

Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2024 advances out of ag committee

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Late last week, the House ag committee advanced the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2024 by a vote of 33-21. The legislation authorizes farm and nutrition programs for the next five years.

Rep. Tracey Mann was an affirmative vote in moving the bill forward.

“The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 is a fiscally conservative Farm Bill that strengthens the American farm safety net and wisely invests taxpayer dollars,” said Mann. “Since 2018, when the last Farm Bill was signed into law, American farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and consumers have navigated record high inflation, labor shortages, and a disrupted supply chain. During our Farm Bill listening sessions, stakeholders and agricultural community members made it crystal clear — they need a Farm Bill to provide them certainty like never before. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act protects crop insurance, invests in trade and research programs, and conducts rigorous oversight to ensure that food and farm policy is properly implemented. I was proud to advance this Farm Bill that works for Kansans and Americans.”

Rep. Sharice Davids voted against the bill, which she said “Pits farmers against families and has no realistic pathway to becoming law.” During the mark-up session on Thursday, Davids acknowledged there were

many good initiatives in the bill that would bolster the agricultural economy in Kansas, such as strengthening crop insurance and improving ag research. Her concern with the bill are provisions that roll back climate-smart initiatives and reductions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). During the mark-up, Davids and House Agriculture Committee chairman Glenn Thompson agreed to collaborate on two key provisions that Kansas agriculture professionals have highlighted. First, they will work together to improve the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and second, they will ensure Kansas wheat growers can both protect their soil from erosion and sell their crops for profit. She said she remains optimistic and will continue working with her colleagues from both parties on a bipartisan bill containing these provisions that can pass both Chambers and be signed into law.

House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member David Scott stated, “For over a year, Democrats have engaged with the Chairman, striving for a genuinely bipartisan farm bill that meets the needs of our farmers and the families they feed. This partisan farm bill fails that test by pitting farmers against the families they feed. Instead of working with House Democrats to write a truly bipartisan bill, House Republicans spent the last year waging a relentless campaign against the very farm bill titles that

would garner our support. This partisan farm bill makes the largest cut to SNAP in nearly 30 years.

“Throughout this process, I communicated to the Republicans that the funding scheme they pushed for would alienate Democratic support and imperil a bipartisan farm bill,” Scott continued. “They did not listen. When I presented a counterproposal to the Chairman which would invest tens of billions in the farm safety net while avoiding damaging cuts to food assistance and climate-smart agriculture, it was rejected. Republicans were not interested in engaging. The result is this partisan farm bill that violates our core values as Democrats, hurts the American people — particularly our most vulnerable, including children and people with disabilities — and lacks the broad Democratic support to pass on the House Floor.”

“Critics have wasted a lot of breath telling me what can’t be done, and last night the House Committee on Agriculture proved them wrong,” said House ag committee chairman GT Thompson. “I want to commend Reps. Caraveo, Davis, Sorenson, and Bishop for their willingness to see through the hyperbolic partisan rhetoric and help advance the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024. I heard my Democratic colleagues loud and clear at mark-up, that there is a whole lot of common ground, and a few sticking points that can be resolved through conver-

sation and negotiation. Great things can be accomplished when you don’t surround yourself with redlines, and I am eager to continue our work with whomever wants to come to the table.”

“I implore Senator Stabenow to invite Ranking Member Boozman and Senate Republicans to the table, just as I have consistently done with House Democrats,” Thompson continued. “The House Committee on Agriculture has proven there is a path to a bipartisan compromise that addresses the needs of rural America, enhances the farm safety net, and does right by our neighbors in need. A farm bill is too important to let slip any further, including into next year. Farm and ranch families cannot wait.”

Ag industry groups also weighed in on passage of the legislation.

Josh Gackle, American Soybean Association president and a soybean farmer from North Dakota, said “We appreciate that Chairman Thompson heard clearly the concerns and needs of soybean farmers and addressed those in the bill his committee approved today. We thank all Republican members and Democratic members — namely Representatives Don Davis, Eric Sorenson, Sanford Bishop, and Yadira Caraveo — for their votes in support of the 2024 Farm Bill, which we believe will be impactful for soybean farmers across our 30 soybean-producing states.” ASA believes the Farm, Food, and National Se-

curity Act of 2024 includes significant enhancements to improve effectiveness and accessibility of the farm safety net, meaningful investments to promote expansion and diversification of markets, and protection of vital programs like crop insurance and the soy check-off, as well as other important provisions.

