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Kansas trade mission seeks to open doors in Russia, Kazakhstan

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Countries where beef is rarely consumed and is featured on restaurant menus mainly in stews and soups are what Lost Springs rancher Mark Brunner discovered when he traveled with Gov. Sam Brownback, Ag Secretary Dale Rodman and others to Russia and Kazakhstan in October. Steve Irsik of Garden City and Thad Geiger of Troy were also on the trip.

"Expanding trade opportunities one handshake at a time" was the goal as the delegation worked to build relationships in the two countries, where according to Brunner, the decades-old mistrust between Russia and the United States can still be felt. "Everybody is still learning to trust each other," Brunner said. "It's not a free democracy over there and the government still has a lot of influence over what's going on. They use trade to make political statements and politics is going to play a role in how open the free market is going to be over there."

The October trip was planned with a focus on livestock genetics. The small cattle herds currently in Russia and Kazakhstan are mainly dairy, and both countries would like to build and improve their beef cattle herds. In recent years they have been buying live, registered cattle as seed stock. At the time of the trip, the Russian government was offering ranchers assistance of about \$1,300 per head for bred cows to be shipped into the country. Flying a bred cow, purchased for around \$2,000, would cost another \$2,000, with the trip taking about twenty-four hours. They can be shipped by boat out of Texas for approximately half that, but the trip takes



Pictured at a trade show in Moscow are J. J. Jones, marketing and trade coordinator for the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Mark Brunner, Steve Irsik, Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, Russian Regional Governor, Russian Senator Vladimir Plotnikov and Scott Reynolds with the USDA FAS Office.

about a month. The cattle spend time in quarantine on both ends of the journey. Nine hundred head that were in quarantine in southwest Kansas while the delegation was in Russia and Kazakhstan, has since shipped, and some are currently still en route by boat.

In the 2010 calendar year, Kansas shipped 655 head of beef heifers and 1454 Holstein heifers to Russia, most of which were bred when shipped. As of December 12, there had been 1475 head of Kansas beef heifers and 1860 head of Holsteins shipped to Russia, with 650 head of bred Holstein heifers, 6,000 head of open beef heifers and

50 horses preparing to ship.

Brunner sees lack of education as being one of the bigger hurdles in getting Kansas genetics to the two countries. "They need to be more educated on how to handle livestock, how to develop feed yards and grow the cattle, and how to put up processing plants," he said. "We talked to one person who wanted to build a feed lot. You can talk to them, but they don't really have a grasp of how big you need to be to have a 20,000-head feed yard."

He went on to explain how part of the trip was designed to offer opportunities in regards to education in the form of work and study visas. "They need to study

at our universities or work on our ranches and feedlots to give them the experiences," he said. Although their universities have professors that have studied in the United States for the purpose of taking that knowledge back to their own countries, Brunner believes it will be a slow process.

Brunner said he made the trip with the idea of possibly selling semen or embryos, which would be the easier way to market the needed genetics. "They are still a long way from using that technology," he said. "They just need numbers of cattle right now in order for a semen or embryo business to develop."

Shipping live cattle might not be as attractive of a proposition for U.S. cattlemen right now either, he said. "In the United States our cattle numbers are lower than they've been in a long time, so there's not a tremendous incentive to go through everything it takes to sell your cattle over there for basically the same as they would sell for here."

During the trip officials from both Russia and Kazakhstan requested that memorandums of understanding be developed to solidify their positive trade relationships with Kansas. Those have been created and reviewed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Gov. Brownback's office,

Kansas State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Russian MOU is now at the Russian Ministry of Agriculture for review and KDA hopes to hear back from Minister Skrynnik's office by mid-January with any additions or edits the Russian Federation would like to see. Once all parties agree, a signing will take place.

Based on the trade mission trip, there are now ongoing discussions regarding additional inputs the Russians and Kazakhs need, such as animal handling equipment, feed resources and equipment, animal health products and education. Another trip is planned for February 2012, during which Kansas ranchers will attend the AgroFarm Russia Show to develop trade leads with Russian farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses interested in importing beef cattle genetics from Kansas. There will also be allied industry representatives on hand to share with Russian beef producers the goods and services they have to offer to aid in beef production.

Brunner recognizes the value of such trade mission trips, and while he might not take another one in the near future, he values the experience of this one. "It's a world market now, so from the agriculture side of it, we're always looking for places to market our cattle," he stated. "I was a very small part of this trip — I rode along just to learn. I was an observer, trying to get a grasp of what was going on in those countries and if there's any potential there for markets."

Pork, beef exports set new annual value records

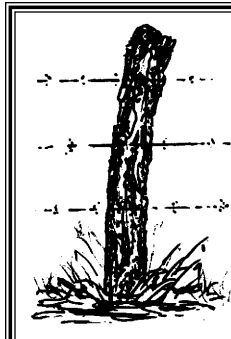
October was another excellent month for U.S. pork and beef exports, according to statistics released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Pork exports set a new all-time monthly value record at \$573.9 million (up 41 percent from last year), which pushed the cumulative value through October to a new annual record of \$4.93 billion — breaking the previous high of \$4.88 billion in 2008 — with two months to spare. Beef export value for October was \$452 million, pushing the 2011 total to a new annual record of \$4.49 billion. This is 37 percent ahead of the then-record pace established in the first 10 months of 2010. "Establishing new annual value records just 10 months into the year is an extraordinary accomplishment, and one that the U.S. pork and beef industries should be very proud of," said USMEF president and CEO Philip Seng. "Sustaining an aggressive export pace is critical for maintaining and creating American jobs and a positive balance of trade."

October pork export volume second-highest ever, led by China, Japan, Canada

In addition to setting a new value record, pork export volume for October was also very strong at 200,725 metric tons — 24 percent higher than last year and the second-largest volume total ever. Through October, 2011 export volume is 17 percent ahead of last year's pace at 1.8 million metric tons. October exports equated to 24 percent of pork muscle cut production and 27 percent when including both muscle cuts and variety meat. For January through October, these ratios were 23 percent and 27 percent, respectively, compared to 19 percent and 24 percent last year. October exports equated to \$58.42 per hog slaughtered, bringing the 2011 total to \$54.68. This compares to \$42.26 in October 2010 and \$43.72 for all of last year. China was the largest volume market for U.S. pork in October

at 48,678 metric tons, more than double the year-ago volume and setting another monthly record. Through October, exports to the China/Hong Kong region were up 60 percent to 361,690 metric tons, valued at \$654.4 million (up 82 percent). Strong October exports to Japan further solidified its position as the leading value market for U.S. pork. Through October, export volume to Japan reached 410,057 metric tons (up 14 percent over last year) valued at a remarkable \$1.62 billion. This value total is 19 percent higher than last year's pace and rapidly approaching a new all-time value record (\$1.65 billion set in 2010). Mexico is the top volume destination for U.S. pork, with October exports up slightly in volume over last year but 15 percent higher in value. This pushed the 2011 export totals to 429,926 metric tons (down 2 percent) valued at \$830.6 million (up 4 percent). With a strong finish to the year, the all-time value record for Mexico (\$986 million, set last year) could be within reach. The volume and value records for Canada (in 2010, 183,068 metric tons valued at \$618 million) are also likely to fall as strong October exports pushed its total to 168,828 metric tons valued \$604.8 million — up 13 percent and 18 percent, respectively, from last year. Exports to South Korea, which had already broken their previous records, remained strong in October reaching 161,118 metric tons (up 133 percent) valued at \$418.1 million (up 182 percent). Exports to Korea have been bolstered this year by duty-free access for some imported pork cuts and a severe shortage of domestic product. Once the Korea-U.S. FTA is implemented, duties of 25 percent on the most commonly traded U.S. cuts will be reduced to 16 percent. "The free trade agreement with South Korea, which should take effect in the first half of 2012, will expand our opportunities with this key trading partner," said

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The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

A Breakthrough In The Arctic

In the late 1800s a diphtheria epidemic swept through the United States and western Europe. Most victims were under ten years of age. This disease is a severe, contagious infection of the upper respiratory system. It spreads by coughing and sneezing. Death often occurs by means of a membrane that grows to block the breathing passages such as the nose, throat, and lungs. It makes breathing and swallowing so difficult that it begins to affect the heart.

In 1920 a diphtheria vaccine was found that proved to be very effective in controlling this disease. A widespread immunization program began and was so effective that the disease has become almost extinct. One of the first immunizations given to babies in this country is the vaccine to prevent diphtheria.

Nome, Alaska is a city of approximately 3,000 people, mostly Eskimos who make their living by fishing. Located 125 miles south of the Arctic Circle and about 200 miles from the Russian border, its winters are severe. Snow and ice cover the land, and temperature plunge to as low as 35 degrees below zero, often with high winds. The town shuts down in the winter time to exist until spring. In 1925 a diphtheria outbreak occurred in this Eskimo town. Its people had not been vaccinated; and without the crucial serum, death was imminent for many of their youth. The Bering Sea was iced over, no roads were open, airports were closed. How could they get serum to their stricken chicken, many who would surely die a miserable death?

It was decided by the city fathers of Nome and Anchorage that using sled dogs would be the only way to rush the lifesaving serum to Nome. Sleds carrying diphtheria vaccine and pulled by as many as Husky dogs began the long trek of over a thousand miles in the dead of winter and over treacherous terrains. There were very few places for stopping over for rest, recuperation, and re-supplying. I wonder what went through the minds of the men as they said goodbye to their families, took their positions at the sleds, and cried "mush" to their dog teams. The ropes tightened, the sled began to move on the snow and ice, the dogs lunged forward in great excitement and willingness.

They were the best of their kind — strong, faithful, and excited to be a team, pulling a sled across the frozen snow. They knew not the challenge and dangers that lay ahead, nor the goal of saving the lives of many Eskimo youth. They were just eager to be doing what they were bred and trained to do, pull a sled as a team. What the dogs could not anticipate, the musher or driver did. Could he with his dogs do the impossible? The only known challenge was covering over a thousand miles of often difficult terrain. Could they make it on time? Or would they even make it at all? They did — and on time.

To commemorate this courageous endeavor, each year in the month of March, mush-

ers with their dog teams race for over a thousand miles to arrive at Nome on the Iditarod Trail, which overlaps part of the path of the original serum run. Of all the sporting events offered, this race is considered to be one of the most strenuous and challenging as humans and animals work together, facing the hazards of the elements in competition with others of their kind.

One big concern in the contests today is for the well-being of the dogs. According to an article "Iditarod" that appeared in the Spring 2008 issue of the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine publication, Healing Hands, over twenty checkpoints along the route are set up, where volunteer veterinarians are ready to examine the dogs. Some obvious signs of stress in the animals would be limping, head down, or tail down. The ailing dog is pulled out to receive care, sometimes with intravenous treatments and, if necessary, not returned to the team but flown to Anchorage for treatment, rest, and restoration. A musher may start with as many as sixteen dogs maximum and must finish with at least six dogs with no replacements allowed along the way. Bush pilots move the veterinarians from one checkpoint to another.

Dr. Kenneth Huggins, formerly of rural Council Grove and an exceptionally good student of mine when I taught in the high school there, has been one of these volunteers who brave the minus 25 degree F. temperatures to care for Iditarod sled dogs. In the same article in this KSU publication, Dr. Huggins relates an experience he had with a sled dog at one of the checkpoints. "This dog came in around the corner and nearly fell over. I saw him coming — tail down, his head was down — so I scooped him up in my arms. The musher kind of yelled at me but I said, 'We can do this the hard way or the easy way; but if you don't take care of this dog, he's going to die.'" So I scooped him into my arms and ran him inside and put him in my sleeping bag. I told Andrea, a veterinarian from Calgary, Canada, 'I've got to have help — we've got to hook an IV up.' Well ... we saved that dog." While these veterinarians are volunteers, they must meet the criteria and follow the guidelines established for this select group of highly qualified persons in order to be accepted.

The yearly competition held each March is called The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. The thirty vets are on duty at the twenty checkpoints to ensure that these courageous dogs are not pushed beyond their limits to recover. If not curbed and cared for, they would go until they drop and possibly die. Quite a few KSU vets have volunteered to care for these sled dogs that will give their all.

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Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

My husband and I sometimes watch America's Funniest Home Videos and other similar programs that feature people doing crazy stunts that usually end in mishap and injury. Like the kid attempting to ride his skateboard down the hand-railing of a set of concrete steps and ending up in a bloody, moaning pile at the bottom after having executed a perfect, albeit accidental, aerial flip at the end of the railing. It leaves us shaking our heads and asking each other, "What did he think was going to happen?" We could tell from the moment he hoisted his skateboard onto the railing and his friends helped him climb on that this was not going to end well.

I recently read of a USDA hiring that leaves me asking, "What do they think is going to happen?"

Sarah Conant was hired as the chief of the Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Branch for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The 2006 graduate of the University of Virginia Law School helped form the Virginia Animal Law Society, a group who, according to their website, is "dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law." Prior to being hired by USDA, Conant was employed by the Humane Society of the

United States. As an attorney for HSUS, she was one of the petitioners in a complaint to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission alleging false and deceptive advertising against Rose Acre Farms, Inc., one of the largest egg producers in the United States. At issue was the company's claims that their chickens were raised in humane and friendly living conditions and were "happy" chickens.

Rose Acre chickens are raised in what is referred to as safe-hen cage farming. This method places several hens in a wire pen, with water and feed supplied outside the cages. Their computer-controlled ventilation system provides a steady 10 mph breeze to fluff their feathers and carry away body heat. There is also special lighting designed to keep the

chickens calm and relaxed. A webcam that updates every five minutes allows visitors to their website to see the chickens in real time. The eggs roll down a trough outside the cages as soon as they are laid to protect them from any kind of contamination.

It's obvious that a great deal of time, effort and money has gone in to making the operation as humane as possible for the chickens while providing a safe, affordable product for the consumer. Yet HSUS saw fit to sue them.

And now, one of the litigants is in a position of power at USDA. That should give any reasonable, thinking person pause to wonder, what do they think is going to happen?

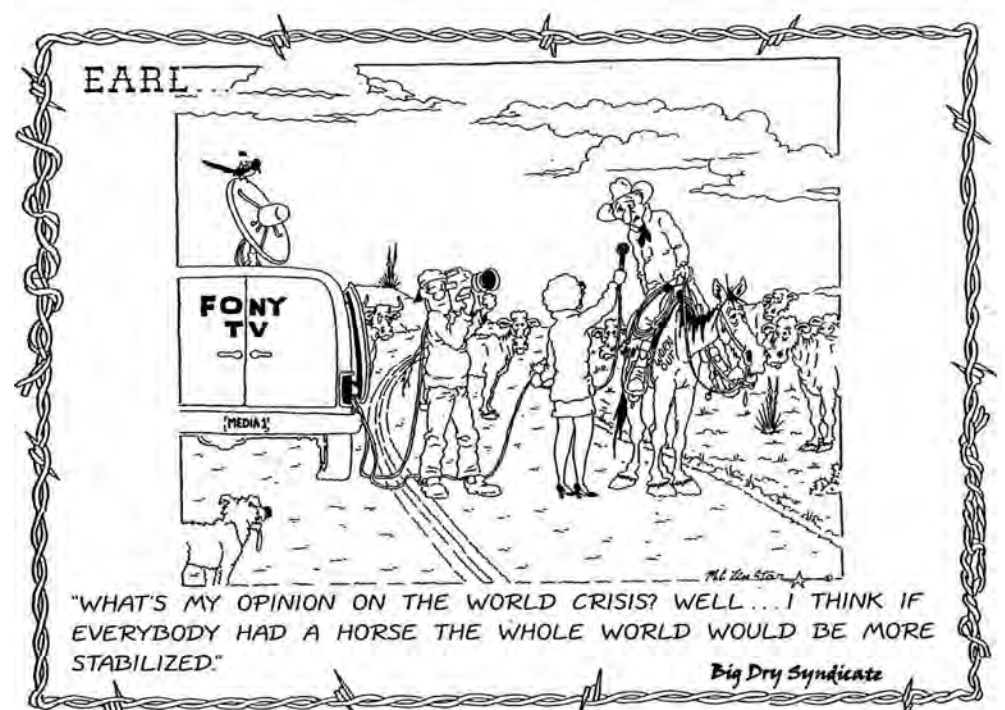
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By Ace Reid



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the realities of animal agriculture, something really good could come of this. If she has the chance to witness animal husbandry at its finest as it takes place every day on our farms and ranches, then carries that message back to her colleagues at HSUS, some real progress could actually be made in the discussion of animal welfare.

