Trend in breakeven prices for cattle finishing

By Michael Langemeier, **Purdue University**

Fed-cattle prices increased from an average price of \$161 per hundredweight (cwt.) in the first quarter of 2023 to \$180 per cwt. in the third quarter, or 12%. Moreover, feeding cost of gain had declined from its peak earlier this year. These two phenomena represent the good news.

Now, for the not-sogood news. Feeder-steer prices have increased substantially from their levels earlier this year. Obviously, net returns to cattle finishing depend on fed-cattle prices, feeder-cattle prices and feeding cost of gain. An earlier article examined trends in feeding cost of gain2. This article will focus on recent trends in feeder prices and breakeven prices and will provide projections for the next few months.

Historical breakeven prices:

prices Breakeven are sensitive to changes in feeding cost of gain, feeder prices and interest rates. Monthly issues

of the Focus on Feed-

newsletter were lots used to obtain information on feeding cost of gain. Historical and projected feeder prices were obtained from the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) website3. Interest rates were obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Fig. 1 illustrates breakeven prices from January 2013 to September 2023, as well as projections for 2024. In this section, we will focus on historical breakeven prices. In the next section, we will discuss our projections.

As evident from Fig. 1. breakeven prices have been increasing rapidly since the fourth quarter of 2022. After averaging approximately \$155 per cwt. in the fourth quarter of 2022, breakeven prices averaged approximately \$168.40 per cwt. in the first quarter of 2023 and \$167.40 per cwt. in the second quarter. Average breakeven price for the third quarter of this year was approximately \$174.20 per cwt.

Though not a focus of

this article, net return can be determined using the difference between fed-cattle price and breakeven price in Fig. 1. Since April of this year. fed-cattle price has been higher than breakeven price, with the widest gaps (i.e., largest net returns) occurring in June and July. Whether this relationship between fed-cattle price and breakeven price continues will be discussed below.

Projected

breakeven prices: Breakeven prices are expected to average approximately \$186 per cwt. in the fourth quarter of 2023, with the highest breakeven price, \$196 per cwt., occurring in December. What about the gap between fed-cattle and breakeven prices? The gap is projected to be positive in October and November, and then become negative as we move into December.

However, given the relatively tight beef supplies, the potential monthly gaps between fed-cattle and breakeven prices, or net returns, are very difficult to project.

For the first half of 2024, breakeven prices are expected to range from \$193 to \$197 per cwt. Will these breakeven prices lead to finishing losses? They very well could. However, given the relatively tight beef supplies, the potential monthly gaps between fed-cattle and breakeven prices, or net returns, are very difficult to project.

Summary and conclusions:

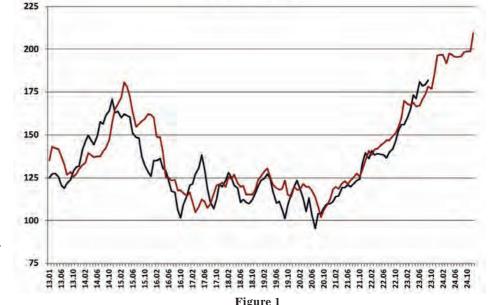
Fed-cattle prices have strengthened the last few months. At the same time, due to lower corn prices, feeding cost of gain has also declined. Partially in response to these two phenomena, feeder prices and breakeven prices have increased substantially. Breakeven prices for the fourth quarter of this

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year are expected to be \$10 per cwt. higher than those for the third quarter. Moreover, breakeven prices in early 2024 are expected to be \$10 per cwt. higher than the projected breakeven prices for the fourth quarter of this year. These large increases in breakeven prices increase the uncertainty related to net return prospects for the next few months.

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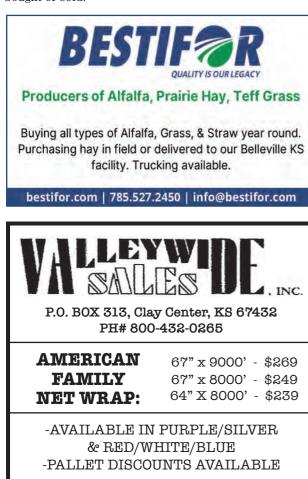
Kansas Hay Market Report

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Compared to the last report, demand remained low, trades were slow and prices were mostly steady. The grinders, pellet mills and feed yards are still getting a lot of alfalfa offered to them but there are not many takers. Some folks seem to be on the prowl for good quality grass hay, but not finding too many producers willing to take on new customers, as they will barely have enough grass hay to cover current customer needs. Most producers stated they received snow the weekend after Thanksgiving in addition to some rain, making it a muddy mess out there. But having the moisture is preferred to the drought conditions Kansas has been experiencing over the last year. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for November 30th, some minor improvements were made in areas of Kansas in response to improving conditions during the past 30-60 days, including the beneficial snowfall observed over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, as stated earlier. The categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) is at 21%, moderate drought (D1) remains at 26%, severe drought (D2) remains at 35%, extreme drought (D3) remains just over 7.5%, and no exceptional drought (D4) was recorded.