Mike Lavender, policy director of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) Policy Director said, “NSAC is encouraged to be one step closer to a new farm bill. The Farm, Food, and National Security Act approved by the House Agriculture Committee, however, remains fundamentally unchanged, falling short of meeting our members’ key priorities. We look forward to continuing to work with the House and Senate Agriculture Committees toward a genuinely bipartisan farm bill with a viable path to becoming law.”

The National Corn Growers Association said many of the recommendations made by corn grower leaders are reflected in the legislation and language in the bill would improve programs for corn growers across the country. “We are deeply appreciative of the members on the committee and their staff for their work on this legislation,” said NCGA president Harold Wolle. “Advancing the farm bill through committee is an important milestone in the legislative process.”

During the mark-up, corn growers supported several amendments that were filed by committee members

to improve the farm bill. Wolle said growers were appreciative of Rep. Max Miller (R-Ohio) for offering an amendment on sustainable aviation fuel that was adopted by the committee. He also thanked Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) for leading and offering an amendment requiring a mandatory base acre update that would better reflect corn growers’ priorities for commodity program eligibility. “For the farm bill to be successfully reauthorized this year, there will ultimately need to be broad support from members of both parties,” Wolle noted. NCGA’s farm bill priorities include protecting federal crop insurance, bolstering U.S. international market development efforts, strengthening the producer safety net, supporting voluntary conservation programs, championing initiatives important to rural America and providing a base acre update.

“NAWG commends Chairman Thompson for moving the process forward and urges a bipartisan and bicameral process to enact a highly effective Farm Bill,” said Keeff Felty, National Association of Wheat Growers president. “Ultimately, for a Farm Bill to get signed into law, it will have to pass both chambers and be bipartisan. We look forward to working with all stakeholders to help get a farm bill signed into law that provides certainty and a strong safety net for producers.”

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Special Consignment Selling ~12 Noon:

• 85 fancy home raised Easter, Colorado, Red Angus Fall bred 1st calf fhers, Al bred Red Ang Leged WFL Merlin, cleaned up WFL Profitmaker Sons for 40 days, to start calving Aug. 25.

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Kansas Hay Market Report

Demand is still low and trade activity slow, although there were a couple of large sales of old crop alfalfa. Folks are trying to clean out old crop hay from their barns to get ready for new season hay. New crop price is still elusive, however, with not many wanting to commit till old crop is gone. The High Plains was a mixed bag of light to moderate precipitation, as well as improvements and degradations. Slight improvements occurred in south and northeast areas of Kansas that received precipitation. Elsewhere, conditions in central and western Kansas continued to degrade as stream flows, soil moisture, and groundwater continued to deteriorate. The categorical percent area for abnormally dry conditions (D0) decreased to 29%, moderate drought (D1) decreased to near 17%, severe drought (D2) increased to 32%, extreme drought (D3) increased to just under 0.5% and no exceptional drought (D4) was recorded.

Southwest Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow to moderate. Dairy alfalfa prices are steady. Grinding alfalfa price steady, ground and delivered alfalfa price \$10.00 higher. Alfalfa: Dairy, \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Good, Stock or Dry Cow none reported. Fair/good, old crop grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$105.00-\$115.00, large square 3x4's and 4x4's \$105.00-\$120.00. Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies \$160.00-\$170.00. Teff: small squares \$9.00/bale; Grass hay: CRP large rounds, 75.00 per bale. The week of 5/12-5/18, 10,798T of grinding alfalfa and 0T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

South Central Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa prices steady. Grinding alfalfa steady, alfalfa pellet price steady; Ground and delivered steady. Alfalfa: Dairy \$1.30-\$1.40/point RFV. Good, Stock cow, \$190.00-\$200.00. Fair/good old crop grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$135.00-\$140.00 delivered, 3x4 and 4x4's \$135.00-\$140.00 delivered. Alfalfa ground and delivered \$185.00-\$195.00. Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein \$275.00-\$280.00, 17 pct protein \$280.00-\$285, Dehydrated 17 pct protein: \$385.00-\$400.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, large rounds and large squares \$125.00-\$130.00. The week of 5/12-5/18, 4,801.5T of grinding alfalfa and 1,050T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