However, if she instead uses her influence to further damage an industry that is a backbone of our nation, we could have some real problems.

And somebody at USDA is going to have some serious explaining to do.



By Meghan Muesler, Wichita

December 28th, 2011, how did you come around so fast? I am sure it was only a few months ago that I was ringing you in with a very cold run in El Dorado!

Alas, though it is that time of the year we reflect on what went well and what may have gone a bit better, including making those ever-so-famous New Year's resolutions.

Reflecting on this past year I have so much to be thankful for, here are a

few of my favorites...

• I had the opportunity to travel to Florida and meet with several hundred Young Farmers and Ranchers across the U.S. I even had the opportunity while on a ranch tour to hold a 'gator that had found the ditch to be a pretty good home!

• On the even somewhat 'crazier' note, I trained for and completed my first sprint triathlon in Hutchinson! I never imagined growing up showing cattle at the State Fair in Hutchinson that I would

ever have the desire, let alone actually compete in a triathlon (swim, bike, run for those wondering what a triathlon is).

• I was blessed to witness the strength of a friend battling breast cancer and be a part of her 'celebrating' victory over cancer in the 2011 Komen Breast Cancer walk here in Wichita.

As I wrapped up the final few days of 2011, I also look forward to 2012 and what this new year has to offer — hopefully not

two foot surgeries like 2011 had packed in for me. I have decided to not make 'resolutions' but to make 'commitments.' A few of the things I am committing to in the New Year are...

• Sending notes to the ones I love. This does not mean a text, Facebook message, or a tweet, but an honest pen, paper, stamp note to the ones who touch my life in such a meaningful way!

• Complete at least three sewing projects. Yes, my middle school

teacher would be disappointed that I have not kept up this finer skill over the years.

Edith Lovejoy Pierce once said the following words about the New Year and the opportunities a new start presents, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

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- 6 eggs
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces bulk pork sausage
- 1 1/2 cups frozen cubed hash browns, thawed
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped onions

Whisk the eggs, milk, parsley and salt; set aside. In a large skillet cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink. Remove and drain. In the skillet cook potatoes and onion for 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. Return sausage to the pan. Add egg mixture and cook and stir until almost set. Sprinkle with cheese, cover and cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Kellee Rogers, Topeka:
TURKEY HASH

- 1 pound red potatoes, diced & cooked
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons olive oil + 4 teaspoons more for frying eggs
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
- 3 cups diced leftover turkey
- 8 eggs

In skillet heat 2 tablespoons oil. Saute onion and garlic, stirring occasionally until soft, about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper and salt and saute for 3 minutes. Increase heat to medium high, add 1 tablespoon oil, potatoes and turkey and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add 1/4 cup water and stir to mix. Cover and reduce heat to low and cook for 10 minutes more. Remove from heat and cover loosely with foil. In 2 large skillets heat 2 teaspoons oil in each. Add 4

eggs to each pan and fry until cooked. Divide hash among serving plates and top each with a fried egg.

Kathy Hogue, Topeka/Alma: "I begin the year with this cold weather oven dish. Your family will enjoy its savory scent when you ring the dinner bell. This goes well with rice."

- BEEF ROUND-UP**
- 1 1/2 pounds beef round steak
 - 4 tablespoons flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 16-ounce can diced tomatoes
 - 1 medium sliced onion
 - 1 cup sliced celery
 - 1/2 cup sliced carrots
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Trim fat from beef. Cut into serving size pieces. Mix flour, salt and pepper and press into beef. Brown beef in oil in a Dutch oven (to minimize splatters). Transfer beef to a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Combine undrained

tomatoes, onion, celery, carrots and thyme in Dutch oven. Scrape browned bits and bring to a boil. Pour over beef. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center: "Goes with ham very well."
CRANBERRY SALAD

- 12-ounce package cranberries
 - 2 cups sugar
 - (2) 3-ounce packages strawberry gelatin
 - 1 cup hot water
 - #2 can crushed pineapple
 - 1 small bag miniature marshmallows
 - 1 cup nuts, optional
- Grind cranberries; add sugar. Mix and let stand 4 hours in refrigerator. Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Mix all ingredients and put in salad bowl and refrigerate.

Jan Schoshke, Brookville: "Was at a cookout in Iowa when I got this recipe. They were so good."

- SMOKY WRAP**
- 1 package little smokies
 - Bacon, cut in halves or thirds
 - Brown sugar
- Line a cookie sheet pan that has sides with foil. Wrap smokies with bacon and secure with toothpick. Lay in pan. Cover with brown sugar and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

The following are recipes that remained from the holiday contest:

- Joyce Jandera, Hanover: "A good way to get vegetables into our family and they won't guess it's in there!"
- PUMPKIN CHEESE BREAD**
- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour + more for bowl & surface
 - 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
 - 1 package rapid-rise yeast
 - 1 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1 cup water
 - 3/4 cup pumpkin puree or may use pureed sweet potatoes
 - 4 ounces shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - 1 tablespoon butter, softened (for buttering pan)
 - 1 large egg, lightly beaten with 1 teaspoon water
- Stir together 3 1/2 cups flour, brown sugar, yeast, salt and cayenne. Add 1 cup water, pumpkin and cheese and stir to combine (dough will be slightly sticky). Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead until it forms a smooth ball. Add a small amount of flour if it seems too sticky. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Butter a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with 1 tablespoon butter. Transfer dough to a lightly floured surface and using hands, flatten to a rectangle about 9 by 10 inches. Roll dough into a log, placing seam side down in pan. Cover loosely and let

rise at room temperature until almost doubled, 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Using a sharp knife slash top of loaf down center. Brush top with egg wash. Bake until loaf sounds hollow, 40 to 50 minutes. Turn out on wire rack to cool.

Gale Rathbun, Webber: "This is a good side dish for holiday dinners."

- BAKED CELERY**
- 4 cups diced celery
 - 5-ounce can diced water chestnuts, drained
 - 10.5-ounce can cream of chicken soup
 - 4-ounce jar diced pimientos, drained
 - 2-3 slices day old bread, cubed
 - 1/2 cup slivered almonds, divided
 - 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Cook celery in small amount of water until tender, about 8 minutes. Drain. Add celery to water chestnuts, soup and pimientos. In a separate bowl, mix bread cubes, melted butter and 1/4 cup almonds. Stir this into celery mixture and place all in a lightly greased 2-quart casserole. Sprinkle with remaining almonds. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes until hot and bubbly.

Mary Longren, Holton:
CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

- 1/2 pound broccoli
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups half & half
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt & pepper

Cook broccoli in chicken broth. In another pan, melt butter, and stir in flour. When broccoli is cooked, drain broth and add flour to other mixture. Chop broccoli very fine. Add this to mixture along with half & half and seasonings.

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 1 1/2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
 1 cup cooked rice
 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1/8 cup butter
 1/4 cup flour
 1 1/2 cups light cream
 1/2 to 1 teaspoon dill weed
 1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Topping:
 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 1 tablespoon butter, melted
 1/8 teaspoon dill weed
 1/8 cup Cheddar Cheese
 1/8 cup chopped walnuts

Combine turkey, ham, rice, and cheese; set aside. In a saucepan, saute onion and butter. Add flour; stir to form a paste. Gradually add cream. Bring to a boil and boil until thick. Add the dill, mustard, and nutmeg. Remove from the heat and pour over meat mixture. Spoon into a baking dish. Put topping on and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:
CRANBERRY PUMPKIN BREAD
 15-ounce can pumpkin
 1 cup oil
 2/3 cup water
 4 large eggs
 3 1/3 cups flour
 3 cups sugar
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/8 teaspoon cloves
 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
 1 cup raisins
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray (2) 10-inch loaf pans with spray with flour. In bowl add pumpkin, oil, 2/3 cup water and eggs, beat at medium speed with a mixer until combined. In bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Gradually add to pumpkin mixture, beating until smooth. Stir in cranberries, raisins and walnuts. Spoon batter into pans and bake for 50-60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out

clean. Let cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

Sandy Hill, Eskridge:
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 (2) 10 3/4-ounce cans cream of chicken soup
 2 tablespoons butter, sliced
 1 onion, finely diced
 (2) 7 1/2-ounce tubes refrigerated biscuits, torn

Place chicken, chicken soup, butter and onion in a 4-quart slow-cooker; add enough water to cover chicken. Cover and cook on high setting for 4 hours. Add biscuits to slow-cooker, gently push biscuits into cooking liquid. Cover and continue cooking for about 1 1/2 hours until biscuits are done in the center. Serves 6.

Home and Away

Happy New Year

By Lou Ann Thomas

Happy New Year!! I always feel the tingling of hope as one year passes and a new one begins. Each New Year represents unlimited possibility.

That's what New Year's resolutions are all about, isn't it? Hoping for better health, to enjoy every day more, and being generally "better" are the topics most covered by these end of one year/beginning of another resolutions. Opening a new calendar to January represents a fresh start. Our past mistakes are just that — past, and 2012 stretches out before us holding unknown, yet unlimited, promise. But according to Polvy and Herman in "If At First You Don't Succeed," 25 percent of our resolutions will be abandoned in the first 15 weeks

of the year, and each resolution is made an average of ten times before it sticks.

That's one of the reasons I don't make New Year's resolutions any more. The disappointment in never making it past Valentine's Day with any of my resolutions still intact became too much to bear. That's why New Year's resolutions are like having a baby. It seems like a really good idea, but the reality requires a great deal of maintenance, focus and a huge commitment.

I now set goals that don't require me to have super powers or are more than is logical for me to achieve. For example, for me to create a resolution not to eat any chocolate in 2012 is completely unrealistic and would lead to certain failure. But a goal not to eat an entire box of the stuff in one sitting might be something I could do. Maybe. With a great deal of luck, all the planets in perfect align-

ment, and having someone present at all times to physically pry it from the death-like grip of my chocolate-loving hand.

New Year's is the oldest of our holidays, having been celebrated since ancient Babylon, for over 4,000 years. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions has also been around that long. Of course, back then the most common resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment, which still might be a good one for some of us. But according to About.com, the top three New Year's resolutions for 2012 are to spend more time with family and friends, to increase one's fitness level and to lose weight.

Whether you make resolutions, set goals, or simply hold specific hope for the New Year, you might want to remember the words of M.H. Alderson: "If at first you don't succeed, you are running about normal."

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Meat exports

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Seng. "It is important to keep in mind, however, that the business climate for imported pork in Korea has been exceptional this year due to FMD-related shortages and some degree of duty-free access. So the benefits of the FTA may not be reflected immediately, but will certainly help us over the long term." Another market topping its previous volume and value records was Australia, as 2011 exports

reached 53,850 metric tons valued at \$173 million – up 18 percent and 37 percent, respectively, over last year's then-record pace. Led by surging exports to Chile, the Central and South America region also topped last year's record totals by reaching 58,050 metric tons (up 23 percent) valued at nearly \$150 million (up 33 percent). The outlook for this region was also bolstered by ratification of the free trade agreements with Colombia and Panama, which hold great promise for U.S. pork.

Beef exports soaring to nearly every region; per head value exceeds \$200

October beef export volume was 105,912 metric tons. This was 10 percent higher than October 2010 and pushed the 2011 volume total (1.073 million metric tons) 24 percent ahead of last year's pace. October beef exports equated to 11 percent of beef muscle cut production and 13.9 percent of total production when including variety meat, which was consistent with the year-to-date ratio. This compares to 9 percent of beef muscle

cut production and 11.7 percent of beef plus beef variety meat production exported last year. Exports equated to nearly \$210 per head of fed slaughter in October, pushing the 2011 total to \$202.82 per head. This is nearly \$50 per head higher than last year's average of \$153.09. Despite being down slightly in October, Mexico remains this year's leading volume destination for U.S. beef at 213,004 (up 6 percent over the first 10 months of 2010). Mexico was the export value leader in October at \$85.3 million, pushing the 2011

total 25 percent higher than last year at \$818.2 million. Canada held its position as the top value market for U.S. beef in the first 10 months of 2011 at \$861.9 million (a new annual record), up 46 percent over the 2010 pace. Volume for the year is up nearly 30 percent to 159,396 metric tons, also a new record. October results were impressive, with a volume of 14,175 metric tons valued at just under \$74 million. Japan is the third-largest individual market in terms of both volume (133,870 metric tons) and value (\$726.9 million).

These totals exceed last year's pace by 30 percent and 38 percent, respectively. October export volume was down slightly from last year at 12,631 metric tons, but value was 13 percent higher at \$73.7 million. Beef exports to South Korea maintained a very strong pace, pushing the 2011 volume to 129,810 metric tons (up 43 percent from last year) valued at nearly \$575 million up (36 percent). "The continued rebuilding of consumer confidence in U.S. beef in both Japan and Korea is essential as these key markets



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recover sales volume and value that was lost in the post-BSE years," said Seng. "The 'We Care' campaign in Japan and the 'To Trust' campaign in Korea have sown seeds that continue to yield positive results for the U.S. industry." Strong exports to Egypt helped push the Middle East to an impressive 2011 volume of 145,457 metric tons, valued at \$287.7 million - increases of 39 percent and 44 percent, respectively, over last year's pace and setting new annual records for both volume and value.

Exports to Russia set a new value record at \$222.3 million, which exceeds last year's pace by 66 percent. Strong export performance in Russia has allowed the United States to already fill its 2011 tariff rate quota for

beef muscle cuts of 42,700 metric tons. Exports to the Central and South America region have also set new annual volume and value records of 21,418 metric tons valued at \$66.3 million, led by strong growth to Chile, Peru and Guatemala.

Lamb exports top record volume, challenge 2006 value record

U.S. lamb exports were also very solid in October, with volume (1,487 metric tons) more than doubling last year's total and value up 77 percent to \$2.3 million. Export volume through the first 10 months of the year was a record 15,788 metric tons. Export value of \$25.8 million has not yet topped the 2006 record total (\$27.8 million), but is on pace to do so by year's end. For the year, export volume is 79

percent higher than in 2010 while export value is up 48 percent. Strong performance in Mexico, Canada, the Middle East and the southeastern Caribbean islands accounted for much of this growth. "Seeing all three species perform so well in the international marketplace is very gratifying," Seng said. "It's a testament to our continued commitment to meeting consumer demands in a very diverse range of global markets, and educating our customers about the positive attributes of U.S. pork, beef and lamb." Complete export statistics through October are available online.

K-State agronomy professor named one of top 150 scientists

A Kansas State University professor of agronomy was named one of the top 150 Kansas scientists by Kansas Ad Astra.

Dan Devlin was recently selected to be part of the Kansas Ad Astra's Science in Kansas: 150 Years and Counting project because of his research in water quality related to conservation practices and watersheds.

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The 2012 Topeka Farm Show dates are January 10th-12th while the Kansas Soybean Expo will be held Wednesday, January 11th. Show hours are Tuesday 9 am-5 pm, Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Help celebrate the 23rd Topeka Farm Show - "Kansas's Premier Indoor Farm Show."

Producers, families and distributors come together for three days of education and entertainment at the Kansas Expocentre. The 2012 Show is once again a complete sellout with over 420 companies and over 690 display booths. Don't forget to visit the R.R. Domer Live-

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A large variety of free health care will be available to those attending the farm show. Visit the Shawnee/Osage County Farm Bureau display located in the Exhibition Hall Atrium for the free health checks. Stroke Detection Plus, located at the south end of Landon Arena, will offer four health screenings - call 877-732-8258 to schedule an appointment.

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Managing drought risk on the ranch — KGA 2012 Conference set for January 21

The Kansas Graziers Association (KGA) and the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition are co-sponsoring an all day conference, "Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch," presented by the National Drought Mitigation Center, based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference will be held Saturday, January 21 at the Harvest House Meeting Room of the Flint Hills Christian Church, 1836 E. U.S. Highway 50 in Emporia. This is the KGA's annual winter conference.

