in 2016 to a high of nearly 511 thousand head in 2021. The total cattle exports in 2021 were the highest in 47 years of available data. Canada and Mexico combined account for 96 percent of total cattle exports in recent years, with roughly 86 percent exported to Canada and 14 percent to Mexico. Roughly 98

percent of cattle exports to Canada are listed as crossbred feeder cattle with the remainder breeding cattle. Exports of cattle to Mexico increased sharply in 2021 and 2022 and consisted of roughly 81 percent crossbred feeder cattle.

Perspective is important to understand the relative magnitude of North American cattle trade. Total imports of feeder cattle have equaled an average of 3.9 percent of the annual U.S. calf crop in the past five years. Imports of fed steers and heifers represented 1.2 percent of total fed slaughter and imported slaughter cows and bulls have averaged 2.9 percent of total cow and bull slaughter in the last five years.

For the first seven months of 2023, total cattle imports are up 12.4 percent year over year. Cattle imports from Canada are down 16.2 percent for the year to date while cattle imports from Mexico are up 39.6 percent over the 14-year low in 2022.

Four percent decrease seen

in Kansas milk production

Milk production in Kansas during August 2023 to

USDA's National Agricultural Sta

taled 333 million pounds, down 4% from August 2022,

tistics Service. The average number of milk cows was

167,000 head, 7,000 head less than August 2022. Milk

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Meadowlark District Extension agent, Livestock and Natural Resources

My title is Livestock and Natural Resources and I try to offer articles in each of these program areas. However, if you feel I talk about beef cattle more than other species of livestock and not nearly enough about natural resources, I couldn't argue much. A couple of programs focused on our dairy producers have been rolled out recently, both nationally and locally as well. Please take advantage if these are of interest to you and drink real milk! Milk Loss Program

The USDA has recently announced that assistance will be available to dairy operations that had to dump or remove milk without compensation from the commercial milk market due to qualifying weather events. The Milk Loss Program (MLP), administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will provide service to dairy operations that faced these weather events during 2020, 2021

and 2022. Eligible weather events covered under the program include: Droughts, Wildfires, Hurricanes, Floods, Derechos, Excessive heat,

Winter storms, Freeze (including a polar vortex), Smoke. Tornadoes will also be considered a qualifying disaster event, however, only during the year 2022. The milk loss claim period is each calendar month that milk was dumped or removed from the commercial market. Each MLP application covers the loss in a single calendar month. Milk loss that occurs in more than one calendar month due to the same qualifying weather event requires a separate application for each

Dairy farmers can sign up for MLP beginning Sept. 11 and running through Oct. 16, 2023. Affected producers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible with your local FSA office. More information can be found at: https://www.fsa. usda.gov/ search Milk Loss Program.

Kansas Dairy Fall Seminars

Kansas Dairy is offering a day of value-added education, in two locations across Kansas. September 19 in Wichita at American Ag Credit and September 26 in Seneca at the Nemaha County Community Building. The morning program will focus on the Dairy Business Innovation

noon lunch will be provided by event sponsors and the afternoon program will have some rapid-fire discussing presenters topics from HR issues on the farm, farm transition, wellness in the community, to rebuilding plans for the K-State Dairy research and teaching center.

There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP for a meal count is requested to the Meadowlark Extension District at 785-336-2184 or ahaverka@ksu.edu. These field day seminars are brought to you by Kansas Dairy Commission, Kansas Dairy Association, AgriSure, Health Innovations Network of Kansas. K-State Research and Extension - Meadowlark District and other generous partners. Full details can be found on our District Events pages https://www. meadowlark.k-state.edu/

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Programs offered for dairy producers Where the Buffalo Roam program planned Nov. 11 at Pioneer Bluffs

The American Bison was named the official state animal of Kansas in 1955. Come celebrate the "Monarch of the Plains" with us on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Join us for a barbecue bison lunch at noon, then stick around for an afternoon of Bison-related activities including:

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• "Buffalo George" Le-Roux - Sharing a wealth of bison facts and artifacts.

• Bison Art Show - interested in showing? Contact Tracey at tgrahamks@ yahoo.com for details.

• Bison Coloring Contest for the kids.

· Bison wool spinning demonstrations.

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There is no cost to attend this event but donations are gratefully accepted. Reservations requested, but not required to ensure enough barbecue and seating available. For reservations or additional information, contact Christie Reinhardt info@ pioneerbluffs.org or (620) 753-3484. Details can be found at pioneerbluffs.org

or on the Pioneer Bluffs Facebook event page.

The mission of Pioneer Bluffs is to preserve and share the ranching heritage of the Flint Hills. A National Register Historic District, Pioneer Bluffs is on Flint Hills National Scenic Byway K-177, 14 miles south of Cottonwood Falls or one mile north of Matfield Green.

MU Extension to offer free webinar series on small ruminants

University of Missouri Extension will hold a free monthly webinar series for sheep and goat producers starting Sept. 26

The series will be hosted by David Brown, MU Extension small ruminant specialist, alongside other experts in small ruminant production.

"The webinar is designed to provide research-based educational programs to small ruminant producers across the Brown said. "Topics are carefully selected to address the immediate with the aim of optimizing production and profit as

Topics include sheep and goats for beginners; feeding and nutrition; disease control; biosecurity; marketing and sales; veterinary tips; predator and parasite control, including FAMACHA system, fecal egg count and BioWorma; economics; pasture management; multispecies grazing; and accelerated lambing and basic lambing

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The ten-day event showcased a wide range of attractions and activities that entertained visitors of all ages. With thrilling rides, captivating exhibits, live performances, mouthwatering food and livestock shows, the Kansas State Fair offered something for everyone.

"We are thrilled with the tremendous response from the community," said Bryan Schulz, General Manager of the Kansas State Fair. "Even during cool, rainy days, patrons showed their unwavering support and enthusiasm for this beloved annual tradition."

The Kansas State Fair also experienced a significant increase in sponsorships this year. Area businesses and organizations recognized the value of aligning their brands with one of the state's most iconic events. The additional sponsorships allowed for enhanced programming and ensured that fair-goers had an unforgettable

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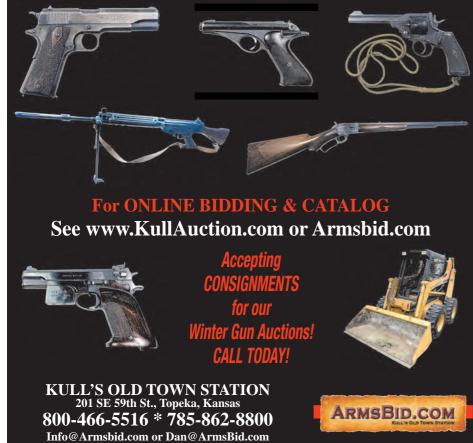
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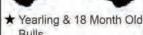
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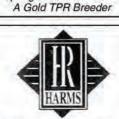
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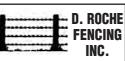
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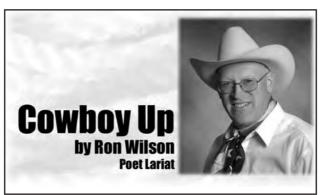
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What time is dinner? That may be more of a trick question than it sounds. An evening meal is generally called Dinner in current society, but a cowboy friend of mine insists that Dinner is at noon. To him. the evening meal is called Supper. Dinner is a hearty meal at midday.