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

Dairy alfalfa and ground and delivered steady, grinding alfalfa mostly steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy,1.40-1.50/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow 240.00-250.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 180.00-190.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's 180.00-190.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies. new crop 230.00-240.00. Alfalfa/oat hay mixed ground and delivered 225.00-235.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem: CRP large rounds 75.00-100.00. Corn stalks: none reported. Teff: large rounds 220.00-230.00. The week of 11/26-12/2, 5,066T of grinding alfalfa and 895T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.



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Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa steady, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy 1.40-1.50/ point RFV. Good, stock cow 260.00-270.00 delivered. Fair/ good grinding alfalfa, large rounds 220.00-225.00, large square 3x4's none reported. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares, 200.00-205.00, mid square 3x3's 200.00-205.00, large square 3x4 170.00-180.00, large round 155.00-170.00. Brome, large round 160.00-170.00, large square 185.00-200.00. The week of 11/26-12/2, 1,367T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

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North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground and delivered and grass hay mostly steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.40-1.50/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares, 12.00-13.00/bale; Stock Cow 3x4's 230.00-240.00; Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds 210.00-220.00, large square 3x4's 210.00-220.00. Alfalfa ground and delivered 245.00-275.00. Alfalfa/Sudan grass mix ground and delivered 200.00. Grass hav: Bluestem, small squares new crop 9.00-10.00/bale, large 3x4 squares 160.00-170.00, good large rounds 150.00-170.00. Brome: small squares 10.00-11.00/bale, large rounds130.00-170.00. Oat hay, large rounds 160.00; Sudan: large round130.00-160.00 delivered. Milo stalks: 70.00-90.00. Soybeans: 70.00-90.00. Wheat straw: small squares 5.00-6.00 per bale. Corn stalks: large round 60.00-70.00. The week of 11/26-12/2, 161T of grinding alfalfa and 225Tof dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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Source: Source: Kansas Department of Agriculture -Manhattan, Kansas Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709

Yard & Garden Tips By Gregg Eyestone

Indoor Plant Needs

This is the time of year that indoor plants may be abundant. Many holiday plants like poinsettias, Amaryllis, cactus, and others are added to the interior space. Those of us with a collection of indoor plants are already hunting for a place for any newcomers. These new ones may be only temporary occupants but require proper care for the duration.

Overwatering is the number-one killer of plants. Plant growth is slowed in the winter. Less water will be needed by plants. Location will have an impact on watering. Plants situated near the forced air vent will likely require frequent checking. The growing media makes a significant difference. The more soil and peat moss in the media. the less often you need to water. Plant species differ in water needs as well.

A method to determine when to water is by lifting the plant in the container. The pot that is light is a candidate for watering; or sticking a finger into the media is another way to check if one should water. Add sufficient water so that it drains out of the holes in the bottom of the container

Light is the critical factor for indoor plant growth. Plants outdoors receive more light than indoors. As the duration

of light gets shorter, less light is available for plant growth. Don't expect or try to encourage plant growth without adequate light. Adequate natural light for plant growth won't be available until next March. To make matters worse, a layer of dust usually forms on the leaves which reduces light even more. Remove the dust with plain old water. Distilled water would be best since it won't leave any mineral residue.

With less light for plant growth, little fertilizer is necessary. No fertilizer is needed until next March for interior plants.

Plants prefer humidity. The ideal situation is to have your houseplants surrounding your hot tub in a sunroom. Since most of us don't have that environment, the plants will have to deal with it just as we do. Forget about humidity

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Sens. Moran, Bennet raise concerns with Emergency **Relief Program for farmers and ranchers**

U.S. senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) led their colleagues in the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives in raising concerns regarding the 2022 Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack.

"The 2022 crop year challenging

of America's farmers and ranchers who were saddled with record-high production costs, inflation, and met with historic drought conditions in the west and significant flood and freeze events in other regions of the country," the members wrote. "In light of these challenges, we thank you for the swift assistance made to livestock producers with drought or wildfire losses in 2022. However, following the USDA's 2022 ERP rollout for qualified crop losses, we have heard from producers in our states with concerns regarding the new program."

The senators outlined several questions for Vilsack to increase transparency on how the emergency reimbursements were calculated, administered and what will be done with remaining funds.

"We recognize that ad hoc disaster assistance is costly to U.S. taxpayers and only a band-aid to issues exacerbated by extreme weather volatility," the members continued. "It is for this reason that we believe an adequate farm safety net, including conservation investments that address persistent drought, are critical in any upcoming multi-year

Farm Bill reauthorization."

Moran and Bennet were joined by senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), James Lankford (R-Okla.) and Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), and representatives Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.), Henry Cuellar (D-Texas), Nathaniel Moran (R-Texas). Lance Gooden (R-Texas) Jim Costa (D-Calif.), Pete Sessions (R-Texas), Yadira Caraveo (D-Colo.), Jake Ellzey (R-Texas), August Pfluger (R-Texas), Troy Nehls (R-Texas) and Vincente Gonzalez (D-Texas).



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Profile



By Ron Wilson Executive Director of the Huck Boyd Institute

Service to others. That is a fundamental tenet of Isaac Shue's church and his life. Now he is serving his family and others though the art of pottery, including a special offering at Christmastime.