"The workshop will address both the natural resource concerns and the

financial and business planning end of drought," said Tonya Haigh, Drought Center researcher. "The goal is to come through the drought with both your finances and resource base intact, as much as possible."

Speakers will include Barry Dunn, ranch management specialist and Dean of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University; Jerry Volesky, professor and range and forage systems specialist at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, Neb.; Ted Alexander, a Kansas

rancher who operates according to a detailed management plan; David Kraft and Dwayne Rice, Kansas-based USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service range management specialists; Amy Roeder, USDA RMA risk management specialist in Kansas City; Charles Griffin, director of the Kansas Rural Family Helpline and research assistant professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University; and Mary Knapp, Kansas state climatologist. Speakers are provided through a grant by the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's Risk Management Agency.


Participants will receive a copy of a Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch handbook with worksheets. The materials will also be freely available on the web. The information is condensed from a comprehensive drought management website, online at drought.unl.edu/ranchplan, which was also made possible by the USDA RMA. Other sponsors for the conference are Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Center for Sustainable Ag and Alternative Crops in addition to

KGA, KGLC and RMA.

Registration is \$25 for the main registrant per family/ranch and \$15 for each additional person. Students are being offered a reduced registration rate of \$10. Lunch is included. To register,

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G. Douglas Brewerton endeavored to make a tour of Kansas Territory in 1855 and '56 and, finding much to delight in, wrote of his experiences in a book he titled *The War in Kansas: A Rough Trip to the Border Among New Homes and a Strange People*. Kansas had been an official Territory of the United States for only two years when Brewerton traveled west to investigate the Wakarusa War, the initial conflict that accelerated the territorial dispute between pro-slavery and Free State interests. Brewerton took a neutral position regarding

the controversy, offering the observation, "We really think that Kansas may take up the cry, 'preserve me from my friends,' for, even at the risk of pleasing nobody, we feel justified in saying that Southern Fillibusterism and Northern interference, have, in no respect, done Kansas any good."

On the first day of the New Year of 1856, Brewerton and some friends set out on a walk of discovery along Massachusetts Street in Lawrence. Upon reaching a dilapidated wooden stairway he climbed his way up the outside of the stone

building to a half-plastered, not overly clean office. The room was "yellow with smoke, and dingy with something not quite so easily removed." A circle of half a dozen "rather rough looking specimens of Free State humanity" teetered on half-tipped chairs with their feet propped upon a "very dirty" stove in the middle of the room. The open hearth was the recipient of "an occasional jet of tobacco-juice," expelled from one or another of the assembly of orators. "As we opened the door, everybody seemed (to be) talking at once, but more particularly a little fellow, in a rabbit-skin cap, who turned out to be an Irishman, with a brogue, and a newspaper editor, in a small way, to boot." The meeting, in fact, turned out to be that of the Executive Committee for the Territory of Kansas. As the meeting drew to a close, one "of this august assemblage" asked Brewerton if he was "going to the ball?" With that he was informed that "the rank, beauty, and fashion... of Lawrence and

its vicinity would most undoubtedly appear at New Years Ball to be held that very evening of January 1, 1856, in the Free State Hotel. As he had an earnest desire to see the belles of Kansas, Brewerton arrived at the fashionable hour of eight o'clock, dressed in a suit of black, "considered creditable upon Broadway, but we might have spared ourself some trouble." The first "gentleman" that was met was wearing a short overcoat, a red comforter, corduroy pants, and boots, "long innocent of blacking" but thoroughly greased. As it turned out the gentleman was a typical representation of the male portion of the as-

semblage. The hall was an unfinished room of rough stone walls and a broken window or two. A carpenter's benches were shoved against the walls while a cooking stove "graced either end of the apartment." Candlesticks from each window unleashed their flickering light upon the gay and festive scene.

Soon "The Professor" arrived "with a four-legged affair that looked like a juvenile piano, not yet grown up, on which he began playing most discordantly."

"As the music commenced reinforced by - judging from its execution - a still younger violin," the ladies arrived. Brewerton

not only saw his Kansas Belles but danced with them only to realize that on the Kansas frontier "neither lace-ruffles nor fancy undersleeves, hoops nor flounces, lownecked dresses nor embroidered handkerchiefs," could be found.

Supper was served at midnight as the eighty or so dancers retired to the carpenter's benches. Two men entered the hall bearing a wooden plank on which plates were arranged, containing a triangle of cold pie, some raisins, and a stick of candy. More planks with hot coffee and cakes "fearfully and wonderfully" made were presented before one last round of men

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10-10:45 a.m.	Morning session: "Policy Update" American Soybean Association National Oilseed Processors Association National Biodiesel Board
11 a.m.-noon	Keynote speaker "12 Attributes I Admire Most in Successful Farmers" - Loren Kruse , editor-in-chief, <i>Successful Farming & Agriculture.com</i>
12:15-2 p.m.	Luncheon Master of ceremonies - Wyatt Thompson , "The Voice of the Wildcats," K-State Athletics Speaker - Rep. Tim Huelskamp Awards & recognitions, including the DuPont Young Leader & Kansas Soybean Yield/Quality Contests winners Kansas Soybean Association Annual Meeting, with President Charles Atkinson , Great Bend, presiding
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Afternoon session: "Planning for the Future" "Bubble or Boom!!" - Darrell Holaday , grain broker, Advanced Market Concepts & Country Futures
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bearing planks removed "the fragments of the feast." Brewerton recorded one conversation with one of the prettiest of the Kansas Belles. Inquiring as to whether she played an instrument, the pretty miss replied, "Yes sir, I reckon I do." To which the eastern newspaper man asked, "On the piano, or do you prefer the guitar?"... "No sir. But I'm great on the washboard. I've been practicing all day." The dancing resumed as Mr. Brewerton went home to bed just a bit wiser as to the particular code of sophistication to be found on The Way West.

"The Cowboy," Jim Gray is author of *Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier* and also publishes *Kansas Cowboy, Old West history from a Kansas perspective*. Contact *Kansas Cowboy*, Box 62, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Phone 785-531-2058 or www.droversmercantile.com

What's the fuss about flexible cash rent?

Recent weather conditions and unprecedented volatility in crop prices and input costs are encouraging many farmers to find new ways of managing risk, notes a University of Missouri Extension agriculture business specialist.

"Land rental agreements are one aspect of crop production many farmers are reconsidering as part of their risk management plan," said Whitney Wiegel.

For many years, Midwestern tenant farmers have used crop share and cash rental agreements to secure land for raising crops. Today, more farmers are looking at flexible cash rental agreements, which are a sort of hybrid of the two, Wiegel said.

In crop share agreements, landowners and ten-

ants have typically shared the harvested crop or gross revenue in proportion to the total production expenses paid by each party.

In cash rental agreements, the tenant agrees to pay a fixed dollar amount for a given area of land. This type of lease has grown in popularity as more land has been inherited by heirs who don't farm or purchased as an investment by people with no farming experience.

"They typically require less time and effort to maintain than crop share agreements," Wiegel said. "Also, since the landowner is not typically involved in any aspect of growing the crop, tenants have a greater freedom to make their own management decisions."

Boom and bust

However, one of the ad-

vantages of cash rental agreements — both tenant and landowner know how much they will pay or receive for the land—can also be a source of stress.

"Because the rent amount is fixed, neither the tenant nor landlord is protected if actual yield or market price differs from their expectations," Wiegel said.

When yields fall short or market prices plummet, the tenant takes a big financial hit. Conversely, the landowner receives no additional benefit during production booms or times of high market prices.

This year was particularly stressful for many tenants and landowners because much of the western Corn Belt saw both extreme weather and highly volatile crop prices.

"Because of this, many tenants and landowners are exploring the use of flexible or variable cash rental agreements," Wiegel said.

Risk and reward

Under a flexible cash rental agreement, the rental rate adjusts in accordance with actual yield, market prices or both.

"These types of payment arrangements capture some of the benefits of both crop share and standard cash rental agreements," he said. Flexible cash rental agreements provide a more equitable sharing of the risks and rewards of farming and land ownership.

Under this type of arrangement, the tenant

gives up some profit potential in return for reduced risk. Landowners receive less rental income if crop yields or market prices fall short of expectations, but they get more when there's an exceptional harvest or a big increase in crop prices.

Like a standard cash rental agreement, flexible cash rental agreements are relatively easy to maintain for landowners who do not have extensive knowledge of farming practices. Agreements typically define a base rent, which may be adjusted up or down based on yield, on prices or on revenue. The agreement may also define a minimum (floor) and maximum (ceiling) rental rate.

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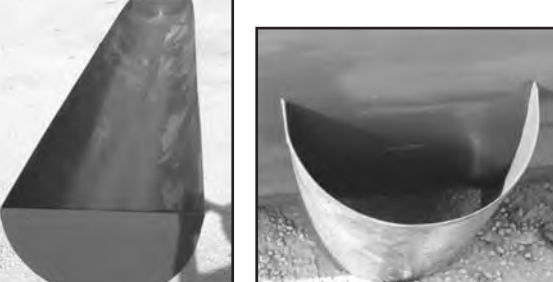


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A horse's head is one of the hardest things there is to deal with. If you don't think so, you'll become a believer if you ever get hit by one. I think there are more injuries to people caused by a horse striking you in the face or head than by any other reaction from a horse.

People get hurt from horses by being bucked off, kicked or bit, but generally you are on the lookout for these dangerous behaviors from horses and can avoid them. When you get hit with a horse's head, it comes when you least expect it to happen. The result is that you usually end up with a broken nose at the least or a concussion, broken cheek bones or worse.

If you're standing on the ground and your horse reacts to something you've done and swings his head at you, you're in trouble. A horse's head is supposed to weigh around 10% of their body weight. So, if that

horse weighs a thousand pounds, his head weighs 100 pounds. Getting hit by a 100-pound-weight can be deadly. Most injuries caused by a horse throwing his head occur when handlers are either putting on a bridle and bit or attempting to place a halter on the horse's head. There may be a problem in the horse's mouth or perhaps the animal has bad teeth. If the bit hurts their mouth or if they are merely intolerant of the cold steel passing between their teeth, they will resist. That is when you are in danger of getting hit with the horse's head. A lot of horses are touchy about their ears. When you try and slip the halter or bridle over their head, they may not want you pulling anything over their ears and that can produce a head-slinging episode. Spend the time conditioning the horse to your hands by gently working around their face and ears. Do a little at a

time and if the horse reacts to your hands threatening his ears, back off and rub lower and away from his ears, then gradually move up again near those sensitive areas. Keep doing this until you can scratch all around the ears without any fuss or head-throwing.

World class trainer Jack Hennig has a standard safety procedure he teaches in his video, *Ace In The Hole*. Jack demonstrates the proper way to bridle or halter a horse to protect the handler from injury in case the horse throws his head when you're attempting to bridle him.

From the near side of the horse, hold the top of the bridle in your right hand. Place your right forearm and elbow against the horse's neck and keep it there. Using your hand, raise the bridle up in position. Your right hand should be between the horse's ears holding the top of the headstall. Use your left hand to slide the bit in the horse's mouth and gently pull the top of the bridle over the horse's ears. If the horse re-

acts and throws his head, your forearm and elbow on the horse's neck will push you out of the way of the horse's head and prevent injury. One of the ways a horse reacts to a painful bit or a rider that is constantly pulling on his mouth is to throw his head. If a rider is leaning forward when this happens, he's a candidate for a broken nose or other injury. Learn to have soft hands and handle the reins gently using only enough force to tip the horse's head in the direction you want to go. Pretty soon the horse will realize you are not going to hurt him and he'll stop throwing his head.

A few years back, I had a colt gelded and the vet instructed me to give a shot of penicillin every day for a few days to prevent infection. While the horse was sedated, the vet gave him a shot before he left. The next day, I halted the colt and proceeded to inject the antibiotic. At the first touch of the needle, the colt violently threw his head and hit me in the face, full force. He

knocked me for a loop to the ground and I was out cold for a few minutes. I never expected that reaction and was unprepared when he hit me. I thought he cracked my skull. The blow was so hard that my vision was impaired for several days and I developed a huge black eye and a terrible headache. I had never been hit so hard. That episode was another lesson in that school of hard knocks.

When I came to my senses, I began conditioning the colt to needles. I started out gently pinching the skin on his neck. At first, he reacted by throwing his head at me each time I gave him a little pinch. Gradually, he started accepting the pinch.

I kept at it until he got bored and I could pinch him as hard as I wanted with no head-throwing.

When I was confident he would accept the stick of the needle, I injected the penicillin and there was no reaction or head-slinging. It was a hard way to learn but now I condition the colts to accepting a needle before I attempt any injections. Just to make certain that I have them conditioned to needles, I train both sides of the horse to accept that pinch. I don't want to get hit in the head again with a hundred-pound horse head. If I can prevent it from happening, it will save me a lot of time since I won't have to keep explaining it was a horse that gave me a black eye and I was not on the losing end of a well-placed punch.

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Protecting Our Land and Water Workshop to be held January 30

Sedimentation has been found to be the top impairment in Tuttle Creek Lake, Lower Big Blue River, and Lower Little Blue River. Sedimentation is caused by erosion from land and from streambanks. With the sediment are nutrients and some pesticides which compound impairment in these waterbodies. Reducing erosion is necessary for reducing sediment.

To help educate and reduce sedimentation in Tuttle Creek Lake, Lower Big Blue River and Lower Little Blue River, K-State Research and Extension in cooperation with the Tuttle Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Group will hold an educational workshop called

"Protecting Our Land and Water."

"Protecting Our Land and Water Workshop" will be held on Monday, January 30 in Waterville at the Waterville Community Center. Registration and gathering will begin at 9:45 a.m., and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m.

The goals of this meeting are to educate participants about ways to reduce sedimentation by reducing erosion from cropland, improving soil quality of cropland, and stabilizing eroding streambanks.

They will have K-State Research and Extension Specialists and private industry personnel speak about ways to reduce land and streambank erosion.

The morning session will focus on ways to reduce erosion, sedimentation, and improve soil quality, and how to stabilize small stream streambanks in the Tuttle Creek WRAPS area.

Michael Vogt, Marshall County Extension agent, will facilitate the program.

DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension Soil & Water Conservation Specialist, will discuss ways to reduce erosion and improve soil quality.

Charles Barden, K-State Research and Extension Forestry Specialist, will share his knowledge and experience in using cedar revetments to stabilize small streams. Charlie has worked with many landowners in constructing cedar revetments to

stabilize streambanks. Charlie has worked with several cedar revetment projects in the Tuttle Creek Watershed.

During lunch, Barbara Donovan, Tuttle Creek WRAPS Coordinator, will discuss what the Tuttle Creek WRAPS is and how it can help reduce sedimentation.

The afternoon session speakers presentations will focus on stabilizing our streambanks so sedimentation and land loss caused by erosion can be reduced.

Phil Balch, streambank specialist, with Wildhorse Riverworks, Inc. will share

his knowledge and experience with his work with streambank stabilization projects with larger streams and rivers. Phil also has worked with area landowners in developing streambank stabilization structures.

To conclude the program, there will be a question and answer session and participants will learn how to apply for cost share assistance for projects to help reduce sedimentation through the Tuttle Creek WRAPS Program.

During the program they will have a lunch sponsored by Tuttle Creek

WRAPS and booths will be present from program representatives.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please call the Marshall County Extension office at (785) 562-3531 or e-mail Michael Vogt at Mvogt@ksu.edu. Please pre-register by Wednesday, January 25 so they know how many lunches to prepare.

If you want to learn more about protecting our soil and water and learn about what assistance is available, you will want to attend the "Protecting Our Land and Water Workshop" on January 30.



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Tracking beef's shrinking footprint

A study published in a recent *Journal of Animal Science* found that raising a pound of beef in the United States today uses significantly fewer natural resources, including land, water, feed and fuel than in the past. "The Environmental Impact of Beef Production in the United States: 1977 compared with 2007" (*Journal of Animal Science*, December 18, 2011) by Jude Capper, Ph.D., Washington State University, documents that each pound of beef raised in 2007 used 33 percent less land, 12 percent less water, 19 percent less feed and 9 percent less fossil fuel energy than equivalent beef production in 1977. Waste outputs were similarly reduced, shrinking the carbon footprint of beef by 16.3 percent in 30 years.