Perhaps this is a generational thing. I think my grandparents had dinner at noon and supper at night. Nowadays that noon meal is called lunch. So, what do you call it? This discussion of terminology inspired the following poem.

These old-time names for dinner and supper remind me of what I call Cowboy Lingo (and the word Lingo is itself an example). These are terms that were used in yestervear but still might emerge in a cowboy conversation.

When I'm dressed up in town, maybe I feel that I need to use more sophisticated language. But when I'm doing ranch work or just talkin' to rural folks, my cowboy lingo tends to come out.

For example: "Howdy" is truly a well-recognized cowboy greeting and I love it. When I'm talking about cowboy life with young people, they tend to combine the word "Howdy" with "Pardner." Sounds very western.

Saying "Thank you" is important but kind of boring. I sound much more like a cowboy when I say "Much obliged."

If you're having a conversation with someone and you tend to agree with them, a good cowboy phrase to use is "I reckon." It's the cowboy equivalent to "Yeah, maybe" or "I guess so."

Then there's the vague directional term: "Yonder." (Where in the world did such a word come from?!) In order to be useful, yonder needs to be accompanied with a finger point or directional head nod. It's a little bit like the line from the old western movies: "He went thataway."

There's the word "mosey," meaning to walk slowly. Maybe I could go for the trifecta: "I reckon I'll mosey over yonder." (A foreigner would be thinking, "What language is this guy speaking?!")

Food is always a popular topic. "Grub" or "chuck" would be a generic name for food.

Respectfully using the word "Ma'am" when addressing a lady sounds like simple good manners to me, but that's another term of which the use seems to be associated with a cow-

Then there are longer phrases which clearly reflect cowboy lingo. "Ride for the brand" comes to mind.

There are some sayings still used today which modern people might use without knowing where those sayings came from. Farm and ranch life clearly was the origin of many wise sayings. Unlike some townsfolk, a farmer or rancher will get the literal meaning of a phrase such as "Make hay while the sun shines" or "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth" or "Having a burr under

the saddle."

Even the phrases "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" or "having a tough row to hoe" clearly come from the farm. "Mad as a wet hen" is another example. The meaning of "Hold your horses" seems pretty obvious. It's fun to study cowboy lingo.

So what do you call your evening meal? Is the correct term Dinner or Supper? Either one works, but the use of the term "supper" is likely to come from a cowboy.

And now we know that Jesus was a cowboy too. After all, he and his friends took part in the Last Supper.

Much obliged.

Meal Call

By Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat From time immemorial,

it seems it's always been this way: Our life seems to be scheduled so we have three meals a day. In old times when every family was working on the farms, They'd have a hearty noon meal to prevent fatiguing harms. There seems to be some change in how these meals are named, Compared to what some earlier generations have proclaimed.

We can all agree that breakfast is the first meal of the day, Except where there's a brunch that somehow gets in the way. Then comes the noon meal which should always be a winner. The townfolks call it lunch, but Grandpa called it dinner. Then the townfolks' evening food, they call dinner with appeal, But Grandpa said that supper should be called the evening meal. And what about a luncheon, or a simple coffee break? Or what about a late night snack which I sure like to take? I guess I don't care what you call it, as long as it gets chewed.

Whatever time of day, I'm just thankful for my food! Happy Trails!

Angus Foundation awards four youth with Commercial Cattlemen scholarship

The Angus Foundation recognized four outstanding youth in the beef industry and awarded them with the Commercial Cattlemen scholarship. This scholarship supports students in the commercial cattle industry who use, or whose family uses, Angus genetics in their breeding program.

'We are proud to recognize these four individuals for their involvement in the beef industry and for appreciating the value of the Angus breed," said Jaclyn Boester, Angus Foundation executive director. "Supporting youth in their education is an important part of the Foundation's mission."

The scholarships are awarded to students using Angus sires and dams in their commercial cattle operation. Recipients must be pursuing an undergraduate degree or enrolled in a vocational program at an accredited institution of Angus and Simmental cat- in Madison, South Dakohigher education.

Two Angus Foundation representatives, two Angus industry representatives and one beef cattle industry leader make up the Angus Foundation's scholarship selection committee, which reviews applications. Emphasis is placed on the applicant's knowledge of the cattle industry and their perspective of the Angus breed.

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information on the Commercial Cattlemen scholarship, visit AngusFoundation.org. Applications for the next scholarship cycle will be due May 1, 2024

2023 Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship recipients:

Addison Hillman grew up raising commercial tle on her family's farm in Brainerd, Minnesota. She studies animal science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a focus in genetics. In the future, Hillman wants to have a career in beef genetics and plans to continue to be involved in the beef industry.

Bryce Hoeltzel of Olsburg has a registered Angus and commercial cattle herd on his family's multigenerational farm. Hoeltzel hopes to obtain a bachelor's degree in both animal science and industry and natural resource management. He is currently attending a local community college where he is also a member of the livestock judging team. With this, Hoelzel intends to continue raising beef cattle with an emphasis on environmental sustainability.

Abigail Morse grew up

ta, where her family has a commercial cattle herd with predominantly Angus genetics. She is currently pursuing a degree in animal science at South Dakota State University. Eventually, Morse hopes to become a large animal veterinarian and work primarily with beef cattle.

Jacee Sumpter grew up in the cow-calf industry in Branson, Colorado, where she has a commercial Angus herd. Sumpter studies agribusiness and animal science at Butler Community College in El Dorado where she is also a member of the livestock judging team. In the coming years, she hopes to continue her education at a four-vear institution before going home to manage her family's ranch while continuing to work as a commodities broker through her online busi-

for livestock identification Methods

By Wendie Powell, Wildcat District **Livestock Production agent**

Management decisions and tracking health records are just two uses of individual animal identification. How does one go about implementing and utilizing such a system? Patrick Davis, Missouri University Extension regional livestock field specialist, reminds producers, "A proper identification system starts with selecting a system that will uniquely identify the calf for the rest of its life." Finding the right system and using it consistently is key to record management.

A producer can easily identify how old an animal is if the birth year and birth order are part of the code. There is a four-digit system and the letter and three-digit system. Using the four-digit system, the first number is the last digit of the year. The rest of the numbers represent birth order. For example, the identification of the 56th calf born in 2023 is 3056. One tricky part of this system is the potential for duplication of cows that are ten years old with younger cows in the herd. For example, the second calf born in 2013 is number 3002, and the second calf born in 2023 is also 3002. This only becomes a problem when both females have been kept.

To alleviate this potential confusion, all major breed associations recommend using the international animal identification letter code. Each calendar year is assigned a letter by the Beef Improvement Federation, repeating every 22 years. The letters I, O, Q and V are not used to avoid confusion with one, zero and the letter U. The letter assigned to year 2023 is L. The three-digit system uses this letter for the year and the remaining three digits are used for birth order. The letter is placed either at the beginning or the end. For example, Calf L056 is the 56th calf born in 2023.

In smaller herds that don't have more females than two digits can handle, it's common to drop the extra zero. This eliminates potential readability confusion and allows the identification code to be as large as possible on an ear tag.

After you've decided on a numbering system, choosing the form is next. There are many different display options: ear tags, hot brand, ear notch, freeze brand, electronic devices, tattoos, paint brands, neck chains and nose printing. The visibility and security of these options vary greatly. Ear tags, some electronic devices, neck chains, paint and freeze brands are all temporary. Permanent forms are hot brands, some electronic devic-

es, tattoos, ear notches and nose prints. In addition to the permanence varying, the visibility is not the same with all methods. For notes on birthing dates or checking for sick livestock, an observable method is highly preferred.