Isaac and Karina Shue are founders and owners of Gallery Mostaza in Harper. Isaac grew up here and was active in the Mennonite Church, in which hands-on service to humanity is a vital part of the faith. He participated in church service projects in Miami and Haiti while attending Hesston College, and then Goshen College.

Shue enjoyed art, especially sketching. "I always had a pencil or a basketball in my hands," he said. He was good at drawing and painting but wasn't sure about three-dimensional art.

While at Goshen College, he was required to take a ceramics class and found he loved the challenge. "It draws you in," Shue said. He bought a pottery wheel and started making bowls.

"At the end of the semester, there was a student sale," Shue ing a pot for a wedding

Scoular launches new marketing program to provide producers more contract options, flexibility

A new Scoular program provides producers more contract options and greater flexibility in marketing their grain.

Latitude Marketing Services, announced by Scoular, is a customizable set of tools that will help producers diversify their marketing strategies.

- Latitude Marketing Services (LMS) provides several key benefits to producers:
 - Expands Scoular's contract offerings to include options and over-the-counter products.
 - Offers diversification of pricing strategies.
- Involves producers in the marketing plan throughout the year.
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"Latitude Marketing Services promotes the flexibility that is essential to producers in successfully managing the challenges and opportunities in the grain market," said Melissa Norem, Scoular's director of producer strategy. "With this new program, Scoular offers a customizable approach to help producers make profitable decisions."

The new program is offered through Scoular's local facility network. Producers with questions can contact their local Scoular representative for more information.

said. "People bought a lot of my bowls and I realized people would pay for this."

Shue's next service trip was to Bolivia. "To raise money for the trip, I had an ice cream social," Shue said. "Everybody who came got a bowl, and then made a free-will offering."

He raised the funds and went on the church trip to Bolivia. He volunteered at a day care center. Here he met Karina, the psychologist who worked there. The two fell in love and ultimately were married. After finishing her immigration paperwork, they moved to his hometown of Harper.

Isaac got a teaching certificate at Bethel and became an art teacher at Cheney. Karina became an ESL translator. He continued to make pottery and sold it at farmer's markets on weekends. "People started knocking on our doors, wantor special event," Shue said. "Our dream was to In

have a gallery and a store," he said. One day while out for a drive, they noticed a 'For Sale' sign on a house Shue's grandfather had built outside of town. They made an offer, but they had to sell their house in town. "Within three days, we had a contract," Shue said.

They bought the house, remodeled the detached garage, and used that as a gallery. They had an open house before Christmas and 500 people came through. This became an annual event. The Shues went on to build another larger building to serve as their gallery and opened the business full-time.

They named their business Gallery Mostaza, a Spanish word for mustard. This is based on the Christian parable that says that large goals can be met with a tiny bit of faith,

even the size of a mustard seed. addition, the word "taza" means

mug, which is a primary item they produce. "One year a friend asked for a clay pumpkin, and I thought that was an odd request," Shue said. These would prove so popular that they now have an annual pumpkin patch stocked with hundreds of clay pumpkins -- and

they sell out. Gallery Mostaza is open year-round and hosts three special events: A farmers' market-type event in April, pumpkin patch in September, and Christmas in December. The shop is open until Christmas Eve.

Christmas The event features mugs, bowls, angels, Christmas boxes, ornaments, lanterns, candles, and much more. "We'll prepare more than 3,000 items each year," Shue said

hour before opening," Shue said. Their handmade snowflake mugs sold out in five minutes. The Shues have shipped products coast to coast and as far away as Australia and Dubai.

It's exciting to find this business near the rural community of Harper, population 1,313 people. Now, that's rural.

Isaac and Karina have a son, Xavi, and a baby daughter, Natalia. For more information on the business, see www.gallerymostaza. com.

Service. It's a fundamental part of Isaac and Karina Shue's lives. They are making a difference by using their creative skills to serve others.

Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at http://www. kansasprofile.com. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit http://www.huckboydinstitute.org

"People line up an

New land transfer program to help nation's farmers protect and access farmland

The United States' ability to sustainably produce food, steward natural resources, and support rural economies depends on ensuring greater access to land for the next generation of farmers and ranchers. Working in partnership with public and private land protection leaders throughout the country, American Farmland Trust (AFT) announces a new "Land Transfer Navigators" program in partnership with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services that will help exiting farmers and landowners retire with confidence and help new, beginning and underserved farmers gain secure, equitable land access Nearly 300 million acres of American farmland are expected to change hands in the next twenty years. As aging farmers exit the field, the future is uncertain for about one-third of the country's farm and ranch land. "Farmland is most at risk of conversion during generational transition,³ says John Piotti, AFT's p resident and CEO. "With the wave of land transfer that is coming, we risk converting far too much farmland into low-density housing, subdivisions and strip malls. Public and private conservation entities — groups like land trusts and purchase of agricultural conservation easement (PACE) programs have done a tremendous job of protecting farmland across the country. They can continue to accelerate their impressive farmland protection work, and with greater support, they can also guide landowners in

the eventual transfer of protected land to a new generation of farmers and ranchers '