Southeast Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa price is steady, Bluestem, brome hay price steady. Alfalfa: horse or goat, none reported. Dairy \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Good, stock cow none reported. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, none reported. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares \$200.00-\$205.00, large round \$130.00-\$140.00, large square 3x4 and 4x4's \$150.00-\$170.00. Brome, small squares \$200.00-\$205.00, large rounds none reported, large

square 3x4 and 4x4's \$180.00-\$200.00. Corn stalks: large rounds \$55.00-\$65.00. The week of 5/12-5/18, 1,349.5T of grass hay was reported bought or sold.

Northwest Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa prices are steady. Alfalfa: horse, small squares \$13.25/bale. Dairy, Premium/Supreme \$1.35-\$1.45/point RFV. Stock cow, good, none reported, Alfalfa Good 3x3's \$180, Premium 3x3's \$225.00, Fair/good grinding alfalfa, \$100.00/T; Sudan large rounds \$60.00-\$70.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Demand low. Trade activity is slow. Dairy alfalfa steady, grinding alfalfa steady, ground and delivered steady, and grass hay steady to \$5.00 higher. Alfalfa: Dairy \$1.30-\$1.40/point RFV; Horse hay, premium small squares 13.00/bale; Stock Cow 3x4's none reported; Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, large rounds \$140.00-\$160.00, large square 3x4's \$165.00-\$175.00. Alfalfa ground and delivered \$175.00-\$185.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares \$8.00-\$9.00/bale, large rounds \$80.00-\$90.00/bale, large square 3x4 and 4x4's \$130.00-\$140.00/ton. Brome: small squares \$10.00-14.00/bale, large rounds \$95.00-100.00/bale, large square none reported. Wheat straw: large square \$100.00-\$110.00. The week of 5/12-5/18, 415T of grinding alfalfa and 441T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought or sold.

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

Southeast Kansas Grazing and Forage School – June 8th

K-State Research and Extension - Wildcat District, Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, and NRCS will host Southeast Kansas Grazing and Forage School on June 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Southeast Research and Extension Center, 25092 Ness Rd., Parsons.

This all-encompassing program will cover detailed topics of warm-season grasses, rotation design, watering facilities, and effectively using your pastures and supplemental forages to maximize your livestock operation. Much of the program will involve research field and local farm tours. Come hear from forage experts and get the most out of your pastures and fields. The Southeast Kansas Grazing and Forage School on June 8th in Parsons is one that every livestock producer will want to attend.

For more information or to register, visit KGLC website <https://www.kglc.org/> (click 'calendar' or look under 'KGLC news', or visit Wildcat District website at www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu

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For more information, please contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, at jcoover@ksu.edu or (620) 724-8233.

***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.

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*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 Department of Agriculture -Manhattan, Kansas Kim Nettleton 785-564-6709.

Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2024 advances out of ag committee

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Act of 2024 recognizes the needs of wheat growers and includes several priorities that NAWG has advocated for over the past two years. We appreciate that the committee passed bill protects and enhances crop insurance, provides a meaningful increase in the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program, prioritizes U.S. commodities in the Food for Peace Program, and doubles funding for the Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) program. Additionally, we would like to thank Congressman Mann (R-KS-1) for offering an amendment encouraging the Risk Management Agency to allow farmers to insure wheat enterprise units by fallow and continuous, which was adopted."

"We commend Chairman Thompson and committee members from both parties for approving a 2024 House Farm Bill that includes critical dairy priorities that will help support and grow this industry," said Gregg Doud, president and CEO of National Milk Producers Federation. "We will do whatever we can to work with lawmakers in both chambers on a bipartisan basis to pass a new law as soon as possible, knowing that dairy is well-served by what the House Agriculture Committee approved today."

Among the provisions championed by NMPF are an extension of the Dairy Margin Coverage program through 2029, support of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, funding for dairy trade promotion programs and protection of the use of common food names worldwide, as well as support for voluntary, producer-led conservation program, continued support for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network and increased funding for animal health initiatives and programs.

The bill now awaits consideration from the full U.S. House of Representatives.