Some industries use specific methods; consider ear notching in swine operations or neck chains on dairies. Nearly all species make use of tattoos for individual identification, but reading tattoos while doing chores isn't the easiest job. Electronic devices require readers and other equipment to operate but can aid in record management and industry traceability. Paint brands are very temporary, used for sorting or in livestock sales. Nose prints are not at all useful at chore time. Each cow has a unique nose print, similar to a fingerprint.

Hot brands are generally used for ranch ownership rather than identifying individual animals. These are placed on the shoulder or the hip. While hot brands are highly visible, they are not useful for specific animals. Freeze brands, on the other hand, are specific to an individual. A freeze brand destroys the natural pigments of the hair, producing the growth of white hair. This relatively painless method of branding reduces hide damage. Freeze brands, while not always life-long, will

last for several years. Ear tags are the most commonly used method. They tend to be inexpensive and simple to get started with. requiring only the tag and applicator tool. There are MANY different brands of tags commercially available. Finding the style and brand that best suits your herd may take a few tries. Look for the style that doesn't pull out of the ear due to walking through brush or consuming hay through a bale feeder. Tags with numbers can be purchased or you can buy blank tags and write your

Next time, we'll discuss record keeping for profit. For more information on how to implement an identification system as well as how to use that system to improve performance and profitability give me a call at the Labette County Extension Office, 620-784-5337.

For more information, contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ ksu.edu.

Milk advocates stress dairy's unique nutrition benefits before Dietary Guidelines Committee National Milk Producers Federation's Regulatory guidelines. Milk is a good or excellent source of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wildly in the Producer of 13 essenbased in the Producer of 13 essenbased imitation beverages that offer wi

Affairs Director, along with an Olympic athlete (and dairy farmer), told the government's Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee how dairy is a critical component of diet that should be considered in light of its full range of benefits in comments made recently before the panel.

Miquela Hanselman from NMPF, and Elle St. Pierre, a farmer-member of the Dairy Farmers of America cooperative and a world medalist track athlete who represented the United States in the women's 1,500-meter race in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, both offered their perspectives on dairy's role in diet before the panel that will shape the scientific report informing the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Both Hanselman and St. Pierre hold degrees in nutrition and public health.

"Nearly 90% of Americans don't consume the recommended servings of dairy," said Hanselman. "Dairy products have always been an integral part of the dietary

tial nutrients, including calcium, potassium and vitamin D, three of the four nutrients of public health concern."

Hanselman's comments focused heavily on how dairy at all fat levels benefits diverse communities and how current guidelines work against including varieties of milk that Americans consume the most. "With the scientific question focused on sources of saturated fats, this committee has the opportunity to remedy a previous oversight and include the newer science on dairy fats and the dairy matrix," she said. "Dairy foods, regardless of fat level, appear to have either neutral or beneficial effects on chronic disease risks including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and stroke. This committee shouldn't default to the overly broad recommendation to avoid saturated fats regardless of food source."

St. Pierre, a U.S. track and field champion and recent new mom, spoke out against the proliferation of plantnutritional value, cautioning against any consideration of them as potential dairy replacements. Plant-based beverages "are so nutritionally different from real milk that whether one views them positively or negatively, their impact on health cannot be assumed to be the same as, or even similar to, that of milk," said St. Pierre, who lives near Berkshire, Vt. "I strongly caution against and oppose any inference that health impacts associated with milk consumption would apply to plant-based milk alternatives.

The hearing is part of the committee's information-gathering process for the next set of guidelines. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is convened every five years by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services to make recommendations for American diets, affecting numerous federal nutrition programs

Montana State University is partnering with University of Missouri Extension and the MU Department of Psychological Sciences to research the connection between loneliness and mental health in agricultural workers and rural residents.

The study will increase understanding of how isolation contributes to the mental health crisis in rural communities, with the goal of providing insights into targeting fu-

A 2023 U.S. Surgeon General advisory, "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation," documents a historic decline in social connection, with Americans spending 24 more hours per month alone than they did in 2003. The report notes that lack of social connection "is as dangerous as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day.

MU Extension health safety specialist Funkenbusch Karen says loneliness leads to poor mental health and

increased suicide rates. The problem is particularly acute in rural areas. According to "Growing Stress on the Farm," a 2020 report co-authored by Funkenbusch, the suicide rate among rural Missourians grew by 78% between 2003 and 2017. Over the last decade, hospital emergency department visits for suicide attempts or suicidal ideation increased 177%. Suicide rates in rural areas are 18% higher than in nonru-

People with fewer social connections also see disproportionate increases in chronic disease and other physical health is-"There is a direct link between longevity and social connect," says Funkenbusch

Leading the two-year research project are Peter Helm, who did postdoctoral work at MU and is now an assistant professor at Montana State, and Jamie Arndt, Montana State associate dean of faculty.

brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic has decreased social connections, Helm says. Young people turned to digital connections to stay in touch, but this can increase loneliness since online interactions are not as satisfying as faceto-face contacts, he says.

Loneliness is not the same for everyone, Helm says. You can feel alone because you don't sense that you belong, you don't have a significant other or

or you think that other people don't understand the way you see things. Determining how one feels and experiences loneliness helps researchers determine the best ways to cope.

The National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities provides funding for the proj-

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ture interventions.

Prepare for a seismic shift in the world of livestock equipment and ranching as MJE Livestock Equipment appoints Michael Cowley as its new director of sales. Bringing on a transformative era of ROI-driven success for dealers and ranchers, this bold move is set to redefine the livestock equipment industry. Michael has worked in ag sales for over ten years and seeks to shake up the industry with perseverance and determination.

A Visionary's Perspective

Michael's vision for the future of ag retail includes a focus on a return on investment for dealers and ranchers. MJE Livestock Equipment is designed to increase efficiency and safety for cattle and handlers. He is committed to showing dealers and ranchers how beneficial a strategic investment in top-quality equipment translates to money in your pocket. Michael's commitment to shifting focus from "doing what's always been done on the ranch" to implementing strategic changes in how cattle are managed can boost livestock's physical health and ranchers' safety while improving the business's financial

Shaking up the status quo

Cowley doesn't believe in doing things the way they've always been done. "There is financial opportunity out there for ranchers and dealers who aren't afraid to invest in equipment that makes them money at the end of the day," says Michael.

MJE Livestock Equipment addresses common issues with livestock handling and provides a safer, more efficient approach to ranching. The entire product range is modular and customizable, providing solutions to various ranching scenarios. Small details that make a significant impact are a hallmark of American-made MJE Livestock Equipment.

Building stronger bonds

"Prioritizing relationships will move equipment. I aim to provide the right product to the right person at the right time. Building solid relationships and understanding their needs will help us do that." says Cowley. His goals for the future of dealer network expansion include identifying high-need regions nationwide and ensuring those ranchers have dealers in place who can provide expert advice and long-lasting solutions.

Close cooperation with dealers means educating everyone on the MJE LE product lineup and understanding each product's benefits to ranchers. Dealers build solid relationships with their customers by listening to the rancher's needs and providing solutions that help them grow their herds. "When you make time to just check in with people and see how they are doing, you can learn how to identify their needs and offer solutions to their issues," states Michael.