Farmland transfer is a delicate process, one that involves a complex and often emotional combination of legal, economic and social factors. For many exiting farmers and ranchers, retirement can be a challenge, especially if they do not have heirs who are interested in taking over the farm business. For aspiring and incoming farmers, particularly those who do not come from farming or ranching families, accessing affordable land is their biggest barrier. Land Transfer Navigators will build bridges between these two groups, leveraging land protection as a strategy to facilitate successful, affordable land transfer. Over the next four vears. AFT will train three dozen land protection organizations and their staff to serve as "Navigators" in communities across the country to aid exiting and entering farmers in the land transfer process. The trusting relationships these land trusts and PACE programs have nurtured with conservation-minded landowners can serve as a foundation for the successful transfer of land between generations. With this new training, Navigators will connect with one another and gain additional skills, tools and resources to bring unprecedented support to help transfer farmland.

strategies that keep land in active agriculture," says Carrie Lindig, director of easement programs at NRCS. "NRCS is pleased to collaborate with American Farmland Trust to build the capacity of land conservation professionals to assist farmers and ranchers with these strategies."

This collaborative, capacity-building approach is tested and proven, explains Erica Goodman, director of AFT's Farms for a New Generation ini-"Organizations tiative. across the country are providing critical expertise on land protection, transfer and access, but capacity and coordination are limited. That makes it difficult to help farmers, ranchers and landowners through unique, complicated processes. Yet it is this grounded, one-on-one assistance that can help transform land transfer challenges into land access opportunities," she says. Agencies and organizations that have formally joined the program underwent a thorough and competitive application process to become Navigators. They are hopeful about the project's impact. are hopeful about the project's impact. "We sit at kitchen tables with our farmers, discussing their hopes and dreams for their land as we work together to secure their conservation legacies. Farm transfer is a natural progression of that conversation, and a critical next step to ensure protected lands stay in production," says Jess Laggis, Farmland Protection Director at Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. "SAHC is grateful to work with American Farmland Trust's Land Transfer Navigator Program to better serve our region's farmers and close the loop of farmland protection and access."

Melissa Odell, who serves as the lands director for Bitter Root Land Trust in Montana, agrees. "We are honored and excited to be selected to participate in AFT's Land Transfer Navigators program," she says. "Our community has traditions steeped in agriculture and local food production. To help ensure agriculture continues to be a driver for our local economy, it is critical to connect our valley's farmers and ranchers with resources to support and engage the next generation of agricultural producers." In addition to training dozens of organizations and AFT staff to serve as Navigators, the project will offer regional support for landowners and land seekers. AFT will build and expand communities of practice for service providers --such as attorneys, appraisers, real estate agents, financial planners and lenders, among others who specialize in agriculture and are key figures in the transfer process. AFT staff and Navigator partners will work directly with landowners and land seekers, as well as distribute grants to farmers, ranchers and landowners to help them develop and implement farm transfer plans. AFT will create and host an online "Land Transfer Resource Hub" on the Farmland Information Center. The Hub will be a one-stop shop of resources to help landowners and land seekers in even the earliest stages move through the transfer process. Once live, it will include a national "Farm Link Finder" with an inventory of existing programs and services. There will also be access to Navigator contact information and one-on-one technical assistance, as well as a li-

ers. With support, they can flourish-putting our nation on the path to a stronger, brighter, and more equitable agricultural future.

Interested in learning more about the project and seeing the roster of Land Transfer Navigators? Check out this page: https:// farmland.org/land-transfer-navigators/

American FarmlandTrust is the only national organization that takes a holistic approach to agriculture, focusing on the land itself, the agricultural practices used on that land, and the farmers and ranchers who do the work. AFT launched the conservation agriculture movement and continues to raise public awareness through our No Farms, No Food message. Since our founding in 1980, AFT has helped permanently protect over 7.8 million acres of agricultural lands, advanced environmentally-sound farming practices on millions of additional acres and supported thousands of farm families.



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As the average age of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural landowners continues to climb, the working land they steward is at a moment of seismic transition. It matters how-and to whom-that land transfers.

The collective components of the Land Transfer Navigators project will work to get more land in the hands of next generation farmers and ranch-

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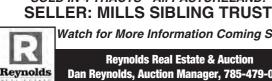
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A sound vaccination protocol lays the groundwork for a healthy herd. Taking time to understand the different vaccine options is an important part of making informed decisions that ensure your cattle are in the best position possible to navigate disease challenges.

"Both modified-live virus [MLV] and killed virus [KV] vaccines have been shown to protect cattle against common respiratory and reproductive diseases: however, there are some key differences in how each of them stimulates immunity," said Craig Jones, DVM, director of cattle professional services veterinarians, Boehringer Ingelheim. "It is important for producers to understand the advantages and limitations associated with each."

Modified-live

virus vaccines

MLV vaccines contain a weakened, or attenuated, form of a live virus. Because the virus has been altered, it should not cause clinical disease, but will very closely mimic a true infection.