According to Capper's research, improvements in the way cattle are raised and fed in the United States between 1977 and 2007 yielded 13 percent more total beef from 30 percent fewer animals. Raising more beef

from fewer animals maximizes natural resources while providing essential nutrients for the human diet. As the population increases, it is crucial to continue the improvements demonstrated over the past 30 years to meet demand for nutrient-rich beef while reducing resource use and mitigating environmental impact. Turning back the clock on these advancements is not the solution to feeding a world population that recently reached 7 billion and will grow to 10 billion by the year 2050, concludes the author.

"As the number of mouths to feed increases and the quality of diets in many areas around the world improves, the demand for nutrient-rich protein like beef will increase," says Capper. "At the same time, resources like land, water and fossil fuels will become increasingly scarce. These realities are like two trains speeding toward each other on the same track. If we listen to alarmists shout-

ing at us to slow down, we could face a head-on collision of epic proportions. The only way to avoid this disaster is to accelerate the pace of progress."

Capper attributes much of the reduction in beef's environmental footprint to raising cattle on grass pasture before finishing them on an optimal balanced diet of grasses, grains and other forages in a feedyard. According to previous research conducted by Capper, each pound of grain-finished beef requires 45 percent less land, 76 percent less water and 49 percent less feed and at the same time generates 51 percent less manure and 42 percent fewer carbon emissions than grass-finished beef.

"As we work on solutions for the future it is important to understand how far the U.S. livestock industry has come in reducing its environmental footprint in the recent past and how this significant reduction was achieved," says Capper. "The facts are in. Improved

cattle diets in the feedyard and responsible use of science-based technologies to improve the ability of cattle to convert feed to pounds of beef, reduces the amount of land, water and fossil fuels it takes to raise beef."

Capper says focusing resources to provide more nutrient rich foods like beef, which provides more than 10 percent of the daily recommended value of ten essential nutrients and vitamins for less than ten percent of daily calories (based on a 2,000 calorie per day diet), is a critical success factor in meeting nutrition needs at home and abroad.

"Making the best use of resources like land, water and energy to raise nutrient-rich beef is the key to sustainability," says Capper. "The result is delicious, healthful beef you can feel good about."

This project was supported by the Beef Checkoff Program through a research grant from state beef councils in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Washington.

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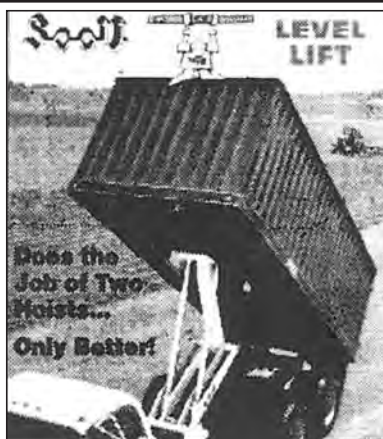
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January 5 — Cabinetry business items, car, trailers, trucks, dirt bikes, tools at McPherson for KDOR Tax Asset Seizure. Auctioneers: United Country Mid West eServices, Inc., Eric Blomquist.

January 6 — Smith County, KS real estate (auction held at) Franklin, Neb. for Jon & Linda Ferguson & Lyn & Janis Lee (operated by Ferguson Bros., Inc.). Auctioneers: Marshall Land Brokers & Auctioneers.

January 7 — Chevy pickup, riding mower, mini tiller, tools, firearms, angels, Occupied Japan, jewelry, antique glass & porcelain, furniture, household, go kart at Abilene for Melvin "Bud" & Greta Wilkins Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler, Reynolds & Geist.

January 7 — Furniture, appliances, glassware, collectibles, tools & misc. at Junction City for Margereta Goodin. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

January 7 — Tractors, machinery, crop head, hay equip., grain cart, trailers, vehicles, skid loader attach. & misc. at Liberty, Neb. for Christopher J.

Sedlacek Estate. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

January 8 — Estate auction at Lawrence for Donna Biggerstaff Living Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 11 — Tractors, combine, harvest equip., trucks, vehicles, trailers, planting, fertilizer, chemical equip., excavator, skidsteer, ATVs, recreation vehicles online (www.bigiron.com). Auctioneers: Stock Auction Co.

January 14 — Guns, Hummels, silver & glass at Salina for Gene & Jane Chaput Estate. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 14 — Land near Topeka (Silver Lake) at Topeka. Auctioneers: Hawks Real Estate Professionals/Kooser Auction Service.

January 14 — Coins, jewelry, swords, van, tools, antiques at Osage City for Archie Larison. Auctioneers: Beatty & Wischropp Auctions.

January 14 — Household & collectibles at Manhattan for Don & Edith Flora. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

January 14 & 21 — Oak furniture, deer mounts, lamps, paintings, coins, collector model cars, golf cart, mobility carts, tires, tools, appliances at Beloit for Lone Von Brammer Estate. Auctioneers: Ger-

ald Zimmer Auction & Real Estate.

January 15 — Furniture, toys, collectibles & glass at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 16 — Real estate at Osage City for Rita Barthee. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Wayne Wischropp, auctioneer.

January 17 — Real Estate at Jewell for Jewell Assemblies of God Church. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

January 17 — Tractors, combines, harvest equipment, trailer, farm machinery at Derby for Larry Farber Estate, Geri Farber. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

January 17 — Solomon River Valley land at Glasco for David Berndt. Auctioneers: Horizon Farm & Ranch Realty, LLC.

January 18 — Wabaunsee County farmland, grassland, 3 BD 2 BA home at Alma for Elly & the late Harold Neff. Auctioneers: Steve Murray Auctions.

January 18 — Douglas County land at Lawrence. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

January 18 — Russell County real estate at Lucas for William A. Patton. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

January 19 — Tractors, combine, harvest equip., farm machinery, trucks, trailers, ATV, forklift at Viola

for Don & Linda Casner. Auctioneers: Stock Auction Company.

January 19 — Antiques & collectibles, furniture & misc. at Clay Center for Duane & Norma Bulleigh. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom.

January 20 — Kansas Auctioneers Association Livestock Market Auctioneers Contest at Gas, KS (just east of Iola).

January 21 — Lyon County real estate, crop & bluestem at Americus for Marilyn Sue Snyder. Auctioneer: John Flott, Farm & Home Real Estate.

January 21 — Farm items, truck, tractor, JD Gator, collectibles at Lawrence for Robert & Clara McKeehan. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 23 — Prime native grass acreage N. of St. Marys for Louise A. Ronse Davis Trust. Auctioneers: Miller & Midyett Real Estate, Ed Dewey, auctioneer.

January 26 — Dickinson Co. land at Abilene for Howard E. Lang Trust. Auctioneers: Yocum Real & Auction Service, Gary Yocum broker/auctioneer.

January 28 — Toy & guns at Osage City. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

January 30 — Republican River bottomland at Clay Center for Longford Mill Products, Inc. Auctioneers: Landmark Real Estate & Harold Mugler.

February 2 — Dickinson Co. cropland at Abilene for Scanlan Farms, Inc. Auctioneers: Omlil & Associates, Inc.

February 5 — Auction at Lawrence. Auctioneers:

Elston Auctions.

February 17 — Early spring machinery auction at Clay Center. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

February 25 — TS Ranch Hereford & Quarter Horse sale at Cottonwood Falls for TS Ranch.

February 28 — Hereford & Angus bull & female sale at Manhattan for Mill Creek Ranch.

March 3 — 34th annual Gelbvieh & Balancer bull sale at Pomona for Judd Ranch.

March — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery Consignment auction at Concordia.

March 10 — Complete line of farm equipment at Valley Center for Frank Rowley Jr. Farms. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

March 10 — Bull & female sale at Maple Hill for Mill Brae Ranch.

March 16 — Production sale at Manhattan for BJ Angus Genetics.

March 17 & 18 — Antiques & collectibles at Clay

Center for Margaret Martin Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

March 24 — Estate auction at Carbondale for Charles & Lila Sheperd Estate. Auctioneers: Elston Auctions.

March 24 — Farm sale, machinery, guns, tools & misc. SE of Aurora for Glen & Gary Gutka. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

March 24 & 25 — Antiques & general household at Clay Center for Margaret Martin Estate. Auctioneers: Mugler Auction Service, LLC.

March 31 — Farm sale S. of Miltonvale for Jim & Linda Trahan. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

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(complete lists on the web page)

10:00 A.M. 2ND AUCTION

1996 Dodge Dakota truck; Serta Full bedroom suites; Serta Pillow top bed; Bassett dining room set; Sealy couch w/chair; 6 ft. wooden cigar Native American; 5 ft. wooden sailboat; Arrow Heads; Brass Sleigh Bells; Marx "The Mickey Mouse Express" wind-up toy (RARE); Germany 144-9 & KAY an EE SewMaster toy sewing machines; 1915 framed Barnum & Bailey Greatest Shows on Earth print; pewter Collector cars w/wooden display; mantel clock; RR lantern; belt buckles; Appraised Jewelry: ladies diamond ring & ladies blue green tourmaline & diamond ring; Aura diamonds, pearls (Stauer), sterling, turquoise, costume; pockets knives; marbles; brass & copper items; Hallmark collection; NRA & hunting items; sports memorabilia; Jayhawk weather proof sculpture; 2008 KU National Championship framed 24K photo & medallions; several books; prints & pictures; Driza-Bone riding coat; Hewlett Packard A826 Photosmart; household & kitchen décor; Craftsman riding mower & mulcher mower; Snow Blowers; power & hand tools; fishing rods & reels; sail boat; horse tack; many items too numerous to list!

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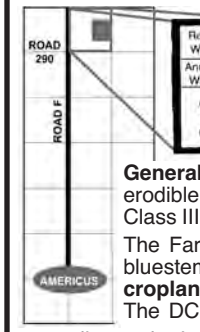
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Property Location: 5 miles North on Road F to Road 290, then East 1 mile to Road G, then 1/4 mile North on Road G to Southeast corner of property. Land on West side of Road G for 1/2 mile.

General Description: This property has not highly erodible land or wetland. This land is mostly Class II or Class III land according to the Lyon County Soil Survey. The Farm consists of 71 acres of cropland, 84 acres bluestem and 5 acres of waterway and roads. The cropland only is rented for 2012 @ \$40.00 per acre. The DCP Payments for 2012 will be approx. \$731.83 according to the Lyon-Chase County ASCS office.

Legal Description: The North half of Southeast One-quarter and South one-half of the Northeast One-quarter of Section 12, Township 17, Range 10 East, Lyon County, KS.

Taxes: 2011 Taxes: \$644.04. Seller pays 2011 taxes & gets 2011 income.

Merchantable Title: A title insurance policy for the amount of purchase and closing costs will be split 50-50 by the buyer and seller.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Taking The Other Side

Like many of you, I receive all kinds of news stories, jokes, blogs, etc. Last week three items came my way that stimulated a predictable knee-jerk response. 'Why,' I asked myself, 'can't I be more generous and examine the opposite side of view?' So I will.

The first item was, "In France, eating animals becomes legal obligation."

The government is decreeing to school, colleges, nursing homes, children's hospitals and prisons that they must serve meat as their main source of protein. Taking the side of Verona the Vegan I would say, "Meat is bad for you. Even a sip of chicken broth can upset the system of the strongest vegan's digestive tract! To walk by a Pizza Hut can give some of us a rash. A

true vegan couldn't even catch a whiff of tuna salad! We'd all be forced to wear Asian Flu masks!

"At a table where everyone is ordering brisket and ribs, our vegan minority representative would look around and quietly say, 'Oh... I guess I'll have the cole slaw.' It is imperative that we not lose the 'martyred' image. Think of the sacrifice it takes to live on a diet of protein from soybeans, carbs from brownies, and vitamin B from organic chemicals.

"We suffer on your behalf and proselytize like recovering smokers! France must be stopped!"

Item #2 said, "Humane Society of the U.S. still stiffing nation's pet shel-

ters! The Humanewatch.org shows how little the HSUS gives to pet shelters across the country!" In response, as their spokesman I might say, "Of course we don't donate much to pet shelters! Where would you get such an outrageous idea! Probably those pictures of yearning and abused puppies you see in our commercials. Obviously it's to attract attention, but our lawyers say it would be hard to prove deceptive advertising. The object, of course, is money. Speaking of which, there is not enough in our budget to support pet shelters. By gosh, it takes more than a third of your donations to run these ads featuring yearning and abused puppies that we make to en-

courage you to send in more money!

"You just don't know! A quarter of all you send is squirreled away, invested, you know. You can't expect us to spend that money on yearning abused pets... that's our pension. Lawyers are expensive! It takes a lot of cash to sue people. Plus CEOs and officers need to make a little. So I hope you can see, we simply don't have the money to throw around."

Item #3, a notice from Department of Interior about designating additional miles of river and reclassification of "Endangered" to the Loach Minnow. Response from a member of LLLC (Loach Lovers LC); "I am shocked that anyone

could object to increasing protection for a fish, that I admit I have never seen and virtually nobody has ever heard of. But think of the benefits; restriction of recreational use of rivers, prevention of access to the public, limiting grazing, timber and mining, anything that might encourage people to live there.

"As you know, LLLC derives hundreds of thousands of dollars by litigating nuisance law suits with the government who, in turn supports us by settling out of court. What a deal! Love the Loach? You bet your spotted owl. How stupid do you think we are?!"

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Hay trade moderate to active. Demand very strong for dairy, stock cow and grinding alfalfa, moderate to strong for alfalfa pellets and grass hay. The entire state received moisture last week; Eastern Ks had up to 3 inches of rain with Western areas having a rain, snow mix. Snow accumulations were up to 15 inches, with blizzard conditions in the west shutting down highways for several hours. All livestock producers are dealing with muddy conditions. If you have hay for sale or pasture to rent or need hay or grazing, use the services of the Hay and Pasture Exchange: www.kfb.org/hayandpasture/default.htm

Southwest Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady to firm. Movement moderate. Alfalfa, Horse, small squares, 300.00-325.00; Dairy, Supreme 270.00-310.00, an instance 350.00 for Supplemental hay; Premium 250.00-290.00; Heifer or Bunk hay 240.00-270.00; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field or shipped in, 240.00-250.00, an instance 260.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies 260.00-280.00. The week of 12/19-24, 9,911T of grinding alfalfa and 1,400T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Straw, large bales 65.00-75.00, 80.00-90.00 delivered. CRP grass in large bales 100.00, a little 110.00. Sudan, Good, large bales 120.00-150.00. Corn stalks 65.00-70.00, or 80.00-100.00 delivered, ground and delivered 125.00-130.00. Soybean stalks 90.00-100.00 delivered. Soybean hay 160.00.

South Central Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellets steady to firm. Movement moderate to active. Alfalfa, Dairy, Supreme, 260.00-300.00, instance 325.00; Premium 230.00-270.00; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 200.00-220.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 225.00-250.00. The week of 12/19-24, 4,395T of grinding alfalfa and 781T of dairy alfalfa were delivered. Alfalfa pellets: Sun Cured 15 and 17 pct protein 275.00-292.00; Dehydrated 17 pct 305.00. Straw, large bales 60.00-75.00. Corn hay 80.00-100.00. Corn stalks 65.00. Sudan, Good large bales 125.00-130.00.

Southeast Kansas

Alfalfa, brome and prairie hay steady to firm. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse and goat, mid square 250.00; Dairy 250.00; Bluestem: Good, small squares 100.00-125.00, mid and large squares 100.00-115.00, some to 125.00, large rounds 80.00-95.00, instances 100.00-110.00. Brome: Good, Small squares 110.00-125.00 mid and large squares 100.00-110.00, large rounds 80.00-90.00. Straw, large bales 60.00-65.00. Corn hay 100.00, 150.00 with low Nitrates. Sudan,

good, large bales 125.00. Soybean hay, good large bales 125.00.