Confidence in Cowley's leadership

A native Texan, Cowley came to MJE Livestock Equipment with the drive and determination to get MJE Livestock Equipment into the hands of dealers and ranchers across America. "There is always a return on your investment with MJE Livestock Equipment," says Michael, 'You get what you pay for – this equipment is extremely high quality, and it's designed to bring efficiency and safety to every ranch."

"Michael is a go-getter – I could tell that the first time we met. He's ready to take this position by the reins and guide MJE Livestock Equipment into the future." says owner and chief operating officer Heather Jantz. "His understanding of building a dealer network is matched only by his extensive knowledge of cattle and the ag industry as a whole. I can't wait to see what he can do with this position."

To learn more about Michael Cowley and the rest of the MJE LE crew or to get information about becoming a dealer, visit www.mjelivestockequipment.com.

K-State's Technology Development Institute produces unique system to improve food safety in produce

ty's Technology Development Institute in the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering is working with a team of researchers from across the country to address organic-compliant food safety concerns for the produce industry.

The effort is funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant as part of the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension initiative to help solve critical organic agriculture issues.

The research team consists of food scientists from K-State and four additional universities - the University of Missouri, the University of Arizona, the University of Florida and the University of Georgia

— and has an overall goal of developing new technologies to control Listeria biofilms on food-contact surfaces and equipment.

The Technology Development Institute supported the research team by designing and fabricating a unique, portable conveyor system to conduct testing at organic grower farms across the Midwest, Southwest and Southeast

The conveyor system is designed to operate at variable speeds and consists of four separate and controllable treatment zones. Each zone has a combination of UV-C lights as well as an aqueous spray system, enabling researchers to investigate

the effectiveness of a wide range of treatment scenarios to determine what is most effective at improving surface contact sanitation.

The system is designed to be moved around to various farms, where testing can be conducted on-site under actual farm conditions.

Manreet Bhullar, research assistant professor in the horticulture and natural resources department at K-State and a member of the research team, provided TDI with a conceptual model as a starting point for the development. TDI was able to take the model and begin detailing the system to the point where it could

our team was critical to receive our research funding through the USDA as they were the engineering resource that was capable of bringing our vision for a conveyor treatment system to life," said Valentina Trinetta, food safety expert and associate professor at the Food Science Institute at K-State.

The system is currently undergoing testing at the Food Safety Lab at K-State Olathe to validate its performance and begin developing initial testing protocols, and it is expected to be deployed into the field during the 2024 growing season for testing and evaluation.

In addition to testing and validating the system,

"Having TDI as part of the grant also focuses on offering workshops and demonstrations on cleaning and sanitation practices for organic growers around the nation, while evaluating the economic costs for the developed prototype.

This project was completed in support of the K-State 105 initiative, Kansas State University's answer to the call for a comprehensive economic growth and advancement solution for Kansas. The initiative leverages the statewide K-State Research and Extension network to deliver the full breadth of the university's collective knowledge and solution-driven innovation to every Kansan, right where they live and work.

Additionally, K-State 105 forges the connections and partnerships that create access to additional expertise within other state institutions and agencies, nonprofits and corporations - all part of an effort to build additional capacities and strengths in each of the 105 counties in the state.

The K-State Technology Development Institute, a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration University Center, provides a broad range of engineering and business development services to both private industry and university researchers to advance the commercial readiness of new products or technologies.

NMPF announces staff reorganization as Gregg Doud begins new role

ducers Federation announced a significant staff reorganization as it transitions to new leadership, as incoming President & CEO Gregg Doud began work with the organization as the organization's Chief Operating Officer, a position he will hold until current President & CEO Jim Mulhern retires in January.

"I am excited to announce these changes, which will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our organizational structure," said Mulhern. "They also recognize the significant contributions of the affected individuals to our overall success in recent years and position the organization well for even greater success in the future.'

NMPF named three Executive Vice Presidents – Paul Bleiberg, Shawna Morris and Alan Bjerga as part of the reorganization, recognizing responing across NMPF teams. Bleiberg will serve as Executive Vice President, Government Relations; Morris as Executive Vice President, Trade Policy & Global Affairs; and Bjerga as Executive Vice President, Communications and Industry Relations.

Other promotions include David West to Chief Administrative Officer; Stephen Cain to Senior Director, Economic Research & Analysis; Beverly Hampton Phifer to Senior Director, FARM Animal Care; Theresa Sweeney-Murphy as Senior Director, Communications and Outreach; Miquela Hanselman to Director, Regulatory Affairs; and Tony Rice to Director, Trade Policy. Staffers receiving title changes in line with new responsibilities are Chris Galen, who will serve as Senior Vice President of Member Services and Governance, and Claudia Larson, Senior Director, Government Relations & Head of Nutrition Policy.

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USDA updates

Livestock Disaster Payment rate

The USDA's Farm Ser-

vice Agency (FSA) an-

nounced it is updating the

Livestock Indemnity Pro-

gram (LIP) payment rate to

support livestock produc-

ers who have lost cattle

to the extreme heat and

humidity experienced this

summer. To help indemnify

ranchers and more accu-

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weights in feedyards, the 2023 LIP payment rate for

beef cattle over 800 pounds will increase from \$1,244

LIP provides benefits

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payments are made at a rate of 75% of the prior year's average fair market

The updated LIP pay-

ment rate is effective im-

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Cattle Chat: Deciding to keep or sell heifers

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

When making a big life decision, many people turn to making a pros and cons list to help them logically work through the process.

In agriculture, that often leads to creating a spreadsheet to calculate costs, depreciation and potential for a return on the investment, say cattle experts at Kansas State University.

One of the decisions that many cow-calf producers face at fall weaning is determining which heifers to keep and which ones to sell. This was the topic of a recent Cattle Chat podcast, produced through the Beef Cattle Institute at K-State.

"Every operation is going to be a little different, but when deciding whether to keep or sell replacement heifers, producers need to assess if they have the labor and resources available to raise them," said Dustin Pendell, K-State agricultural economist.

Along with that, K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers said the current market price is also a factor worth considering.

"Calf prices are high right now and so that makes the opportunity cost really high," Lubbers said. "If you are thinking about contracting the herd a little bit, now might be a good time to sell a few extra calves."

For those who prefer to raise their replacement heifers, K-State veterinarian Bob Larson said he prioritizes keeping heifers that give him the best odds of success.

"The best bet heifers that have the highest likelihood of being a long-term cow are ones that were born early in the calving season to a dam that has a good disposition and high genetic quality and are daughters of a quality give "Leaves with the season to a disposition of the s

her to be born early because she will be the most likely to get pregnant early and stay in the herd a long time"

Even if the heifer meets the genetic and temperament criteria, Larson said if she was born late in the calving season she falls to his sell-list.

When thinking about resources, the experts agree that it is important to think about the amount of weight the heifers need to gain between weaning and breeding.

"Depending on the mature size of the cow herd, most heifers will need to gain 300 pounds between weaning and breeding," said K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster.

He recommends producers calculate the expected daily gain and compare that to what feed resources are available.

"In some parts of the country, there aren't ample feed supplies to carry cat-

tle through the winter. In that case, producers may need to sell the heifers and look to buy bred heifers and cows in the spring and summer after this time of limited feed resources has passed," Lancaster said

K-State veterinarian Brad White encouraged producers to start thinking now about their management plan for the fall.