Once the vaccine is administered, the virus will replicate within the animal's system and cre-

ate the opportunity for an immune response. Compared to KV vaccines, MLV vaccines generally provide a more rapid, longer-lasting and broader immunity with one dose, since the virus is able to replicate and behave closer to the way it would during a natural infection.

Although MLV vaccines may stimulate a broader, more complete immune response, there are some other factors to consider. "Modified-live virus vaccines have a greater risk of causing an abortion in pregnant cows, if not used appropriately and according to label," explained Dr. Jones. "In addition, MLVs must be reconstituted [mixed], and may require more attention to detail when it comes to proper use, handling and storage. These factors do not preclude my use or recommendation of MLVs; they are simply things we must keep in mind prior to and when using."

Once MLVs are mixed, they should be kept cold and out of sunlight. Following Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, mix only as much vaccine as can be used in one hour or less. MLV products should not be stored for later use.

Killed virus vaccines KV vaccines are safe at all stages of pregnancy. They typically do not require reconstitution, and they have a longer shelf life relative to MLV vaccines.

The immune response following use of a KV vaccine will be slower to develop. "Killed vaccines contain an inactivated, or killed, antigen that is incapable of replicating in the animal's system,' Dr. Jones pointed out. Because the killed virus does not replicate, it usually requires a booster dose in two to four weeks to stimulate a complete immune response.

"As compared to MLV vaccines, a dose of killed virus vaccine may contain more viral antigen. or pieces of the virus, in order for the immune system to recognize and respond to the antigen," confirmed Dr. Jones. "Because there is more antigen needed, killed vaccines often cost more."

Things to consider

"When it comes to building a protocol, you don't necessarily have to choose between the two types of vaccines," advised Dr. Jones. "In fact, there are many veterinar-

ians and producers who choose to incorporate both options into their protocols."

Below are some things to consider when choosing the products to best protect against the disease challenges facing your cattle:

1 - Work with a veterinarian.

"The whole point of vaccination is to help animals remain healthy. while minimizing the risk of economically important diseases that are prevalent in the area where the cattle are being, or will be, managed," Dr. Jones stressed.

Your local veterinarian can help guide this discussion and provide insight as to which diseases are economically significant and prevalent. Whether you're talking about parasite management or protecting against reproductive and respiratory losses, working with a veterinarian is the first step.

2 - Have a written herd health calendar.

Once you have determined which diseases you should vaccinate against, consider using a herd health calendar to help with timing. This will ensure that vaccines are given prior to any potential health risks and your cattle are protected.

"I always recommend having a written health protocol and records of vaccine and other product administration," said Dr. Jones. "When health activities are recorded and visible for others in the operation to see, we have greater protocol compliance and more awareness of herd health events."

3 – Stay on label.

Different types of vaccines behave differently and will perform differently. Paving attention to the label is extremely important and will ensure the vaccine is aligned with your expectations. Product labels will also inform you about the correct route of administration and the dose needed. **About Boehringer**

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K-State expert: take steps to protect fruit trees from mice

By Maddy Rohr, K-State **Research and Extension** news service

Fruit tree bark is a tasty alternative - and often favorite -- food source for mice in the winter.

Ah. rats...

Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said mice chew through the outer layer of bark at the base of trees. "Heavy feeding reduces the trees' ability to transport food to the roots and can result in death," she said.

To prevent damage from mice, start by keeping the ground around trees clear of debris.

"This removes the



protective layer mice are seeking to stay hidden from predators. Weeds, leaves and grass should all be maintained," Domenghini said. "Even mulch can create a hideout for small rodents."

Domenghini suggests wrapping the base of the trunks with hardware cloth at least 18 inches high. Mice will not be able to access the bark through this material. Be sure to remove the wire during the active growing season to prevent damaging the trunk as it grows.

In some situations, Domenghini said a baited trap may be the best route to avoid losing fruit trees. Bait stations can easily be made to ensure only the intended pests are accessing the bait.

"Use extreme caution when handling the bait dures to keep pets, children and others safe," Domenghini said.

Monitor fruit trees regularly for signs of damage to the trunk. Damage can be more than an aesthetic problem if not remedied quickly, she warned.

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

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Domenghini at cdom@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

State Board of Agriculture to meet December 15

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture will meet for its regular quarterly board meeting on Friday, December 15, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Kansas Department of Agriculture office at 1320 Research Park Dr. in Manhattan.

The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be held in person only. For more information or to receive a copy of the agenda, please contact Auburn Wassberg at Auburn.B.Wassberg@ks.gov. Persons who require special accommodations must make their needs known at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Upham said only Osage Orange (32.6), honey locust (25.6) and black locust (28.3) rate higher than the oaks.

But, he adds, Osage Orange is not always the best choice due to its tendency to spark - "do not use in an open fireplace," he said – and black locust can be difficult to split.

Many elm varieties and hackberry rate high (all around 20) but elm can be difficult to split, as well.

Upham said the Kansas Forest Service publication, Managing Your Woodland for Firewood, is a helpful resource for landowners interested in growing and harvesting firewood. The publication is available online: https:// bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/ pubs/mf773.pdf.

For homeowners, Upham advises buying firewood locally to prevent spread of pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer, an exotic beetle that has devastated tens of millions of ash trees in 30

states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Emerald Ash Borer has spread in Kansas primarily because of firewood," he said.