Northwest Kansas

Grinding alfalfa steady to firm. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse 250.00; Dairy, no trade. Stock Cow, Good 200.00; Fair-Good grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field 180.00-220.00, an instance 230.00; Ground and delivered to feedlots and dairies 205.00-250.00. CRP grass in large bales 80.00-100.00, some Good 125.00. Sudan, good, large bales 125.00-130.00. Corn stalks 55.00-65.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy and grinding alfalfa, prairie hay and brome steady to firm. Movement moderate. Alfalfa: Horse, 280.00-300.00, some 7.50-8.00/small square bale; Dairy, Supreme, 250.00-300.00, an instance 350.00 for Supplemental hay; Premium 230.00-270.00; Utility-Fair grinding alfalfa at the edge of the field, 180.00-220.00, alfalfa Ground-on-the-truck 200.00-250.00, Ground and delivered 225.00-250.00. Grass hay: Bluestem Good, small squares, 5.00-6.00/bale, 100.00-125.00, Mid squares 100.00-140.00, large rounds 40.00-45.00/bale, 70.00-100.00/T, 110.00 delivered. Brome: Good, small squares, 6.00-7.50/bale, 110.00-150.00/T, Mid squares, 110.00-150.00, large round, 50.00/bale, 75.00-100.00/T. Grass Mulch, large round 50.00-60.00, CWF large round 95.00-100.00. Straw, small squares 3.50/bale or 4.00/bale delivered, large bales 60.00-70.00/T or 70.00-75.00 delivered. Soybean hay, Good, large bales 120.00-160.00. Soybean stalks, large bales 70.00. Cornstalks ground and delivered 100.00. Milo stalks, large round 65.00-75.00.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Source: Kansas Dept of Ag-USDA Market News Service, Dodge City.

Steve Hessman, Rich Hruska, OIC (620) 227-8881 24 hour price information

(620) 369-9311 www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/DC_GR310.txt; www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketnews.

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STEER CALVES — 400-550 LBS

CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	3 blk	415@178.00
Patrick Blanka	Wamego	3 blk	483@173.50
CW Taylor Jr.	Frankfort	7 blk	515@173.00

FEEDER STEERS — 550-925 LBS

Patrick Blanka	Wamego	12 blk	570@168.00
Dale Steinlage	Corning	5 bwf	588@166.75
Mayer Ranch	Alta Vista	85 blk	622@160.50
Charles Price	Perry	5 blk	659@146.25
Charles Price	Perry	10 blk	699@145.00
Patrick Blanka	Wamego	9 blk	696@144.75
Dale Steinlage	Corning	7 xbred	665@138.00
Lindsey Bulk	Riley	5 xbred	634@137.50
Charles Price	Perry	3 blk	785@136.75
Phillip Goodyear	Junction City	4 blk	656@133.00
Phillip Goodyear	Junction City	3 blk	913@130.00

HEIFER CALVES — 350-550 LBS

Larry & Reece Honig	Onaga	3 blk	368@158.00
Dale Steinlage	Corning	3 blk	468@156.00
Terry Seematter	Manhattan	4 blk	445@155.00
Adam Freeman	Junction City	6 blk	445@150.50
Larry & Reece Honig	Onaga	3 xbred	486@150.00

FEEDER HEIFERS — 550-800 LBS

Dale Steinlage	Corning	7 blk	567@147.00
Lindsey Bulk	Riley	3 xbred	588@137.00
Ken Jay Fuller	Miltonvale	3 blk	716@133.00
Phillip Goodyear	Junction City	3 blk	645@128.50
Phillip Goodyear	Junction City	4 blk	788@126.50

COWS & HEIFERETTES — 950-1,500 LBS.

Ken Flagler	Maple Hill	1 blk	1155@100.00
Fischer Bros	Beattie	1 blk	970@98.00
Dorothy Cline	Havensville	1 bwf	1210@89.00
Steven Sperfslage	Seneca	1 blk	1335@80.00
Jim Lindley	Grantville	2 blk	1097@80.00
Fischer Bros	Beattie	1 blk	1170@78.00
Mike Lindell	Leonardville	1 blk	1140@77.00
CJ Hamilton	Silver Lake	1 blk	1475@74.00
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CJ Hamilton	Silver Lake	1 herford	1350@71.75
John Leo Farrell	Frankfort	1 blk	1455@71.75
Mike Lindell	Leonardville	1 blk	1370@70.00
Dave Heier	Olsburg	1 blk	1170@69.50
Brian Dressman	Frankfort	1 bwf	1450@69.50
Patrick Blanka	Wamego	1 bwf	1270@69.50
Kenneth Holub	Tampa	1 blk	1825@69.00
Jim Lindley	Grantville	1 blk	1440@68.00
Cow Camp Ranch LLC	Lost Springs	1 blk	1345@68.00
John & Anita Walker	Harveyville	1 blk	985@66.00
Don Hulsing	Axtell	1 blk	1200@66.00
Steven Sperfslage	Seneca	1	1485@64.75

BULLS — 1,575-2,175 LBS.

Neil Manville	Valley Falls	1 blk	1590@93.25
Sperfslage Brothers	Seneca	1 holstein	1790@83.50
Kenneth Holub	Tampa	1 blk	1770@83.00
Lance & Austin Cline	Frankfort	1 Simm	2175@89.25

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 18 Reputation black OCV heifers, longtime weaned, shots, 600-700 lbs.

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 46 Big Fancy home raised OCV black cows, 4-5 years old, bred to registered Angus Final Answer Sons, to start calving March 1st for 60 day calving period
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 100 Choice black bulls & heifers, 450-600 lbs.
 100 Choice black bwf & rwf steers & heifers, 2 rounds shots, weaned 60 days, 600-750 lbs.
 90 Angus & Angus x steers & heifers, weaned, bunk broke, 550-650 lbs.
 85 Choice Reputation black & bwf steers, weaned 60 days, 2 round shots, 575-625 lbs.
 80 Choice Reputation steers & heifers, weaned, 2 round shots, 600-700 lbs.
 50 Choice black steers & heifers, weaned Nov. 1, 2 round shots, 650-700 lbs.
 50 Choice Reputation Hereford steers, longtime weaned, 2 rounds shots, 550-650 lbs.
 43 black steers & heifers, long-time weaned, 1 round shots, 550-800 lbs.
 40 Choice Angus Gelb x steers, longtime weaned, 2 round shots, 600-700 lbs.
 40 Choice black steers & heifers, 550-600 lbs
 30 Choice Reputation black steers & heifers, weaned 60+ days, electric fence, bunk broke, 550-700 lbs.
 25 black steers, 700-800 lbs.
 22 black steers, weaned, 1 round shots, bunk broke, 750-850 lbs.
 20 black heifers, 1 complete rd shots, 600-800 lbs.
 20 Holstein steers, 650-700 lbs.
 19 black steers, weaned Oct. 8th, 2 rounds shots, 600-700 lbs.
 17 black steers & heifers, 600-700 lbs.
 15 black steers & heifers, weaned 10 days, shots, 500-550 lbs.
 10 black steers & heifers, 600-650 lbs.
 9 Angus steers & 2 heifers, weaned, 2 rounds shots, 500-600 lbs.
 8 Hereford steers, 2 rounds shots, weaned, electric fence and bunk broke, 600-700 lbs.

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Women Involved in Agriculture — a Kansas Annie's Project planned for February

More and more women are involved in agriculture each year. Many women manage or help manage farm and ranch operations and/or they are landlords.

To address the needs of women involved in agriculture, the Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley, Morris, and Wabaunsee Extension Services will be holding a series of six meetings called Women Involved in Agriculture - A Kansas Annie's Project. Sorry men, this is a women's only program.

So, what is Annie's Project?

Annie's is a series of meetings for women involved in agriculture, designed to help them learn more about managing the farm and making business decisions. The mission statement for Annie's nationwide is "to empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information".

Annie's project is named after Annie, a woman who grew up in a small town in northern Illinois with her goal being to marry a

farmer. Annie did marry a farmer, and she became an active partner in the farm business, keeping the farm records and making many of the farm business decisions. But Annie lived in a time when a woman managing the farm wasn't common and she faced many challenges in her quest to make the farm successful.

To significantly shorten the story, Annie was married to a farmer for 50 years and she died in 1997, a wealthy woman. Her daughter, Ruth Fleck Hambleton, also married a farmer, but

instead of being the traditional farm wife, Ruth had a career as an Extension farm business management and marketing educator. It was Ruth who started Annie's Project.

Six meetings for women in agriculture have already been scheduled. The sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons, except February 15th from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., starting on February 7 and continuing through March 13. Meetings will be held at the Frontier Farm Credit lending office located at 9370 E U.S. Hwy. 24,

Manhattan.

Leading off the series will be a session on True Colors, a personality profile system that helps you understand how different personality types think and how you can work with or around other personality colors. Also, there will be sessions on financial management, record keeping, leasing, marketing, estate planning, and much more.

The cost to attend will be \$50, which will cover the

cost of the binder, publications, and meals. Space will be limited to 25 participants.

If you want to participate in Women Involved in Agriculture - A Kansas Annie's Project, please call the Marshall County Extension office at (785) 562-3531 or e-mail Michael Vogt at Mvogt@ksu.edu. contact the Marshall County Extension office at (785) 562-3531, or e-mail Mike at mvogt@ksu.edu by Tuesday, January 31.

Kansas Wheat Research Foundation offers scholarship in memory of Herb Clutter

Students looking for help funding college expenses should apply for the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship program to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers. The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 by the Kansas Wheat Research Foundation, which is administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

The scholarship fund will award one \$500 scholarship per year, to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas, pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must plan to be a full-time student at any two- or four-year, Kansas college or university. Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused around the field of agriculture. Recipients will receive the scholarship to be applied toward tuition for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable. The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established through a fund in memory of Herbert W. Clutter, a farmer from Holcomb and the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, which was established in 1948. Clutter encouraged Kansas wheat farmers to organize as a strong, unified voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. He encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, use of more wheat as food,

improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter's efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature, in 1957.

Herb's story and the impact he had on the wheat industry serves as an excellent example to young adults as they begin their college careers," says Justin Gilpin, CEO Kansas Wheat. "His vision, hard work, and sense of community are all qualities tomorrow's leaders will need to possess."

"Receiving the Herb Clutter Scholarship provided me with financial assistance that enabled me to focus my time in school on my studies and leadership activities, instead of having to have a job in order to pay for college," says Reagan Kays, 2010 Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship winner. Kays says as a recipient of this scholarship, he has learned the value of paying the way forward for the future generations of agriculturalists.

Applicants of the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship must complete the scholarship application, which includes a 400-500- word essay discussing why they have chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay along with the student's application in determining the scholarship winner. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1, 2012.

More information about the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship is available by contacting Dalton Henry at 785-539-0255 or email dhenry@kswheat.com. An application is available on the Internet at www.kansaswheat.org.



Cowboy poet Trey Allen entertained Geary County KLA members at their December 15 meeting at Strauss Farms near Junction City. Photo by Donna Sullivan



Matt Teagarden, director of industry relations and information technology for the Kansas Livestock Association, was one of the speakers at a recent Geary County KLA meeting at Strauss Farms near Junction City. In discussing legislative and regulatory issues of concern to livestock producers, he stated his belief that eliminating the income tax completely would put too much burden on property taxes.

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Federal court strikes down California air-quality law, decision preserves market for Kansas ethanol

A federal court has agreed with Kansas that a California law favoring California-produced ethanol over that manufactured in the Midwest is unconstitutional, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced last week.

In an order entered December 29, the United States District Court for

the Eastern District of California barred California from enforcing its state-based Low Carbon Fuel Standards. In March, Kansas and five other Midwestern states had filed a brief asking the court to block the California law because it favored use of California-produced ethanol over that produced in the Midwest in violation

of the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

"This is good news for Kansas ethanol producers and for our state's farmers who sell grain to them," Schmidt said. "It means that the California market remains open to Kansas ethanol, and it means that Kansas ethanol can continue to be part of the solu-

tion to air-quality problems on the west coast."

Schmidt joined with attorneys general from Nebraska, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota in asking the Court to block the California law because it discriminated against the use of ethanol produced in the Midwest without any lawful basis for doing

so. Last week, the court agreed.

"This Court finds that the (California fuel standard) impermissibly discriminates against out-of-state corn ethanol and impermissibly regulates extraterritorially in violation of the dormant Commerce Clause and its jurisprudence," the Court wrote in its opinion.

Schmidt said he is encouraged by the Court's decision and believes it will stand up on appeal. If the State of California decides to appeal the ruling, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in San Francisco would have jurisdiction to hear the matter. The case is Rocky Mountain Farmers Union v. Goldstene.

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2003 Case IH MX285 MFD	2700	\$125,000.00	\$119,500.00	WA
2008 Case IH MX275 MFD	3015	\$138,500.00	\$133,500.00	MA
2003 Case IH MX255 MFD	6693	\$89,500.00	\$83,500.00	MA
2009 Case IH MX215 EMD		\$39,500.00	\$136,500.00	MA
2004 Case IH MX230 MFD	1825	\$125,000.00	\$119,500.00	SN
2007 Case IH Puma 180 MFD	997	\$109,500.00	\$105,500.00	CC
2003 Case IH MXM120 MFD w/ldr		\$46,500.00	\$42,500.00	CC
2003 Case IH MXM130 MFD w/ldr		\$59,500.00	\$56,500.00	MA
1988 Case IH 7120 2wd	7841	\$38,500.00	\$35,000.00	HW
1990 Case IH 7120 2wd	3386	\$39,500.00	\$36,500.00	CC
1988 Case IH 7120 MFD	9067	\$43,500.00	\$37,500.00	CC
1989 Case IH 7140 2wd	4952	\$42,500.00	\$38,500.00	HW
1994 Case IH 7250 MFD	3602	\$73,500.00	\$69,500.00	CC
1994 Case IH 5240 MFD	4691	\$49,500.00	\$47,500.00	MA
1990 Case IH 5140 MFD	6	\$31,500.00	\$28,000.00	CC
1993 Case IH 5230 MFD w/ldr		\$37,500.00	\$34,500.00	WA
2010 Case IH STX435 Quad	470	\$281,500.00	\$273,500.00	MA
2005 Case IH JX95 MFD w/ldr	4	\$35,500.00	\$33,500.00	MA
2003 Case IH DX25 MFD	581	\$12,750.00	\$11,000.00	WA
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1981 IH 3288 2wd	8540	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	CC
1981 IH 3688 2wd	10	\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00	MA
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1982 IH 5288 2wd	4328	\$24,500.00	\$21,500.00	MA
1977 IH 1086 2wd	8211	\$16,500.00	\$14,500.00	MA
1977 IH 986 2wd	7138	\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00	SN
IH 656 2wd	8025	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	MA
2004 JD 7820 MFD w/ldr	4455	\$103,500.00	\$93,500.00	MA
2006 JD 6210 2wd w/ldr	1	\$29,950.00	\$25,500.00	CC
1989 JD 4755 2wd	7	\$42,500.00	\$38,500.00	WA
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1995 Agco Allis 9435 2wd w/ldr	2	\$45,000.00	\$39,500.00	HW
2006 McCormick MC115 MFD	2566	\$46,500.00	\$42,500.00	CC

TILLAGE				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH RMX340 26' disc		\$31,250.00	\$29,250.00	WA
Krause 4991 32' disc		\$25,500.00	\$22,500.00	MA

CULTIVATORS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH 4300 44' FC		\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00	MA
Case IH 4300 26' FC		\$14,850.00	\$13,000.00	MA
Wil-Rich 2500 44' FC		\$11,000.00	\$9,500.00	HW