"You need to pencil it out because keeping this year's heifers is going to make them be more expensive cows as compared to other years," White said. "Producers need to dive into the spreadsheets now to calculate the right number of heifers to keep before running the cattle through the chutes at weaning."

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

sources available to raise sire," Larson said. "I need feed supplies to carry cat-board's negative assertions about ethanol

The CEO of the National Corn Growers Association pushed back against commentary made by a science advisory board to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that questioned the effectiveness of ethanol in lowering greenhouse gas emissions. The NCGA leader's comments were made during a public meeting held by the SAB.

"There is no shortage of studies on the environmental benefits of corn ethanol," NCGA CEO Neil Caskey told the advisory board members. "The Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory, for example, has conducted extensive research on the matter and concluded that corn ethanol has reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 544 million metric tons from 2005- 2019, and that the feedstock's carbon intensity is 44% lower than that of petroleum gas-

ne." The testimony comes after the SAB provided commentary to the EPA administrator raising doubts about the effectiveness of ethanol.

The SAB is comprised of experts representing a range of fields who make regular recommendations to EPA leaders. Caskey recently sent a letter to the EPA administrator challenging the commentary.

Caskey also responded to assertions by the SAB

that the production of ethanol impacts land use, noting that the data show that as corn production has risen, land used to grow corn has not.

"American farmers planted an estimated 94.1 million acres of corn in 2023, which falls short of the more than 100 million acres corn farmers planted a century ago," Caskey noted. "In the past decade, U.S. corn production has

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The testimony is the latest in a series of actions NCGA has taken to defend and promote ethanol. The organization has also been encouraging the Biden administration to take the necessary steps to ensure that the aviation sector is able to use the important biofuel.

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Purina launches two new products for sheep, goat producers Purina Animal Nutrition is excited to announce two "That's why we worked to decrease the protein level in The popularity of balancer products continues to

new leading-edge nutrition products designed to address the top challenges of sheep and goat producers today -Purina® Accuration® Sheep and Goat R+R Block and Purina® RestEZ® Sheep Balancer.

'My goal has always been to give back to this industry that I've been involved with since I was a child and help create nutrition products that address the challenges we as producers see on a daily basis," says Clay Elliott, Ph.D., small ruminant nutritionist with Purina Animal Nutrition. "These new products do just that."

Reproduction and receiving

Purina® Accuration® Sheep and Goat R+R Block is a unique, weather-resistant vitamin and mineral supplement designed to support animals during the high stress of reproductive and receiving transitions. It contains 12% protein, 5% fat, a high-quality mineral pack with bioavailable zinc and manganese for reproductive health, as well as three different heat abatement technologies.

"High protein levels can negatively impact pregnancy and conception rates in ewes and does," says Elliott.

this block while still providing the needed amount of fat to help support reproduction.'

Whether you're using artificial insemination, embryo transfer or natural service, the block is recommended to be fed from 60 days before breeding through the end of the second trimester.

The Purina® Accuration® Sheep & Goat R+R Block is also recommended for feedlots to help get newly weaned lambs or kids on feed faster. The block is designed to support young animals during high-stress transitions, is highly palatable to help entice animals to try it and includes Accuration® technology to help balance intake and avoid over-consumption.

"Lambs and kids coming into the feedlot typically haven't been exposed to any kind of dry feed before," says Elliott. "We wanted to provide a nutrition and mineral source to encourage animals to get started on dry feed as quickly as possible during the first seven to ten days at the feedlot."

Balanced nutrition for commodity blends

grow as producers look to reduce the nutritional gap when feeding commodity blends. After launching the Purina® RestEZ® Sheep and Goat Supplement last year, Purina responded to customer requests and included this new technology in an existing balancer product.

The Purina® Sheep Balancer many producers have come to trust now includes RestEZ® technology, formulated to support immune and digestive health in many environmental conditions, including dirt and dust, close quarters and extreme heat or cold.

"I'm always listening to and talking with producers to understand the issues they're dealing with," says Elliott. "RestEZ® technology was developed as a result of those conversations and our ongoing work to address a common challenge many sheep and goat producers face on a daily basis."

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tighter pilot strategy for soil health

data is like flying blind - especially when it comes to soil health and fertility.

"Improving soil health takes time and knowledge," says Kate Cham-

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The Air Force's OODA Loop was designed to help pilots make rapid decisions. It consists of four components: Observe, Orient, Decide and Act. Once

the beginning of each soil sampling cycle.

The OODA Loop for Soil Health

Step 1: Observe

To operate effectively,

nutrients, organic matter, soil pH and soil carbon.

Physical - compaction, soil texture and water-holding capacity.

Biological - living elements in the soil such as macro- and micro-organisms like earthworms and beneficial microbes, respectively.

"Historically, soil testing focused on the chemical and fertility components of soil health," says James Friedericks, Ph.D., quality and research director for AgSource. "Now these tests measure chemical, biological and physical functions, giving us more data to understand soil quality."

Step 2: Orient

The orientation step relies on taking an unbiased look at a real-time snapshot of your soil. This means sampling - specifically, conducting a soil health test alongside your standard fertility soil sample to manage soil health. Unlike traditional grid sampling, which is used for precision fertilizer applications, you only need one or two composite samples representing different areas of a field for a soil health measurement.

Sampling procedure "For the chemical and soil health testing, we use a similar sampling procedure as a traditional soil sample, utilizing a standard six-inch soil probe," says Friedericks. "The physical components and carbon stock measurement require a soil sample from a larger core."

Soil health tests provide measurements such as:

- CO₂ respiration to measure microbial activity in the soil
- Carbon-to-nitrogen ratio to evaluate nutrient availability
- Physical components - soil compaction, particle size, water holding capacity
- Water-soluble extractions to review the forms of nutrients most easily utilized by plants
- Orthophosphate P – the water-soluble form of phosphorus

"We recommend collecting the sample in the fall after harvest or in the spring before planting," says Friedericks. "Whichever timing you choose, staying consistent each year is important for best results."

Carbon benefit

Soil health testing can also be useful if you are interested in participating in carbon markets. The test provides data to show carbon sequestration in your fields.

"We're committed to helping you collect the right data so that when you join a carbon program, you can prove your carbon stock," says Chamberlin.

Step 3: Decide

As you review your soil health test results, it is imable steps you can take - from tillage to fertility to

One common example: your test reveals low organic matter. Adding a cover crop to your rotation can improve organic matter over time. As soil organic matter increases. so does its water-holding capacity and the overall durability of the soil.

You can fine-tune your plan by consulting with your local agronomist or

Step 4: Act

This is where the rubber meets the road for your decision-making. After you take action, you get to see the outcomes of your decisions. From there, it is time to start the OODA Loop again for next season.

"Improvement doesn't happen overnight, but by consistently benchmarking through soil health testing, you'll be able to evaluate the improvements you're making," says Friedericks.

How to get started

"It's good to start with a field that has room for improvement and compare it to a field or location that you know is more productive," says Friedericks. "If there's an opportunity to compare to the corner of a pivot or a fencerow, somewhere that isn't cultivated. you can get a more accurate assessment of what's possible."