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

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Tax savings opportunities for ranchers from MJE Livestock Equipment

MJE Livestock Equipment, a leading provider of agricultural solutions, is proud to highlight a valuable opportunity for farmers and ranchers looking to maximize their equipment investments. The company unveils insights into the IRS Section 179 deduction. a powerful tax incentive that can significantly impact the bottom line for agricultural operations.

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IRS Section 179

Deductions at a Glance

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Tax Savings Opportunity: This provision empowers farmers to purchase up to \$1,160,000 in equipment and recognize immediate tax savings.

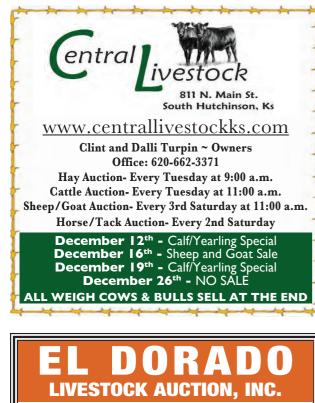
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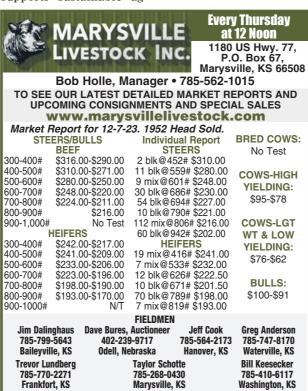
While tax incentives like Section 179 can be beneficial, they should align with your long-term financial strategy. It's essential to consult a tax advisor or accountant before making significant capital purchases to ensure proper adherence to Section 179 code.

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Market Report - Sale Date 12-7-23. 2,036 head.

300-400 lb. steers, \$281-\$311; heifers, \$260-\$279; 400-500 lb. steers, \$279-\$315; heifers, \$240-\$283; 500-600 lb. steers, \$265-\$299; heifers, \$221-\$267; 600-700 lb. steers, \$211-\$261; heifers, \$190-\$222; 700-800 lb. steers, \$200-\$233; heifers, \$185-\$200; 800-900 lb. steers, \$195-\$214.50; heifers, \$171-\$194.50. Trend on Calves: \$8-\$10 higher under 650 lbs. Trend on Feeder Cattle: Not a good test previously. Lower undertone noted. Butcher Cows: High dressing cows \$95-\$106; Avg. dressing cows \$80-\$94; Low dressing cows \$60-\$75. Butcher Bulls: Avg. to high dressing bulls \$95.50-\$114. Trend on Cows & Bulls: Steady to firm.

Some Highlights Include:

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HEII	FERS		STEERS
3 blk	360@268.00	4 mix	378@311.00
14 mix	416@253.00	6 mix	473@311.50
5 blk	482@265.00	13 blk	477@308.00
13 blk	535@257.00	10 blk	525@299.00
11 blk	580@230.00	33 mix	566@284.00
80 mostly blk	624@222.00	29 mix	582@274.00
3 blk	640@207.00	10 mix	638@259.00
73 blk/red	688@208.50	27 mix	677@236.00
8 red	749@200.00	55 blk	748@216.50
12 red	847@194.50	115 blk	848@214.50
57 mix	894@186.75	59 mix	866@203.50
	094 100.75	110 blk	895@212.75

Holiday Calendar:

Consignments for THURSDAY, DEC. 14:

- 6 Red Angus bred heifers originating from Mushrush herd bred to low birth weight Gelbveih bulls. Calve in April
- 100 mostly black bulls & heifers, weaned 40 days, 550-600lbs
- 50 mixed steers & heifers, weaned 45 days, shots, 650-750lbs

* 12-21-23 – Regular Sale * 12-28-23 – Closed for CHRISTmas & New Years

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Cattle Sale Every Thursday 11:00 AM