HAY				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH 8370 14' swather		\$9,500.00	\$8,000.00	MA
1997 Case IH 8370 14' swather		\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	CC
Case IH 8312 12' swather		\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00	WA
2001 Case IH 8870 14' windrower	700	\$55,500.00	\$52,500.00	MA
2004 Case IH DCX131 13' swather		\$16,000.00	\$13,500.00	CC
2002 Case IH RBX451 rd. baler		\$12,000.00	\$9,500.00	SN
2001 Case IH RS561 rd. baler		\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00	WA
Case IH RS561 rd. baler		\$8,950.00	\$7,500.00	WA
2005 Case IH RBX562 rd. baler		\$25,250.00	\$22,500.00	WA
1994 Case IH 8465 rd. baler		\$9,500.00	\$6,500.00	CC
1998 Case IH 8480 rd. baler		\$11,000.00	\$8,500.00	CC
1991 Case IH 8460 rd. baler		\$6,750.00	\$5,350.00	MA
1992 Hesston 1160 14' swather		\$7,850.00	\$4,500.00	HW
2005 NH HW325 16' windrower	860	\$61,500.00	\$57,500.00	MA
Agco Hesston 9345 16' windrower	500	\$63,500.00	\$59,500.00	WA
JD 1424 14' swather		\$4,250.00	\$3,500.00	MA
2002 NH 1475 16' swather		\$15,500.00	\$12,500.00	HW
NH 499 12' swather		\$6,850.00	\$6,100.00	MA
2005 JD 567 rd. baler		\$23,500.00	\$19,500.00	CC
2006 NH BR780 rd. baler		\$16,500.00	\$13,000.00	SN

COMBINES				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
2008 Case IH 7010	940	\$199,950.00	\$194,500.00	WA
2010 Case IH 7120	714	\$226,500.00	\$221,500.00	MA
2010 Case IH 7088	876	\$215,000.00	\$210,000.00	HW
2010 Case IH 6088	588	\$215,000.00	\$211,000.00	MA
2009 Case IH 5088		\$31,000.00	\$181,000.00	WA
2008 Case IH 2588	1004	\$193,500.00	\$188,500.00	MA
1998 Case IH 2388	3384	\$72,500.00	\$65,000.00	CC
2005 Case IH 2377	2086	\$139,500.00	\$135,000.00	WA
1996 Case IH 2188	3695	\$73,500.00	\$69,500.00	CC
1988 Case IH 1660	5420	\$28,500.00	\$25,000.00	HW
1991 Case IH 1660		\$15,000.00	\$9,500.00	HW
1987 Case IH 1660	3408	\$19,750.00	\$14,500.00	HW
1987 Case IH 1660	5	\$15,500.00	\$11,500.00	SN
1989 Case IH 1680	4261	\$34,500.00	\$31,000.00	WA
1987 Case IH 1660	8755	\$11,500.00	\$8,000.00	CC
1998 GL R62	2259	\$69,500.00	\$63,500.00	MA
1993 JD 9600	3911	\$34,500.00	\$29,500.00	WA
2005 JD 9650 STS		\$28,500.00	\$124,000.00	CC
2007 JD 9660 STS	1319	\$199,500.00	\$185,500.00	HW

HEADERS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
2009 Case IH 2142 35'		\$36,500.00	\$30,000.00	HW
2006 Case IH 2062 36'		\$43,000.00	\$37,500.00	MA
2009 Case IH 2020 30'		\$24,500.00	\$21,500.00	MA
2009 Case IH 2020 25'		\$18,500.00	\$16,500.00	HW
2009 Case IH 2020 20'		\$20,950.00	\$17,950.00	MA
2006 Case IH 2020 20'		\$10,500.00	\$8,500.00	MA
2007 Case IH 1020 30'		\$21,500.00	\$18,500.00	MA
2007 Case IH 1020 30'		\$22,500.00	\$19,500.00	MA
1997 Case IH 1020 25'		\$16,500.00	\$13,500.00	MA

WAGON/CARTS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Kelly Ryan 5x12		\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00	CC
A&L 47 grain cart		\$7,000.00	\$6,250.00	WA
Brent 1084 grain cart		\$29,500.00	\$26,500.00	HW
Kinze 850 grain cart		\$37,500.00	\$35,000.00	MA
J&M 675-14 grain cart		\$11,950.00	\$10,000.00	MA

LOADERS/AUGERS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Farmhand XL1140 loader w/ldr		\$10,500.00	\$9,000.00	MA
Hutchinson 10x72		\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00	CC
Buhler 1395 13x95 auger		\$12,500.00	\$10,500.00	HW
WF 13x91 auger		\$13,950.00	\$12,800.00	WA
2007 Gehl 7810E skid loader	935	\$39,500.00	\$36,500.00	CC
Gehl 7600 skid loader	1633	\$22,900.00	\$21,000.00	CC
2004 Case 70XT skid loader		\$23,000.00	\$21,000.00	WA
2006 Case 445 skid loader	239	\$26,500.00	\$22,500.00	SN
1980 Case 1816 skid loader		\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	HW

MISCELLANEOUS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Rhino TW84 shredder		\$1,950.00	\$1,800.00	WA
Rhino SE15-5 15' shredder		\$9,800.00	\$9,200.00	MA
Landpride 3510 10' shredder		\$4,100.00	\$3,750.00	WA
2006 RHS FP111 80' sprayer		\$25,000.00	\$22,500.00	CC
2002 RHS FP111 60' sprayer		\$17,500.00	\$15,500.00	CC
2006 RHS FP111 80' sprayer		\$26,500.00	\$22,950.00	MA
Spra Coupe 60' sprayer	2	\$9,500.00	\$8,000.00	HW
Terragator 1664 90' sprayer	3051	\$42,500.00	\$37,500.00	CC
2000 RoGator 1254 sprayer	4650	\$65,000.00	\$61,000.00	CC
2005 Raptor Pro 1200 sp sprayer	1582	\$89,500.00	\$73,500.00	CC
1994 Wilmar 765 60' sprayer	3500	\$35,000.00	\$31,000.00	HW
2003 Case IH SPX3200 sprayer	1638	\$92,000.00	\$87,500.00	SN
2002 Case IH SPX3185 sprayer	750	\$85,000.00	\$67,500.00	HW

PLOWES				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH 4200 30' consertill		\$16,500.00	\$14,000.00	MA
DMI 4250 15 chank applicator		\$23,500.00	\$21,500.00	HW
1998 DMI 2800 applicator		\$28,500.00	\$26,500.00	HW
1994 Landoll 2227 9-24 WP11		\$18,500.00	\$15,000.00	SN

DRILLS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH 5500 SS 30'		\$36,500.00	\$34,500.00	SN
2005 Great Plains 2600 26'		\$27,500.00	\$25,000.00	CC
2005 Great Plains 4000 40'		\$41,500.00	\$36,500.00	WA
1997 Great Plains 3000 30'		\$23,500.00	\$20,000.00	MA
1998 Great Plains 1300 end wheel		\$8,500.00	\$7,750.00	MA
Krause 5425 25 drill plain		\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	CC
JD 455 30' drill w/dry		\$35,000.00	\$32,500.00	WA

PLANTERS				
Model	Hours	List	Sale	Loc.
Case IH 900 12RN RHF w/liquid		\$21,500.00	\$17,500.00	MA
Case IH 900 6RN plain		\$4,950.00	\$3,600.00	CC
Case IH 900 8RN plain		\$5,500.00	\$4,500.00	CC
Case IH 1250 24RN FF w/liquid		\$122,500.00	\$116,500.00	WA
Case IH 1200 12RN		\$57,500.00	\$54,500.00	CC
Case IH 1200 16/31RN plain		\$69,500.00	\$64,500.00	MA
Case IH 1250 16RN FF plain		\$93,800.00	\$87,500.00	MA
Case IH 1200 16RN w/liquid		\$75,000.00	\$68,500.00	CC
Case IH 1200 16RN plain		\$59,000.00	\$52,500.00	WA
Case IH 1250 16RN FF w/liquid		\$108,500.00	\$103,500.00	MA
Case IH 950 12RN VF w/liquid		\$8,500.00	\$7,300.00	WA
Case IH 955 6RN w/dry		\$12,500.00	\$11,000.00	MA
IH 800 16RN RHF plain		\$9,500.00	\$8,000.00	CC
Kinze 2210 12RN w/liquid		\$29,500.00	\$26,500.00	SN

CC = Clay Center • HW = Hiawatha
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Common Ground

By Steve Suther

They say it takes all kinds to make the world, and the adage is all about people. Look around the mall, watch TV or check out the Internet and you find ready evidence of the individuality of individuals.

Look at the world of ideas out there — maybe way out there — in politics, government and economics. Most of us share some common ideals such as a respect for life, liberty and equality. We believe in that unique spark, call it a soul, that makes us human and drives us to achieve. With that spark comes the fire of independence as another basic ideal, especially in agriculture. We all like to do things our way, starting with a brand of truck or breed of cattle.

Some like green tractors, others like red. Some build

only barbwire fences, others use woven net or rely on electricity. Some spend evenings checking email, or check every smartphone buzz; others roll their eyes at the thought of computers. Horses are part of the deal for some while others ride four-wheelers.

There are millions of ways to raise cattle, too, if you consider that no two farms or ranches around the world operate exactly the same.

Even in North America, where there is more common ground in cattle production, there are still great differences. We may take issue with the genetic selection, management and marketing program across the road, not to mention what is going on a couple of states away.

Yet this business is driven by the need to make con-

sistent profits, to keep the lifestyle going. Among all of those subsets of people, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, you can find a commitment to raising the kind of beef people rave about.

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Within those feedlots, any diversity in placements on feed is magnified before harvest. For example, a Kansas yard that analyzed records on many thousands of cattle for more than a decade found a range of at least four pounds daily gain among the most variable quarter of cattle pens. Times 150 days on feed, that meant starting weights grew apart by 600 lb. A similar spread is apparent in terms of quality grade. Even without the weight difference, premiums and discounts can create a value spread of \$500 or more.

The need for maintaining common ground extends through every segment of

the beef industry, through the packinghouse and all the way to the consumer. Although all beef buyers are individuals, they come together on the issue of wanting predictable value for their beef dollars.

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Scientists develop Eastern redcedar forage loss calculator

They're everywhere - those Eastern redcedar trees that dot much of the Kansas landscape. And they pose a problem for many landowners.

"Eastern redcedar encroachment is an increasing problem in rangelands in

the eastern two-thirds of Kansas," said Carol Blocksome, range management specialist with K-State Research and Extension. "The Kansas Forest Service estimates that there was a 23,000 percent increase in redcedar volume in Kansas

between 1965 and 2005. That means an undesirable conversion of rangeland to forest, which negatively impacts prairie wildlife habitat and a decreased amount of available forage for livestock."

Blocksome and several

colleagues developed a redcedar calculator that allows a cattle producer to roughly determine the amount of forage lost to redcedar encroachment and the related reduction in carrying capacity of a paddock. The calculator can be found online at

<http://ksfire.org/p.aspx?tabid=15> under "Education/Reasons for Burning."

The tool estimates the amount and percent of forage lost due to redcedar encroachment, and also estimates the number of cow-calf pairs that could be supported if those trees were eliminated.

Redcedar is primarily controlled by burning small trees (less than three feet in height) and by mechanical means for areas with larger trees, dense stands without a grass understory, or where fire poses a safety hazard, the agronomist said. By allowing producers to calculate forage losses, the costs of redcedar control can be considered in conjunction with the potential for positive financial returns due to increased livestock production.

The calculator was based on measurements taken in the tallgrass prairie. It has not been evaluated for mid-grass or short-grass

rangelands.

Producers often work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to gather information that needs to be entered into the online tool, Blocksome said.

"Controlling redcedar, and thereby increasing forage production, can have a positive economic impact for producers by allowing them to stock more livestock in the same paddock," she said.



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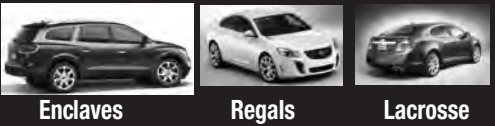
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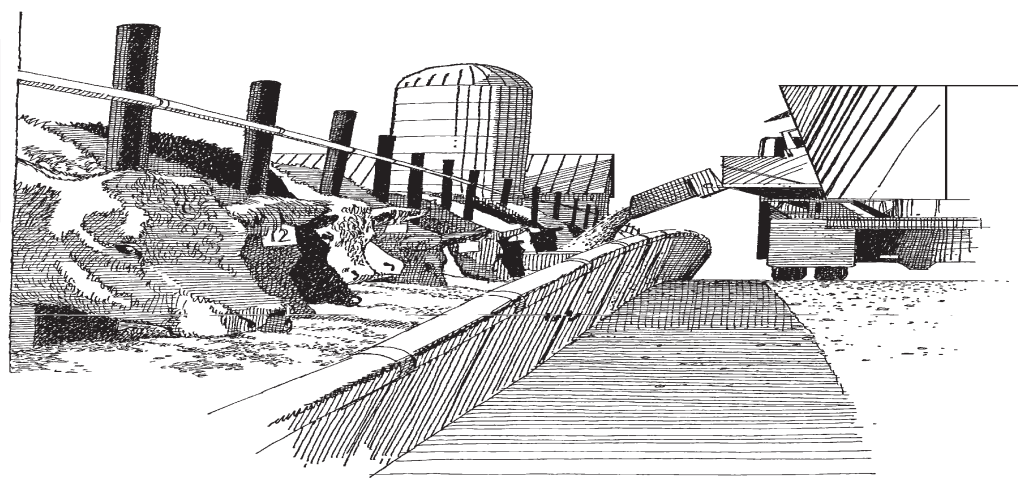
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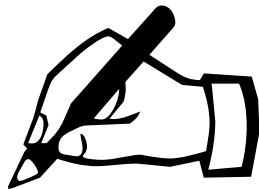


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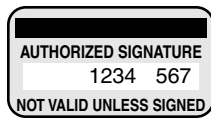
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Ranchers focus on cattle's environmental impact

(AP) – The U.S. livestock industry needs to be more proactive in showing how it's reducing its environmental impact since public focus on such issues is increasing and global demand for meat is expected to spike, an animal scientist told hundreds of cattle ranchers recently.

Washington State University professor Jude Capper shared research on modern practices that she argued could dispel claims by animal rights groups and others that the industry isn't doing enough to lessen its carbon footprint. She noted the proliferation of news shows and articles documenting the public's interest in climate change, water issues and energy use.

"It is not only an issue for us as an industry. It is an issue for the consumers, it is an issue for the retailers, it is an issue for the policy makers," Capper said during the Kansas Livestock Association's annual convention, which attracted about 750 ranchers to Wichita.

For example, Capper said, some animal production technologies such as hormone use are often demonized by animal activists and in popular media. Yet hormones and other steps taken to increase the size of cattle, thus producing more meat per animal, have reduced the amount of land and

water needed by ranchers, she said.

She also noted that the world's population is expected to increase along with personal incomes, particularly in developing countries such as China, India and Africa, by 50 percent by 2050. That's expected to increase demand for protein foods such as milk, meat and eggs by 70 percent – as available land for food production declines.

"What that means is we have great need for improved productivity and improved efficiency... to guarantee we can feed everybody," Capper said.

The industry is trying to prepare for those changes at the same time animal production in the U.S. has come under increased public scrutiny. Campaigns such as those urging consumers to embrace "meatless Mondays" in order to reduce carbon emissions have gotten a lot of attention, she said.

But Capper said her research shows that even if all consumers stopped eating meat on Mondays, the environmental impact would be negligible. A bigger impact would be made by driving a different car or changing to more energy-efficient light bulbs.

"If we improve productivity overall, we are going to make economic gains. We are going to make environmental gains," Capper said.

She noted that slaugh-

ter weights have risen in recent years. In 1977 it took five animals to produce the same amount of beef that four animals produced in 2007. That represents less feed, less land, less water and less greenhouse gases, Capper said.

During that time, the nation's livestock industry increased its beef production by 131 percent while raising 70 percent fewer animals and using 81 percent less livestock feed.

That also meant less animal waste: 82 percent less manure and 82 percent less methane. The so-called carbon footprint of the livestock industry was reduced by 84 percent between 1977 and 2007, she said.

About 98 percent of beef cattle are raised under the conventional production system, meaning calves are fattened in feed yards and ranchers use technological advances such as hormones. Calves are generally weaned at seven months and sent to feed yards then or when they're 12 months old.

Natural production systems don't use technology such as hormones but do send calves to feed lots. Another alternative practice is raising grass-fed beef, meaning cattle are raised entirely on pasture without any hormones until slaughter.