To learn more about what measurements are included in a soil health test and how they can help your farm, contact your local agronomist or visit agsource.com

What do farmers and berlin, business analyst you complete the OODA you must understand your biological components of portant to know the actionfighter pilots have in comfor AgSource. "Testing soil Loop, you start again. surroundings. If you want mon? Each must operate health gives us data to in-You can use the same to improve your soil's qualcomplex machinery, adapt form fertility programs, four-step strategy to make ity, you need to observe liming. to unpredictable situatillage practices, cover data-driven decisions three main categories: tions and make quality decrops and even carbon for soil health. For soil Chemical - macmarkets." cisions. Operating without health, that loop starts at ronutrients (NPK), micro-

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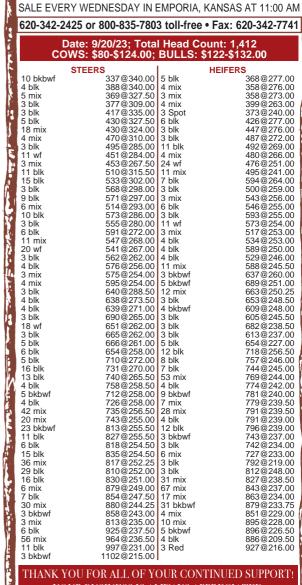
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Greg, Briana and Amy McKay are shown with the buckles McKay Rodeo Company recently earned.

McKay Rodeo Company wins awards

September 8th-10th Nebraska State Rodeo Association Finals were held in Lexington, Neb. McKay Rodeo Company brought home the following awards for their

Bareback horse of the year; Saddle bronc horse of the finals: Bull of the year.

September 15-17th Mid-States Rodeo Association Finals in Broken Bow, Neb. wrapped up McKay's rodeo season, where they earned:

Bareback horse of the year; Saddle bronc horse of the year; Amy McKay was voted secretary of the year. McKay Rodeo was selected MSRA stock contractor of the year.

USDA announces over \$5.1 million to connect people in rural Kansas to high-speed internet

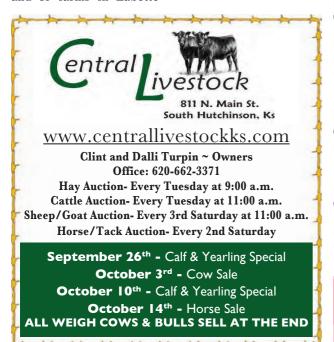
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development state director Christy Davis recently announced over \$5.1 million in grants and loans to connect hundreds of rural residents, farmers and business owners in Kansas to reliable, affordable high-speed internet through the ReConnect Program. This program is uniquely designed to fund the most difficult high-speed internet projects in the nation, which are the most rural, remote and underserved communities.

The details of the Kan-

sas projects are: A \$495,765 loan and a \$495,765 grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet to 228 people, six businesses and 39 farms in Labette

and Montgomery counties. Wave Wireless, LLC will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities.

\$4,136,439 loan to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet to 213 people, five businesses and 33 farms in Chautauqua County. Totah Communications, Inc. will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities.



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Be aware of factors influencing variability in soil sampling

By David Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension agent.

Crops and Soils While not the only factor affecting variable production levels across a field or hay meadow, soil fertility is certainly one we use management to try and overcome. We can't change the weather. We can do little for soil type. We can, however, affect fertility levels.

Doing so often starts with a soil test. Unfortunately, if done incorrectly, it can actually add to the variability we're trying to overcome. Whether pulling your own samples or working with a contractor, an understanding of how to reduce soil testing variability can make test results a lot more valuable.

Number of cores is a good place to start reducing the potential for error in a soil sample. A sample should be a composite of a minimum of 12-15 cores from a relatively small area (two to four acres - more is generally better). KSU Nutrient Management Specialist Dr. Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz often shares a Phosphorous confidence interval chart when discussing soil sampling procedures. It shows that for P, our degree of confidence in a sample consisting of just five cores is plus or minus five parts per million. In short, if your soil test result comes back at 12 ppm, the range of results might range from seven up to 17 ppm. That would change our KSU P fertilizer recommendation for 140-bushel corn from 40-45 pounds per acre all the way down to 15 pounds per acre. An accurate number of samples is key, and a single core is not an acceptable sample.

Sampling depth needs to be a consideration as well. Organic matter, pH, and other nutrient levels often change with depth. If stratification has occurred and it's not uncommon in reduced tillage systems keeping a consistent sampling depth can make a big difference in accuracy of results. For most nutrients, a six-inch sampling depth is suggested. Deeper sampling depths (24 inches) will be valuable to get accurate nitrogen and sulfur numbers. If monitoring pH in long term no-till with surface applied N, nies it.

shallower sampling should be considered.

Finally, try to sample at the same time each year, particularly if you are monitoring for changes over time. There may not be a lot of difference from samples pulled in fall versus spring for some nutrients, but for others, trying to keep the sampling time consistent from year to year will reduce the variability seen in numbers compared across time.

There are other places, even in excellent soil testing programs, where variability can be introduced. Make sure you are keeping the process consistent to give you the best chance to reduce that soil fertility variable - and the yield variability that accompa-

New T-L Irrigation Co. Edge Controller offers fully remote pivot operation and more

The new fully remote Edge Controller from T-L Irrigation Co. gives irrigators the power to monitor and control pivot operations any time, any place. With no physical control panel needed at the pivot point, the controller itself is strategically installed on the end tower increasing accuracy and reliability of pivot function.

Remote telemetry allows the operator to monitor and control the pivot from any connected device anywhere in the world. says Neal Schlautman, T-L Irrigation Co. engineering manager. "Changing the controller location means all sensor input and commands are centralized to where the work takes place—at the end of the pivot."

This move puts the pivot water pressure sensor at the end tower, too. This is optimal. Schlautman savs. as it ensures the entire system is reaching the necessary water pressure for consistent, uniform application. The water pressure sensor is wired directly into the Edge Controller as are sensors and control valves for other critical functions like direction control, GPS position, and end tower speed-streamlining the overall wiring system.

Each sensor and control function requires its own wire. When a controller is installed at the pivot point, each wire—and the information it carries—must travel through the collector ring and the length of the pivot to the end tower. With the Edge Controller, the potentially half-mile long span cable is reduced to just a few feet. Only 24-volt DC power is required in the span cable.

"The design increas es the overall reliability of the system. Moving the controller to the end tower dramatically reduces the distance the sometimes sensitive low-voltage signals travel and cuts out areas where issues can occur," Schlautman says.

The Edge Control-ler provides closed-loop speed control. Real-time data is constantly incoming, and adjustments are being made right at the end tower to provide precise pivot speed. When combined with the steady movement of T-L Irrigation

hydrostatic drives, this system provides exceptionally even, precise application — all controlled and monitored remotely.

Still too many wires? The Edge Solar option can eliminate the span cable and collector ring otherwise needed to provide 24-volt DC power to the controller, too. Solar panels are installed next to the Edge Controller at the end tower, allowing for fully wireless. Edge Solar can provide extra peace of mind for those in areas where span cable theft is a concern.

"Through remote oper ation, increased accuracy, and improved reliability. the Edge Controller allows irrigators to be a better steward of their water, crops, and time," Schlaut-

The Edge Controller and the Edge Solar Option are available for new systems and can be easily retrofitted to existing systems

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Market Report - Sale Date 9-21-23. 1384 head 300-400 lb. steers, \$287-\$357; heifers, \$285-\$327; 400-500 lb. steers, \$285-\$333; heifers, \$275-\$305; 500-600 lb. steers, \$280-\$311; heifers, \$245-\$294; 600-700 lb. steers, \$254-\$283; heifers \$231-\$256; 700-800 lb. steers, \$251-\$270; heifers, \$220-\$249; 800-900 lb. steers, \$220-\$253.25; heifers, \$211-\$236; 900-1,050 lb. steers, \$233.80-\$242.75. Trend on Calves: Mostly steady on uneven test. Trend on Feeder Cattle: No test on hfrs; steady-\$4 higher on strs. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows \$105-\$127; Avg. dressing cows \$90-\$105; Low dressing cows \$65-\$90. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$110-\$133.50. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Steady to slightly lower.