Ang; cf 3-10 for 60 days. Lots of power & look! Complete dispersion
Cort Dewing (402-376-5333)
238 bwf (F-1), few blk (142 @ 3-4 yrs; balance 5 yrs-st) bred Char (LT &
Schmidt); cf 3-1 for 25 days. Heart of the herd. 6 wt calf producers
Johnson L & C (Adam 605-828-0002)
400 rd Ang (275) & blk (125) (200 @ 2-3 yrs; balance 7-10 yrs) bred rd Ang
(Pieper); cf 3-10 for 60 days. Broody, well kept; have power enough to make a
good one! Complete Dispersion- check video Ryan Ortner (785-443-6682)
235 blk (3-5 yrs) bred Ang (Baldridge); cf 3-10 for 60 days. An exciting, young
group w/uniformity. Tightly bred. Dispersion of Merriman Unit
105 blk (yg-st) bred Ang (Joseph, Diamond Lazy J, Gray); cf 3-1 for 60 days.
Complete dispersion
60blk & Ang (1st cf- st) bred Ang (Johnson Rose & NebKota); cf 3-20 Complete
dispersion
45blk & Ang (yg-9 yrs) bred Ang (Huddle, Barstow & McCarthy); cf 3-15 for 60
days. Years of A.I. genetics- very even set of cows! Complete dispersion
200 blk, few rwf (sm-bm) bred Ang; cf 3-1 for 90 dayRick Fernandez
Bred Heifers:
90 Ang (1100#) 68 hd sync & A.I. bred Ang (Standout); cf 3-1 for 1 day; 22 hd
cleaned up LBW Ang (Miller & Joseph) for 30 days. Sell behind cows
Cort Dewing
133 Ang (1050-1100#) sync & A.I. bred Ang (Patriarch -CED +14); 83 hd cf
2-15/53 hd cf 3-6 Clint & Brynn Burney (402-322-0677)
46 Ang (1050-1100#) 21 sync & A.I. bred Ang (Patriarch -CED +14); cf 2-15
115 Ang (1100#) sync & A.I. bred Ang (Patriarch); cf 2-20 for 2 days. One iron,
long time A.I. herd Rick & Missy Weber (402-389-1406)
60 Ang (1050-1100#) sync & A.I. bred Ang (Patriarch); cf 2-20 for 2 days. One
iron-origin Brett AdamsonReece Weber (402-389-1639)
50bwf (1050-1100#) sync & A.I. bred Ang (Patriarch) ;cf 2-20 for 2 days
50Hereford (1100#) bred LBW blk; cf 3-5 for 15 daysTurner Ranch LLC
50 Ang (1000-1050#) bred LBW Ang; cf 3-1 for 20 days. Ultrasound pregged,
sell in 10-12 day intervals
35 Ang (1100#) bred Ang; cf 3-3 for 30 days .HR, Purity Ang
Joe Butler (402-376-4919)
45 blk & Ang (1000-1100#) sync & A.I. bred Ang bred Ang (LBW Nick Risse); cf
3-1 for 40 daysDoug Spaar
40 Ang (1050-1100#) bred LBW (Stunner & Powerball); cf 3-3 to 3-30
Clint & Brynn Burney
34 blk (950-1000#) bred Ang (Connealy); cf 3-15 for 21 days
Powder Horn Rn (Will 402-376-4811)
22 Ang (1100#) bred LBW Ang; cf 3-5 for 20 days Randy & Chris Huddle
OTHER BREDS FROM: Diamond G (250 hd 8-10 yrs), Weber (120 st),
Hanna (70 @ 9 yrs), M & W (50), PowderH (19)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023
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Special Short Term Bred Female & Regular Sale

S.T. 10:00 on weighups- 2:00 p.m. on bred females Expecting 400-500 Dispersions & Liquidations:

45 ..blk (st; 1450#) bred Ang; cf 3-1 for 60 days . Ron Fisher . Tom Licking 45 ...blk, bwf (sm-st; 1300-1400#) bred blk; cf 3-15 for 60 days 25 .. Ang (st) bred Ang; cf 3-10 for 60 daysLeroy Morrisor 30 .. blk, blk-x (st) bred Ang (Jorgensen); 20 cf 3-26 for 60 days/10 cf 6-1 for 60 .AB Co>

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16 blk Severance 577@292.50	10 blk Effingham 523@269.00
10 blk bwf Effingham 576@285.00	12 blk bwf Atchison 519@264.00
14 blk bwf Effingham 561@280.00	10 blk Severance 506@262.00
12 blk ValleyFalls 585@271.00	11 blk CamdenPt,M0 510@259.00
14 blk bwf Wetmore 580@269.00	16 blk Effingham 548@258.00
8 blk Effingham604@259.00	13 blk Easton 566@250.00
21 blk Severance 651@254.50	10 blk Weston,MO 547@249.00
30 mix Atchison 637@253.50	22 blk char Lansing 558@245.00
15 blk red Holton 650@252.00	13 blk bwf Effingham 616@241.50
23 blk Holton 629@250.00	20 mix Atchison 639@241.00
28 blk CamdenPt,M0 611 @ 250.00	19 blk red Holton 541@240.00
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12 blk bwf Effingham 685@241.00	17 blk Holton 547@234.00
11 blk Easton 705@238.00	18 blk Holton 446@232.50
47 mix Effingham769@237.25	11 blk bwf Netawaka 582@230.00
16 blk CamdenPt,M0 707@233.00	14 mix ValleyFalls 523@230.00
21 blk bwf Holton 732@229.00	21 blk red Farlington 535@230.00
28 blk & red Americus840@228.00	10 blk Cummings574@222.00
34 blk red Holton 739@227.50	27 blk Holton 683@208.25

SPECIAL COW AUCTION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 * 6:00 PM BRED COWS:

- 50 blk cows 3&4 yrs 1200-1400 lbs. bred Gardener blk Angus bull for Feb. 20 calves spring vaccs plus injectable Cydectin & Safeguard wormer this fall, home raised *A Allen*
- 6 blk & red cows 5-8 yrs bred Gardener Angus bull for Feb.-March calves **B** Stephens
- 39 blk bwf cows 4-10 yrs bred Huninghake blk Angus bulls for March 15 calves, complete vaccination program, complete dispersion T Baker
- 40 red blk Char cows 3-5 yrs bred blk bulls for Feb. 1 calves J Roloff
- 30 blk cows 3-6 yrs bred blk Angus or red Angus for spring calves
- 15 red rwf cows 3-6 yrs bred blk or Char for spring calves
 25 blk & red cows SS-Aged bred blk or red bulls
- BRED HEIFERS:
- 16 blk 1st calf hfrs 1050-1100 lbs. bred Jones Farm blk Angus or Schreiber Red Angus for Jan. 18 calves, OCV, pelvic mea-sured, tract scored J Smith
- 33 Red Angus 1st calf hfrs 1050-1150 lbs. Al bred to WS Red Moon red Simm for Feb. 15, clean up bull is CCR Hot Shot 9648J red Simm/Angus (proven calving ease bulls), spring vaccs D Klahr
- 20 bit 1st calf bred hfrs 1050-1100 bred to proven LBW blk Angus bull for March calves *R Grame* COŴ/CALF PAIRS:
- 11 blk cows/calves (cut & vacc) 3-6 yrs, exposed back to blk or red Angus bulls since Oct. 25 R Lierz
- 20 blk cows/60-110 day old calves, 5-7 yrs, not exposed to bull D Herring BREEDING BULLS:

2 Huninghake blk Angus bulls 2-2 1/2 yrs old fertility & trich tested T Baker

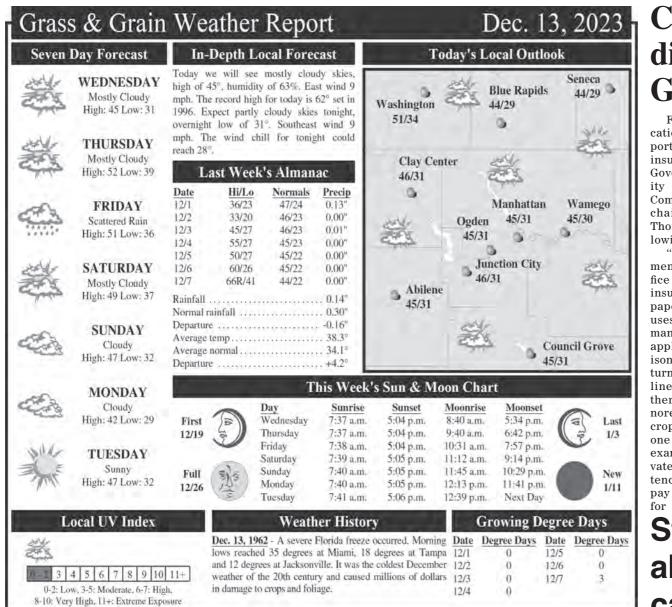
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Chairman Thompson dismisses shortsighted **GAO** report

Following the publication of a one-sided report on the federal crop insurance program by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), House Committee on Agriculture chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson issued the following statement:

"The recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on crop insurance isn't worth the paper it is printed on. GAO uses inconsistent performance metrics to make an apples-to-oranges comparison of crop insurance returns versus those of other lines of insurance. Further, they completely ignore the benefits of federal crop insurance, which is one of the most successful examples of a public-private partnership in existence. Farmers willingly pay significant premiums for crop insurance coverage because it provides reliable assistance when disaster strikes. This timely indemnification doesn't just benefit farmers, it bolsters rural economies by ensuring that producers can pay back their lenders, retain their employees, and get back on their feet to farm again the following season."

"Finally, it is ironic that this report criticizing private sector delivery was published amidst the ongoing debacle of USDA's implementation of disaster aid for 2022 losses. Government delivery of aid is the alternative to the public-private partnership and I don't know of a single producer that would want to make that trade or a single taxpayer that would not ultimately regret upending the system we currently have.'

Study IDs organic alternative to fight cattle-pestering flies

Welcome to Pocket Science: a glimpse at recent research from University of Nebraska scientists and engineers. For those who want to quickly learn the "So what" and "What," "Now what" of UNL research.

What?

When cattle are fighting flies in the summer, they gather in tight bunches, leading them to eat less while experiencing more stress and discomfort. Beef producers have limited options for controlling the flies that pester their cattle. Moreover, existing insecticides are losing their effectiveness as insects develop resistance to repeated use.

Dave Boxler, a Nebraska Extension entomologist at the West Central Research, Extension and Education Center, has worked with a company for 15 years to develop a new insecticide that is organic and doesn't affect honeybees or bumblebees. The insecticide is based on two fatty acids derived from palm oil.

So what?

The new insecticide

ly don't have many effective, economical fly-control options - and for conventional producers who want to use products that are safer for people, animals and the environment.

In field trials, where cattle walked through an automatic sprayer that misted them with the insecticide, Boxler and his team found that the flies swerved away from animals that had been treated, as expected. However, they were surprised to find that the spray also killed the target flies on contact, an added benefit.

Now what?

Boxler's team previously helped develop a version of the insecticide that has been approved by the **Environmental Protection** Agency for use on horses. That insecticide, called EcoVet, is commercially available nationwide.

The researchers are now waiting on EPA approval for the cattle-specific version. Boxler plans to continue studies next summer, when the team will test how much it can lower concentrations and achieve the same effec-

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