Removing such technologies from beef production increases the

number of animals needed to produce the same amount of beef, Capper said.

In conventional livestock practices, the carcass weight of each slaughtered animal runs about 800 pounds with 453 days needed before the animal is ready for slaughter. For grass-fed cattle, the carcass weight of a single animal averages 615 pounds with 679 days to slaughter.

That means 64.6 million more grass-fed animals would be needed if using strictly grass-fed practices to produce the same amount of beef. If all U.S. beef cattle are raised grass-fed, land use would increase by 131 million acres – about 75 percent of the land area of Texas, Capper said.

All those extra grass-fed cattle would also increase greenhouse emissions by 134.5 million tons, and water use would increase by 468 billion gallons – the amount of annual estimated water usage by 53.1 million households, she said.

"If we take technology completely out of the system now, productivity goes down and efficiency goes down," Capper said. "Cost of production per pound of beef go up."

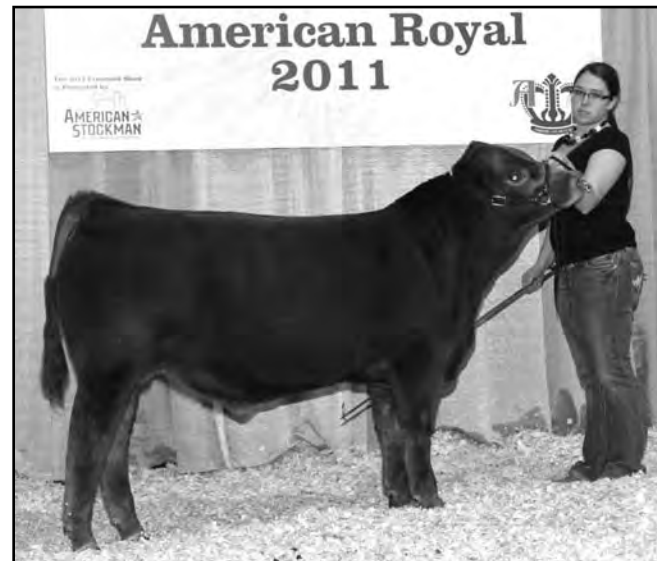
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The Last Load

In the summer, I like to check my cattle on horseback. It's a good way to get a count, check calves, look at the fence, and see if we need more salt. But when it's time to load cattle in the fall, you never know what will happen, as described in the following poem. With my herd, I do what my dad always did. He'd get a bucket of range cubes and rattle 'em to bring the old cows a'runnin'. Then we'd pen 'em and load 'em and bring 'em to the home place for wintering.

The boys and I set out to do this last fall. We'd taken up range cubes a few times so as to get them used to us, but not many times. The older, experienced cows knew the drill, and they came right in the pen where we led them with range cubes. But there were a couple of wild cows and the inexperienced summer calves who refused to come in our loading pen. Our loading was not going well.

My response to this problem was the two Ps: Pellets and panels. We went home and scavenged every spare panel we could find, including those from the round pen. Then we hauled those panels to the north pasture and set them up in two widespread rows leading to one corner of the fence. We got some extra bags of range cubes and spread those pellets around the corner. Then we carefully brought those cattle up and eased

'em into the corner where we could eventually bring the panels together. Finally we had 'em caught!

I backed the truck and trailer to one corner of this fence and started loading cattle out. Again, the mature cows would generally go right in the trailer and we could crowd the little calves in as well. We shuttled the trailer to the home

place a few times. Finally we were down to the last load.

Unfortunately, this load included one wild, black white face cow who was always evading our capture. When we crowded her in a corner, she lifted her head and jumped the fence.

Fortunately, she didn't run off. There were corn stalks on the other side of the fence, so she stopped to graze. We got around her and got her back in the pen. We closed in and once again she took a running leap and cleared the fence with room to spare. Time for more panels. Eventually we did indeed get that cow loaded. She may not be much of a brood cow, but I think she could make the Olympic hurdles team.

Wild Cattle

by Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

"These cattle are wild," the old rancher said. It's a saying that fills us cowboys with dread. We know we're in for one tough day, When the boss describes the cattle that way. He said, "This load of calves came from Tennessee. They'd hardly seen a human before they came to me. When these calves got here, they acted riled. I turned 'em out in the pasture and they ran wild. So I'm sorry," he said with some chagrin, "But it's time to gather these wild cattle in." The boys saddled up and we dispersed Across the pasture, fearing the worst. I rode out to the west, on a mere hunch, And found those calves grazin' all in a bunch. But when they spotted a horse and a man, Those wild cattle all turned tail and ran. They ran straight toward the loading pens, Then ran to the trailer and ran right in. The boss slammed shut the trailer gate, And we sat there amazed at this twist of fate. Those cattle were wild and they'd certainly run, But they ran in the trailer. Suddenly, we were done. We looked at each other in disbelief At the ease with which we loaded that beef. In spite of all our worries and fears, That was the easiest loading we'd done in years. So I turned around and reined up my hoss As we turned our puzzled eyes to the boss. "Well," the boss said, with a wondering expression, "For once, those cattle were wild in the right direction."

Happy Trails!
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Irvine Ranch holds annual production sale

Irvine Ranch held their annual production sale on November 5, 2011 at Manhattan Commission Company with Garren Walrod calling for bids. 32 yearling Simmental and SimAngus bulls sold at an average of \$3,477. 19 fall cow/calf pairs averaged \$2,236. One embryo flush sold for \$4,000.

The highest selling lot was IR Flinthills X535, a TNT Dual Focus T249 X IR Ms Vienna S942, which sold to Tom Hull, Beloit, for \$6,500. C Diamond, Inc. of Dawson, N.D. purchased IR Teton X497, a TNT Dual Focus X497 x IR Ms Pamplona T992 for \$5,250 and Carsten's Simmental, Hotchkiss, Colo. had the final bid of \$5,250 for IR Shear Force X482, a Hooks Shear Force 38K x IR Ms Fenella U059. Edgar Pralle, Blue Rapids, was the top bidder at \$5,000 for IR Lucky Man X494, a GW Lucky Man 644N x IR Ms Vienna S942 and Bruce Hachmeister, Natoma, purchased IR Objective X507, a SS Objective T510 OT26 x IR Ms Vienna S921 for \$5,000.

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Ogallala committee meets in Garden City

(AP) - Representatives from the Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee met recently in Garden City to discuss proposed water policy legislation with local officials and residents.

The Garden City Telegram reports the proposal includes amending the appropriation act of "use it or lose it" for groundwater rights in some areas. It also includes developing additional groundwater water banks for a market-based program to reallocate water use and provide conservation in water-short areas.

The Ogallala Aquifer, a vast underground resource for several states, has been declining for years.

The advisory committee's chairman, Gary Harshberger, said at the meeting last Tuesday that the proposal allows producers and communities to decide their own future while monitoring water conservation and working to improve the economy in southwest Kansas.

Gov. Sam Brownback released the proposed legislation Nov. 30.

Optimism seen in wheat country

By Bill Spiegel

Rain and snow events the last two weeks of December have put the 2012 Kansas wheat crop in good shape, according to an informal survey of farmers throughout the state. And if projections hold true, there will be more acres of wheat to harvest in 2012 than in the last two years.

Informa Economics, a food and agriculture research consultancy based in Memphis, estimates 2011-12 winter wheat plantings in Kansas to total 9 million acres, up from 8.8 million acres in 2010-11 and 8.4 million acres the year before. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will release its figures in March.

Wheat crop condition is rated by the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service at 50% good to excellent, a dramatic improvement over the crop's condition at the same time in 2010. Throughout Kansas, rain and snow events have helped lessen

the impact of long-term drought in central and western Kansas. And although weather conditions can worsen between now and harvest, for now, farmers are heading into the New Year optimistic about the 2012 harvest prospects.

Roger May, a Kansas Association of Wheat Growers director near Oberlin, says nearly four inches of rain fell after the crop was planted, while ten inches of snow fell a few weeks ago, providing ample moisture for the crop headed into winter. "We've had plenty of moisture, and the soil profiles are in good shape. We've got a good stand of wheat headed into winter, so the crop looks excellent at this point."

Randy Fritzemeier, a KAWG director who farms near Stafford, had a forgettable 2011 wheat harvest, but the 2012 crop appears to be in good shape so far. "We've had more rain this fall than we received all

year," says Fritzemeier, whose 2011 harvest was hindered by drought. The area wheat crop has gone dormant for the winter, but with good fall growth and ample soil moisture, it should be in good shape when it breaks dormancy in the spring.

Rich Randall, president of the Kansas Wheat Commission from Scott City, says more acres were sown to wheat this fall than last year in his area, and crop conditions at this time are very good. Nearly 17 inches of snow have fallen upon the crop in the last few weeks; the snow helps insulate the crop from bitter cold, yet provides much needed moisture for soils which to this point had been dry. "We had some rain that fell before the

snow, so southwest Kansas is in much better shape than at this time last year," Randall says.

In Sumner County, Scott Van Allen says nearly seven inches of valuable precipitation have fallen since wheat was planted in October. "At the moment, the crop is in excellent condition heading into winter," says Van Allen, who serves on the Kansas Wheat Commission. It is a stark contrast to conditions last year, in which the crop emerged in fine shape, but went into winter dormancy with too little soil moisture. "We did not receive very much snow or rain last winter, so when the crop broke dormancy, it was too dry and we ran out of moisture. We shouldn't have that problem this year," Van Allen says.



CIRS 122TY, owned by Circle S Ranch, Canton, was named the Gelbvieh spring heifer calf reserve champion at the American Royal Gelbvieh Show.



JERG 5X9, owned by Ladner Cattle Co., Argonia, was tapped as the Gelbvieh junior bull reserve champion at the American Royal Gelbvieh Show.



Hart Farm, Kansas City, showed the Gelbvieh senior bull calf champion at the American Royal Gelbvieh Show. HFGC Hart 10X41 was sired by HFGC HF Roscoe 34P59ET.

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STEERS		HEIFERS		Butcher Cow Top
10	476 180.00	1	430 146.00	was \$78 avg. 1,670 lbs.
2	405 176.00	10	536 144.00	Butcher Bull Top was
2	535 174.00	7	600 142.50	\$90.50 avg. 1,975 lbs.
7	546 162.00	8	653 140.00	BRED COWS: No Test
73	704 151.85	12	604 139.00	PAIRS: No Test
15	709 150.50	14	750 132.00	Fat Hog Top was
20	762 144.50	2	788 132.00	\$54 avg. 253 lbs.
3	780 141.00	2	900 122.00	Sows: \$50.25
8	893 133.00			

CONSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT SALE JANUARY 4:

134 Ang X str/hfhrs	600-775 lbs.	wean double vac.
75 Ang X str/hfhrs	575-725 lbs.	wean double vac.
65 Ang X str/hfhrs	575-775 lbs.	wean double vac.
80 blk X str/hfhrs	500-675 lbs.	wean double vac.
24 Ang. X str/hfhrs	550-650 lbs.	wean double vac.
15 Ang. X str/hfhrs	650-775 lbs.	wean double vac.
50 blk X str/hfhrs	650-775 lbs.	wean double vac.
30 wf bwf str/hfhrs	525-725 lbs.	wean double vac.
30 blk X str/hfhrs	800-1,000 lbs.	wean double vac.
130 Red Ang. X str	650-800 lbs.	wean double vac.
30 Red Ang. X str	650-800 lbs.	weand double vac. no implants
75 blk X str	700-750 lbs.	wean double vac.
60 Blk X str	850-875 lbs.	yrigs.
60 Blk X str	900-950 lbs.	yrigs.
120 mix str	850-950 lbs.	yrigs.

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME

CONSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 11:

20-20 Red Angus Pairs	2-8 yrs old w/Red Angus bulls past 2 weeks
20-20 Red Angus X Sim. Pairs	2-8 yrs old w/Red Angus bulls past 2 weeks
30 Red Angus Cows	2-8 yrs old bred for spring to Red Angus bulls
30 Red Angus X Sim Cows	2-8 yrs old bred to Red Angus X Sim bulls
2 Red Angus Bulls	3 yrs old

This is a complete dispersal. Very nice set of cows.

23-11 Ang. 2 yr. hfhrs.	close springers w/more calves by sale day, calves sired by Angus bulls
20 Angus 1st calf heifers, AI bred to LBW Angus bulls	
17 bwf spring bred cows, 4-8 yrs old, bred to Lyons Angus bulls, Dispersal	
25 Angus X spring bred cows, 6-8 yrs old, bred Angus	

Following Cows:

40 Ang. X str/hfhrs	550-650 lbs.	weaned & vacc.
170 Red Ang. X Sim hfhrs	600-775 lbs.	weaned & vacc., no implants
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Cattle sales Tuesday, 11:00 AM.

Results for the week of December 27th, 2011:

STEERS		HEIFERS	
14	425 189.50		No Test
31	470 188.25		
15	477 181.50		
7	464 169.00		Butcher Cow Top was
13	559 165.00		1630 lbs. @ \$80.50
3	600 148.00		Butcher Bull Top was
6	628 141.00		1675 lbs. @ \$91.00
3	730 140.00		Bred Cows: \$900-\$1,560
2	758 136.00		Pairs: No Test

CONSIGNMENTS FOR SHEEP & GOAT SALE, JAN. 7:
To sell @ 11:30 AM: Several sheep & goat panels, stock tanks & feeders
To sell @ 12:00:
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5 Fullblood Boer Nanny Kids, open
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1 open female alpaca • 1 bred female alpaca
2 male alpaca • 1 Min. Spotted Jack PLUS MANY MORE BY SALE TIME!

CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10:

20 Ang. 1st calf hfhrs, AI bred to low BW Angus bulls, Excellent set of bred hfhrs	
20 Ang. First Calf heifers, bred to low BW Angus bulls	
25 Ang. X spring bred cows, 6-8 yrs old, bred Angus	
15 blk Angus X 1st calf hfhrs, AI sired to Angus bulls	
20 blk Angus X 1st calf hfhrs, AI sired to Angus bull	
13-13 mix cows, running ages w/fall calves	
11 blk cows, running ages, some w/calves, some heavy springers	
35 Red Limi str/hfhrs	600-750 lbs. weaned, vacc.
220 mix str/hfhrs	575-750 lbs. weaned, 2x vacc.
130 blk Simi X str/hfhrs	600-850 lbs. weaned, 2x vacc.
40 blk red X str/hfhrs	650-750 lbs. weaned, vacc.
12 blk red str/hfhrs	600-750 lbs.
160 Angus X str/hfhrs	650-800 lbs. weaned, 2x vacc.
86 blk Red Angus X str/hfhrs	700-850 lbs. weaned, 2x vacc.
75 Angus Simi X str/hfhrs	600-750 lbs. weaned, 2x vacc.
40 blk X str/hfhrs	575-775 lbs. weaned, vacc.
35 blk Angus X hfhrs	650-750 lbs. weaned, vacc.
80 Angus Simi X str/hfhrs	650-800 lbs. weaned, vacc.
52 Char str/hfhrs	700-850 lbs. weaned, double vacc.
100 Holstein steers	375-450 lbs. weaned, vacc.
60 blk str	675-775 lbs. weaned, double vacc.

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3 hfhrs @500#	\$145.00	2 bulls @338#	\$171.00
3 hfhrs @540#	\$140.00	4 bulls @440#	\$165.00
2 hfhrs @575#	\$132.00	3 str @510#	\$160.00
3 hfhrs @582#	\$131.50	3 str @540#	\$157.00
4 hfhrs @620#	\$133.00	20 str @826#	\$142.50
2 hfhrs @635#	\$128.00	4 str @835#	\$140.00
10 hfhrs @721#	\$137.25	19 str @886#	\$139.50
68 hfhrs @767#	\$135.50	61 str @975#	\$138.00
4 hfhrs @838#	\$133.00	5 str @987#	\$133.00
11 hfhrs @863#	\$131.25	21 str @1012#	\$132.75

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\$60.00-\$68.75 **BULLS: \$85.50-\$89.50**

EARLY CONSIGNMENTS FOR JAN. 4TH:

- 8 blk & char str & hfhrs, 450-550 lbs., longtime weaned
- 30 blk & red str & hfhrs, 450-725 lbs.
- 95 Fancy blk str, 650-725 lbs, Running Out!
- 25 blk & char str, 700-750 lbs.
- 30 blk & char str, 700-775 lbs.
- 68 mix str, 700-825 lbs.