Some Highlights Include: 342@345.00 **HEIFERS** 7 blk 349@327.00 4 blk 10 mix 438@299.00 3 blk 400@305.00 503@311.00 6 mix 7 blk 459@287.00 601@283.00 10 mix 505@283.00 2 blk 10 blk 676@271.00 568@292.00 745@247.00 4 blk 13 mix 2 blk 638@256.00 64 mix 810@253.25 35 blk 738@249.00 66 mix 820@252.25 821@236.00 62 blk 888@248.00 8 mix 908@236.50 15 blk 912@226.50 12 mix 980@225.00 174 blk 956@242.75 11 blk 1049@233.80 **STEERS** 60 blk 279@353.00 4 bwf

Next Sale: Thursday, September 28, 11 AM

84 butcher cows 84 mixed steers & heifers, shots, off cows, 450-600lbs

100 blk steers & heifers, HR, shots, off cows, 450-650lbs

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Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

Back to basics: ways to measure and improve soil health

As the foundation for a healthy crop and sustainable production, soil health is top of mind for growers. But with many different components coming together to answer the question, 'What is healthy soil?' it can be hard to know what to look for or how to test soil.

"To me, soil health is how well it serves as a medium for plant and microbial life resulting from historical farm practices," said Wilbur-Ellis agronomist Kelsey Schneider. "It includes assessing the ratios of carbon to nitrogen, fungi to bacteria, water holding capacity, compaction and the condition of soil organic matter.'

While growers can't predict the future, they can work with a trusted advisor like Schneider to use data to make informed decisions and develop strategies to improve soil health.

Soil components: chemical, biological and physical

"Accurately checking and measuring as many aspects of the soil as we can gives us data to make decisions that directly afhealth and productivity of growers' fields. Soil chemistry tests, the physical properties of soil and soil biology tests can all be explained Schneiused,

The most common tests measure the chemical aspects of soil including pH, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium and important micronutrients like zinc, boron and more. The salinity and cation exchange capacity of the soil can also be found with a soil chemistry test.

Farmers and researchers recognized the importance of soil biology and looked for insects. worms and other signs of life in the soil long before biological tests were developed. Monitoring harmful soil organisms like pathogenic fungi, protozoa and bacteria, is also key to soil health.

Additionally, the physical properties of soil can be good indicators of a healthy ecosystem. Soil structure and organic matter play a large role in the soil's ability to hold water and nutrients.

These are six steps growers can take to meahealth.

1. Examine micronutri-Look beyond NPK and

trients closely. Micronutrients in adequate levels and the proper ratios to other nutrients are very important

pH and examine micronu-

mum yield from crops. In addition, soil that hasn't had manure or micronutrients applied can be severely deficient in zinc, boron, manganese, molybdenum and even

for extracting the maxi-

magnesium. 2. Perform soil tests frequently.

Currently, growers are completing soil nutrient tests every three to four years, but Wilbur-Ellis recommends doing them every two years in high-yielding fields to get more frequent information on the true nutrient removal rate of the corn

and soy rotation. Testing two years can help growers proactively address changes in soil pH, which is an important factor for supporting beneficial fungi and bacteria in the

Applications of

liquid lime help maintain the soil pH, but these applications can wear off after three or four years, meaning progress towards increasing the soil pH could be lost if tests are not taken more often.

3. Monitor organic matter content.

Organic matter levels show if changes to the farming practice are needed. "It can tell us if we're depleting organic matter, or if the organic matter is buried due to tillage practices. It gives us a gauge to help growers decide what they should do," said Schneider.

A traditional nutrient test can provide a good indication of the organic content present. Soil with a suitable organic matter content will hold nutrients and water better than soil low in organic matter.

4. Look for compacted soil.

Working soil when it is wet or driving the grain cart or tractor on the same path throughout the season, minimizes the pore space in the soil - creating compaction that can affect yields along that path for years to come.

pooling above the ground's surface, the soil may be compacted or lacking organic matter. A soil penetrometer is a precise tool for gauging soil compaction or for digging up a small section of soil to check for aggregation or bulk density," said Schnei-

5. Assess the health of plant roots.

Growing crops can be an excellent indicator of soil health. Roots that are deep in the soil and fibrous show that the soil isn't compacted. They can also indicate fungal or bacterial infection within the soil if they are discolored or damaged. Plant roots will have exudates and fine root hairs when beneficial bacteria, fungi, nematodes, arthropods and insects exist in the rhizosphere.

6. Incorporate biological tests.

"We know that farmers want to take care of the soil for future use while pushing the envelope on yields. Growers striving to maximize yield can really benefit from soil biology tests to check soil microbial life and quantify soil

completed by companies like Trace GenomicsTM help us better understand soil microbes that are responsible for nutrient cycling functions. The tests identify pathogens like fungi and bacteria held in the soil from the previous year's crop residue that can cause foliar disease, for example.

Depending on the available budget, Schneider suggests growers start with a benchmark and then compare larger regions of a field. A great place to do a benchmark test is an undisturbed grassy area of a fence row or a pasture alongside the field that has never been in crop production.

'My advice to growers looking into soil biology tests is to make sure you are choosing reputable testing companies. This is a new technology and working with a tried-andtrue company like Trace Genomics will ensure you get accurate and useful results," stressed Schneider.

Connect with your agronomist to implement biological testing and get more in-depth insight into

New John Deere 1 Series round balers are fast and efficient while capturing important bale data

John Deere's new 1 Series Round Balers help farmers ensure optimal moisture levels and consistent bale weights are maintained in every field, in every windrow and with every bale.

The 1 Series features innovative Bale Doc technology to document bale moisture and weight in near real time. That data can then flow into the John Deere Operations Center for post-harvest

analysis. After analysis is completed, farmers can make informed decisions about nutrient management or use the data to help get the best prices possible for their bales, or to reduce fertilizer costs.

"No matter what the size of your operation, John Deere offers a 1 Series round baler that delivers consistent, high-quality round bales," said Chase Milem, marketing manager for John Deere. "Operators can see in real time what the moisture levels are of the bales they are making, right from the cab. This is information farmers can use to decide if they need to stop baling for the day, or whether they should apply a preservative like

John Deere Green-Gard." John Deere 1 Series round balers also reduce operator fatigue thanks to integrated technology that automates gate cycle functions. Baler Automation automatically opens and closes the gate at the right time, eliminating repetitive tasks, reducing operator error and minimizing downtime, helping farmers get the most bales as quickly as possible. Regardless of the age of their tractor, Milem said there are many good reasons for farmers to upgrade to the 1 Series, considering Baler Automation compat-

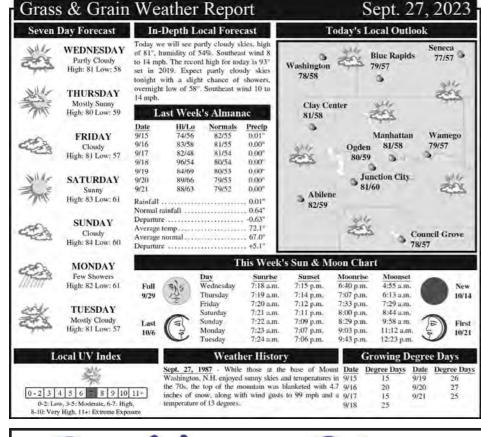
A new, standard eightinch G5e display provides operators with an easyto-learn, consistent experience, giving them total visibility and control over baling operations. The 1 Series also features a new optional high-capacity pickup to help farmers finish baling more quickly compared to previous models. Internal testing showed the high-capacity pickup was able to pick up and feed crop with up to 33% increased capacity compared to previous models.