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Levin Farms among National Sorghum Producers yield and management contest winners

National Sorghum Producers is proud to announce the winners of the 2011 NSP Yield and Management Contest. Farmers from 20 states spanning from New Mexico to New Jersey entered to win this year's contest. Producer yields are highlighted in nine different categories with this year's top yield at 192.73 bushels per acre.

The national winners will be further recognized at Commodity Classic in Nashville, Tenn., on March 2, 2012, at an awards dinner sponsored by Pioneer.

First place national winners that will be honored in Nashville include

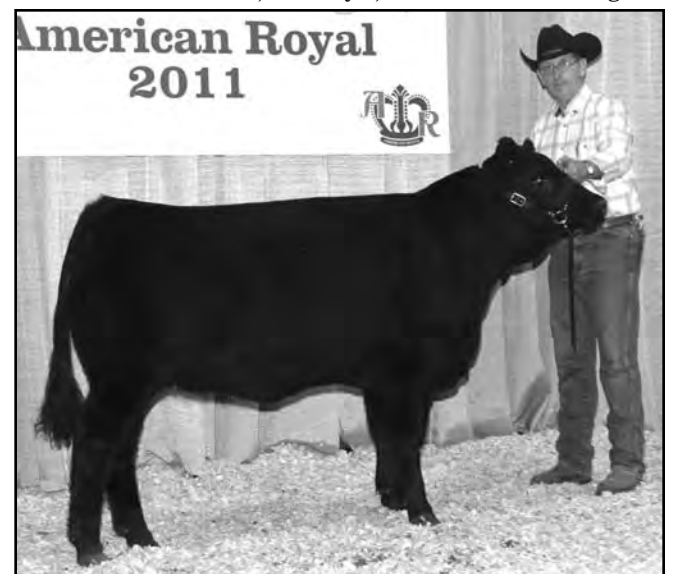
Jeff Scates of Illinois who won the Reduced-Till Irrigated category with a yield of 192.73 bushels per acre; Levin Farms Inc. in Kansas in the No-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 185.91 bushels per acre; Jason Gamble of South Carolina in the Conventional-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 176.25 bushels per acre; Duane L. Vorderstrasse of Nebraska in the Mulch-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 150.99 bushels per acre; and John A. Scates of Illinois in the Conventional-Till Irrigated category with a yield of 189.31 bushels per acre.

Michael Fisher of Nebraska won the Non-Irrigated National Food-Grade category with a yield of 114.59 bushels per acre. Jeff Scates of Illinois won the Irrigated Bin Buster Award category with a yield of 192.73 bushels per acre, and Levin Farms Inc. in Kansas yielded 185.91 bushels to win the Non-Irrigated Bin Buster Award.

"The yield contest provides an invaluable opportunity for NSP to connect

with producers around the country," said NSP chairman Terry Swanson. "I would like to congratulate and recognize all 2011 winners on their hard work and dedication to best management practices, which have enabled them to become leaders among their peers."

To see a complete list of the NSP Yield and Management Contest results or to learn more about the contest, visit www.sorghumgrowers.com.



KKKG Ms Titillating 330X, owned by Triple K Gelbvieh, Bonner Springs, was named Balancer senior heifer calf champion at the American Royal Gelbvieh Show.



The Balancer senior female champion at the American Royal Gelbvieh Show was EBY Miss 7294T 9229W, owned by Ladner Cattle Company, Argonia.



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| 20 blk bwf s&h 500-700 w&v | 50 blk & red str 700-800 w&v2 |
| 20 blk s&h 550-750 w&v | 80 blk str 650-800 w&v A&S |
| 40 blk s&h 600-750 w&v | 30 blk s&h 500-700 w&v |
| 18 blk s&h 600-700 w&v | 33 blk str 650-800 w&v |
| 67 blk & red simm x s&h 650-800 w&v | 4 hol str 700-800 |
| 40 blk & red s&h 400-650 w&v | 30 blk s&h 500-650 w&v |
| 75 blk bwf s&h 600-750 w&v2 | 47 blk bwf rwf s&h 500-600 w&v |
| 60 blk & char x s&h 550-650 w&v2 | 20 blk s&h 450-550 w&v |
| 20 rwf s&h 550-750 w | 31 blk s&h 600-700 w&v |

JANUARY 13--SPECIAL COW & BULL AUCTION 6 P.M.
MOSER RANCH INFLUENCE FEMALE SALE INCLUDED
IN THIS AUCTION

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| 21 blk cows/ blk fall calves, 2-SS, bred back brangus bull | 30 bred sim/angus cows, 5-9 yrs, March calving |
| 18 blk bwf rwf 1st & 2nd hrs, 1000-1200, Al'd to Rito 2X15 for Feb. 13 calves, Angus clean up bull for 70 days | 2 sim/angus herd bulls, 3 yrs, easy calving, homo. blk Spring SimAngus heifers bred to angus bulls |
| 13 mix cows, 4&5 yrs, bred red angus or blk simm for Feb. 13 calves | Ed Livingston 45 head (one shot of scour boss, Feb. 1 calving) |
| 30 blk cows, 3 yrs, bred blk angus or herf bulls for April-May calves | Fall SimAngus/Angus bred heifers |
| 25 blk bred cows & pairs, 5-8 yrs, bred blk angus | Moser Ranch 40 head (Al'd and clean-up to angus, all shots, August 20 calving) |
- Todd & Sally Olson 5 head (bred to calving ease Simm)
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440-600	\$155-\$183	450-600	\$142-\$152.50
600-700	\$150-\$156	600-700	\$136-\$149
700-850	\$144.10-\$153	700-810	\$136.30-\$143.60

SPECIAL FEEDER SALE, FRIDAY, JAN. 6:
85 blk, 700-800; 110 blk, 600-750; 125 Char-x, 700-850; 10 blk, 800; 50 blk red, 600-750; 50 blk, 450-650; 55 blk, 650-800; 40 blk, 600-800; 27 blk, 600-700; 106 blk str, 700-850; 43 blk hfrs, 650-775; 100 blk, 700-850.

SPECIAL FEEDER SALE, FRIDAY, JAN. 13:
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| 6 bk char 464@191.00 | 2 bk 450@161.00 | 8 bk 967@127.00 |
| 21 bwf rbf 471@182.00 | 9 bk bwf 402@160.50 | 4 bk 1208@114.50 |
| 3 bk 470@180.00 | 5 bk 507@154.50 | Butcher Cows, |
| 17 bk red 506@175.00 | 7 bk 516@153.75 | \$50-\$79.25, mostly |
| 9 bk red 548@172.00 | 10 bk red 549@152.00 | \$67-\$78, \$2-\$4 higher |
| 18 bk red 598@160.25 | 17 bk red 516@150.50 | Butcher Bulls, |
| 17 bk gray 632@160.00 | 16 bk red 598@150.50 | \$75-\$89.75, mostly |
| 43 bk char 638@157.00 | 7 bk 557@150.00 | \$84-\$89, steady |
| 76 bk bwf rbf 656@152.00 | 12 bk bwf 642@149.75 | Butcher Cows & Bulls |
| 34 mix 712@149.00 | 15 bk bwf 618@145.75 | selling very active |
| 22 gelv-wf x725@148.00 | 16 mix 649@145.00 | COWS |
| 6 bk 736@148.00 | 102 bk 613@144.00 | 4 bk 1462@79.25 |
| 50 bk bwf rbf 768@147.75 | 70 bk bwf 754@138.30 | 2 bk bwf 1418@78.50 |
| 20 bk bwf rbf 746@147.00 | 18 bk 750@138.00 | 1 holstein 1640@77.50 |
| 27 bk 852@146.25 | 34 char red 701@137.00 | 5 bk 1396@77.00 |
| 21 mix 822@144.00 | 22 mix 701@137.00 | 4 bk 1211@77.00 |
| 9 bk gray 784@144.00 | 12 bk 834@136.75 | 4 red 1375@76.25 |
| 14 mix 858@142.00 | 15 mix 809@136.50 | 5 bk red 1454@76.25 |
| 15 mix 881@141.25 | 61 bk char 829@136.00 | 4 bk 1211@77.00 |
| 48 mix 863@140.00 | 149 bk bwf 844@135.50 | 10 bk bwf rbf 1452@75.50 |
| 37 mix 978@135.50 | 25 mix 784@135.00 | 7 bk 1244@75.00 |
| 3 wf 1058@131.75 | 84 char red 833@134.00 | |
| 5 holstein 643@92.00 | 34 char red 896@127.25 | |

- Early Consignments for January 5:
- 170 mixed steers, 750-900 lbs.
 - 125 blk bwf steers & heifers, 400-700 lbs.
 - 60 mostly blk steers, 850-900 lbs.
 - 72 blk bwf char heifers, 650-700 lbs.
 - 75 blk red steers & heifers, 500-700 lbs.
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300-400 lb. steers, \$125-\$187; heifers, \$120-\$170; 400-500 lb. steers, \$125-\$187; heifers, \$120-\$171; 500-600 lb. steers, \$120-\$174; heifers, \$115-\$163; 600-700 lb. steers, \$115-\$159; heifers, \$115-\$145; 700-800 lb. steers, \$115-\$148.50; heifers, \$110-\$141; 800-900 lb. steers, \$115-\$144; heifers, \$100-\$125. Trend on Calves: choice str calves, \$5-\$10 higher; choice hfr calves, \$10 higher. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Choice feeder str & hfrs, \$5-\$7 higher. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows, \$67.50-\$78; Avg. dressing cows, \$55-\$67.50; Low dressing cows, \$30-\$55. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls, \$75-\$85. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Butcher cows, \$2-\$3 higher; butcher bulls, steady.

CONSIGNED FOR JANUARY 5, 2012!
• 20 bred cows, red, 5-10 years old, bred to black bulls

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Beef cow leasing offers potential as a transition planning tool

John Forshee,
Director River Valley
Extension District

The River Valley Extension District is putting the finishing touches on the planning of a great transition planning workshop for agricultural producers in north central Kansas. The program, which will be held March 31 on the CCC campus in Concordia, promises a wide variety of sessions that individuals trying to work into farming, those looking to grow their business, and those looking to transition into retirement all will find useful.

One tool that any of these three groups of folks that are interested in the beef industry might find useful is beef cow leasing. Young farmers that might have crop residue and access to grass but don't have

the capital to purchase a cow herd might find a way to grow the operation rapidly through leasing a herd. Likewise, that producer that is now fifty years old and just recently purchased that half-section of grass from the neighbor might find an economical option to stock that grass and grow the operation by leasing cows. Finally, that farmer that is now 75 and no longer wants the risks associated with caring for cows in winter and calving them out might find a nice win-win option to stay involved in the cattle industry by leasing the cow herd to that younger family member or young neighbor and also leasing them the grass as well. Leasing, although not for everyone, does have its place in the cattle industry.

A person interested in leasing basically has three options. The first is technically not a lease but rather an ownership/custom care relationship. In this scenario the owner retains a large share of the risks and generally all the marketing responsibilities. With the exception of liability, this is a fairly low-risk option for the person providing the care. The biggest challenge in this scenario is both folks being on the same page in terms of feeding and caring for the animals.

The second option is Share-Leasing of the beef cow herd which can offer advantages to both parties as well. Advantages to the operator are: good way to get started, no debt of buying breeding stock, share risk with owner, increase in

volume of business, and more efficient utilization of resources. If this lease is equitable the operator is essentially borrowing capital at a fair rate of interest. The advantage for the owner is that they can maintain ownership without having to provide labor, have a source of rental income, provide a means of transferring ownership over time, and may benefit from some income tax and social security advantages.

The third option is a beef cow cash lease. In this scenario the operator gains full control and responsibility of the management. With this comes the addi-

tional production and price risk but on the flip side it can have the benefit of taking full advantage of above average production and prices. For the owner it provides a known or fixed income without the responsibility of operating expenses and marketing. On the downside, the owner gives up the potential for above average production and prices. The owner must take care that the agreement has provisions that maintain cow herd numbers, health, and quality.

We often get the question as to what is the "going rate" for leasing. Unfortunately, there is no right or

wrong answer here. A "fair lease" is any lease where both parties get up from the negotiation table feeling they have entered into an agreement they are happy with. An "Equitable Lease" is what I encourage people to consider. In this case, budgets are developed and then rentals are paid or shares are divided based upon the contributions that each party makes to the venture.

For more information on livestock leases visit Ag-Manager.info or request MF-2163 Beef Cow Leasing Arrangements from any K-State Research and Extension office.

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Grass & Grain Weather Report Jan. 3, 2012

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																
TUESDAY Sunny High: 44 Low: 27	Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 44°, humidity of 48%. The record high temperature for today is 67° set in 1946. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 27°. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1952. Wednesday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 49°.																																	
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10 bwf/blk str 513 @ 180.00	60 mix str 774 @ 140.75	46 bwf/blk hfr 710 @ 141.35	1 blk cow @ 940.00	1 blk bull 1865 @ 88.00
7 bwf/blk str 522 @ 180.00	6 blk str 774 @ 140.75	140 bwf/blk hfr 690 @ 140.00	1 blk cow @ 935.00	1 blk bull 2090 @ 85.75
1 blk bull 325 @ 176.00	57 mix str 914 @ 140.50	6 blk hfr 579 @ 139.75	1 blk cow @ 900.00	1 blk bull 1995 @ 85.25
2 bwf/blk str 405 @ 175.00	10 blk str 902 @ 137.75	19 blk hfr 649 @ 139.75	1 blk cow @ 900.00	1 blk bull 1805 @ 84.00
1 blk str 430 @ 174.00	61 mix str 873 @ 137.00	3 blk hfr 660 @ 139.75		1 blk bull 1935 @ 82.50
1 blk bull 410 @ 173.00	10 blk str 812 @ 135.00	136 bwf/blk hfr 711 @ 139.50		1 blk bull 1695 @ 75.25
1 blk bull 310 @ 171.00	21 blk str 946 @ 134.85	16 blk hfr 693 @ 139.00		1 blk bull 1225 @ 74.00
2 red/blk str 440 @ 170.00	10 blk str 1009 @ 120.00	10 blk hfr 731 @ 138.50		
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3 blk str 512 @ 166.00	2 blk hfr 405 @ 149.00	5 bwf/blk hfr 873 @ 124.75		
1 bwf bull 510 @ 154.50	12 blk hfr 463 @ 147.00	COWS & HEIFERETTES		
16 mix str 535 @ 150.25	4 blk hfr 479 @ 147.00	1 red hfr 1250 @ 105.50		
2 red bulls 505 @ 144.00	5 bwf/blk hfr 466 @ 145.00	1 wf hfr 1110 @ 100.00		
2 wf str 590 @ 138.00	2 blk hfr 508 @ 143.00	1 blk hfr 1190 @ 95.50		
STOCKER & FEEDER HEIFERS	9 blk hfr 536 @ 142.25	1 blk hfr 1335 @ 86.00		
11 blk str 590 @ 154.00	1 blk hfr 375 @ 142.00	2 wf hfrs 1203 @ 85.50		
8 blk str 677 @ 148.00	4 char hfr 424 @ 142.00	1 blk cow 1075 @ 80.00		
12 blk str 670 @ 147.75	1 blk hfr 365 @ 141.00	1 blk cow 1565 @ 77.50		
6 blk/char str 658 @ 147.50	1 bwf hfr 295 @ 140.00	2 blk cows 1745 @ 76.00		
60 blk str 840 @ 144.85	2 blk hfr 425 @ 140.00	1 blk cow 1335 @ 75.00		
9 blk/red str 760 @ 144.75	2 blk/red hfr 513 @ 139.00	2 brang cows 1530 @ 73.75		
7 blk str 726 @ 144.50	1 bwf hfr 545 @ 139.00	1 blk cow 1180 @ 73.00		
66 bwf/blk str 858 @ 142.75	1 x-bred hfr 500 @ 130.00	1 blk cow 1025 @ 53.50		
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