"Customers said reliability, serviceability and productivity were three important factors for them when considering the purchase of a new round baler," Milem said. "We took what farmers liked most about our previous round balers and added new features to boost their baling capacity and new technology to better help farmers make informed agronomic decisions based on real-time data.'

The John Deere 1 Series round baler lineup includes the 451E, 451M, 561M and 561R. The "E' model designates the baler is equipped with a regular pickup; the "M" denotes the baler is equipped with the MegaWide™ Plus pickup, and the "R" model shows the round baler is equipped with the high-capacity or the high-capacity and precutting feeding system.

Net-Lift Assist, net lighting and a preservative system are options available for the 1 Series. With Net-Lift Assist there is a 90% reduction in lifting effort as the connecting linkage attaches to the netwrap handles and the netwrap roll is moved into position. Net lighting illuminates the netwrap and wrapping components, making it easy to reload the baler in low-light conditions. The Preservative system for the 1 Series utilizes a tank, sensors, controller and distribution system to ensure the right amount of preservative is applied to each bale.

To learn more about John Deere 1 Series round balers visit JohnDeere. com or contact your local John Deere dealer.





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465 @ 296.00

465 @ 296.00

430 @ 295.00

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545 @ 292.00

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STEER & BULL CALVES

4 blk/char strs/bulls 469 @ 311.00

1 blk bull

1 blk str

3 blk/bwf strs

4 wf/bwf strs

10 blk strs

2 blk strs

2 blk strs

2 blk strs

3 blk strs

4 blk strs

3 blk/bwf strs

11 blk/bwf strs

5 blk/bwf strs

4 blk/red strs

3 blk/bwf strs

3 blk/char strs

7 blk/bwf bulls

5 blk/bwf bulls

3 blk/char strs

7 blk/bwf bulls

3 blk/char bulls

3 blk/sim bulls

8 blk/red strs

7 blk/bwf strs

11 blk strs

9 blk strs

3 blk strs

4 wf bulls

4 blk bulls

We sold 1954 cattle September 19. Steer and heifer

calves were in good demand at steady prices. Feeder

steers and heifers sold steady to \$5.00 higher. Cows

22 blk strs

9 blk strs

9 blk strs

5 blk strs

4 blk strs

4 blk strs

5 blk strs

9 blk strs

13 blk/char strs

3 blk/char strs

5 blk/char strs

4 blk/bwf strs

9 blk/bwf strs

46 blk/bwf strs

10 blk strs

18 blk strs

8 blk/bwf strs

58 mix strs

17 blk strs

11 blk strs

15 blk strs

7 red/blk strs

61 mix strs

60 mix strs

14 mix strs

1 bwf hfr

23 blk/red strs

123 blk/bwf strs

130 blk/bwf strs

Cattle

605 @ 288.00

620 @ 287.00

624 @ 285.00

551 @ 280.00

667 @ 278.00

626 @ 273.00

650 @ 273.00

625 @ 269.00

638 @ 268.00

685 @ 268.00

649 @ 265.00

646 @ 263.50

630 @ 263.00

643 @ 261.00

727 @ 251.50

777 @ 250.50

755 @ 250.25

687 @ 249.50

680 @ 247.00

911 @ 247.00

920 @ 244.50

868 @ 242.50

856 @ 237.50

877 @ 236.50

855 @ 235.00

937 @ 233.00

940 @ 232.75

919 @ 230.50

976 @ 223.00

295 @ 296.00

HEIFER CALVES

By Auction

17 blk/bwf hfrs

12 blk/bwf hfrs

2 wf hfrs

3 blk hfrs

2 bwf hfrs

7 blk/red hfrs

3 blk/bwf hfrs

2 blk/sim hfrs

5 blk/bwf hfrs

8 blk/char hfrs

7 blk/bwf hfrs

8 blk/bwf hfrs

5 blk/bwf hfrs

8 blk/bwf hfrs

5 blk/red hfrs

3 blk/wf hfrs

5 bwf hfrs

4 blk hfrs

3 blk hfrs

5 blk hfrs

4 blk hfrs

4 blk hfrs

15 blk hfrs

6 blk/bwf hfrs

3 blk/red hfrs

11 blk/bwf hfrs

3 bwf hfrs

4 blk hfrs

274 @ 292.00

513 @ 277.25

500 @ 275.00

579 @ 274.50

532 @ 273.50

418 @ 272.00

358 @ 271.50

318 @ 271.00

STARTING TIME 10:30 AM

5 blk hfrs 636 @ 247.00 842 @ 245.50 35 blk/bwf hfrs 2 blk/bwf cows 62 blk/red hfrs 801 @ 244.50 2 red cows 67 blk/red hfrs 780 @ 242.10 1 blk cow 12 blk hfrs 658 @ 242.00 62 blk/red hfrs 764 @ 242.00 1 blk cow 64 blk/red hfrs 842 @ 240.35 12 blk hfrs 923 @ 235.50

422 @ 270.00 736 @ 234.75 423 @ 270.00 134 blk/char hfrs 872 @ 230.25 355 @ 269.00 **COWS & HEIFERETTES** 518 @ 268.50 1 blk hfrt 400 @ 268.00 975 @ 175.00 529 @ 266.50 1 blk hfrt 920 @ 174.00 423 @ 265.00 1 char hfrt 1385 @ 168.00 541 @ 265.00 1 red hfrt 1065 @ 158.00 376 @ 263.00 3 blk hfrts 1027 @ 151.00 353 @ 261.00 1 blk hfrt 1160 @ 149.00 269 @ 260.00 1 blk hfrt 1070 @ 145.00 463 @ 260.00 1 blk hfrt 900 @ 137.00 534 @ 260.00 1 red hfrt 990 @ 135.00 428 @ 251.00 1 x-bred hfrt 870 @ 123.00 547 @ 250.00 1 red cow 1225 @ 122.00 430 @ 249.00 1 red cow 1925 @ 119.00 1 bwf cow 1445 @ 118.00 **STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS** 1 char cow 1805 @ 117.00 564 @ 262.50 2 blk cows 1435 @ 116.50 594 @ 261.00 1 red cow 1315 @ 115.50

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3 blk/red cows

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- 15 blk strs & hfrs, 500-550 lbs., weaned, vacc
- 24 blk steers, 700-750 lbs., off grass
- 47 blk steers, 750-800 lbs., off grass
- 130 blk heifers, 750-800 lbs., off grass
- 65 blk steers, 825-850 lbs.
- 62 blk steers, 875-900 lbs.
- 120 blk steers, 825-850 lbs., off grass
- 120 blk steers, 825-875 lbs., off grass
- 120 blk steers, 900-925 lbs.

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