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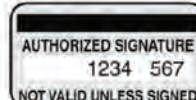
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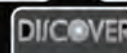
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9th Gardiner Angus "Meating Demand" buyers select elite multi-trait bulls for early turnout

The Meating Demand Sale has evolved to offer the same elite multi-trait genetic excellence in a more relaxed atmosphere appreciated by progressive commercial cow-calf producers purchasing bulls for early turnout. One-hundred eighty-five bidders registered to bid on 198 registered bulls and 194 GAR-influenced, elite bred commercial heifers.

The high selling bull in the sale was Lot 31, GAR Black Gold. This 14-month-old son of Basin Jameson out of a GAR Prophet K263 donor offers tremendous outcross potential. His double-digit calving ease, top 2% weaning and yearling weight, over +2 marbling, top 1% \$Maternal, +402 \$C and top 1% Method Genetics ROI indicate 5408 is a special, multi-trait sire. One of the most pro-

gressive beef producers in America, Rich Blair, Blair Brothers, Vale, S.D., made Black Gold the high-selling bull in the sale on a winning bid of \$45,000. Two bulls, Lots 22 and 51, sold for \$20,000 each to Jason Faria, FB Genetics, Dumas, Texas, and Doug Gerber, Gerber Land & Cattle, Richmond, Ind., respectively.

Longtime customers, Kevin and Marta Miliken, Lebanon, Mo., paid \$16,000 to own Lot 54, GAR Salvation 4138, an elite young bull for growth and ribeye, ranking in the top 1% of the breed in ten traits. Lot 17, GAR Home Free 4584, caught the attention of Tucker Conner, TJC Farms, Wellington, Texas, and outlasted the competition on a winning bid of \$15,000. Another longtime GAR customer and Profit

Proven consignor David White, Greensburg, selected an outstanding GAR Sunbeam son, Lot 52, GAR Sunbeam W2112 and paid \$13,500.

Three bulls, Lots 15, 49 and 89, each sold for \$13,000 to Rob and Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin; Trey Clapp, Cedar Vale; and Ben Gleason, Gleason Livestock, Maple Hill, respectively. Three bulls, Lots 34, 40 and 193, each sold for \$12,500 to Len Mertz, Mertz 09 Ranch, San Angelo, Texas; Karl Kuschel, Chamois, Mo.; and Ky Luddington, Luddington Cattle, Freedom, Okla., respectively. Two bulls, Lot 1 and Lot 99, each sold for \$12,000 to Margie Rice, Mayer Legacy LLC, Guymon, Okla.; and Mertz 09 Ranch, respectively.

Rhett Radcliff, Radcliff Ranch, Forgan, Okla., and Mertz

09 Ranch, each paid \$11,500 for Lots 36 and 59, respectively. Eight bulls sold for \$11,000 each, four bulls sold for \$10,500 each and 18 bulls sold for \$10,000 each.

Bidding was active on 19 groups, 194 head, of elite, Method Genetics tested, bred commercial heifers. Longtime GAR commercial customers, representing the entire spectrum of quality beef production typically compete to add genetically elite heifers to their cow-calf operation. Sellard Farms had the winning bid on the high selling Group #1, at \$4,000 per head. Daryl Sales, Sales Farms, Valley Falls, selected Group #2 to add to his progressive cow herd on a winning bid of \$3,900 each. Sellard Farms added Group 16 paying \$3,700 per head.

Notes of Interest:
• A total of 198 registered bulls and 194 bred commercial heifers sold to 88 buyers from 18 states in two hours.

Volume Buyers — Bulls: Brant Baca, Baca Ranches, Vega, Texas; Rex McCloy, McCloy Family Farm Partnership, Morse, Texas; Len Mertz, Mertz 09 Ranch, San Angelo, Texas; John Michael Fierer, Cross F Ranch, Fort Worth, Texas; Whitney Hall, Loco, Okla.; Jeff Krier, Ashland; Rhett Radcliff, Radcliff, Ranch, Forgan, Okla.; Kevin Cantrelle, Cantrelle Ranch LLC, Raymond, Calif; Darin Dickey, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Volume Buyer — Commercial Females: Darin Dickey; James Skelton, Skelton Beef Company, Texhoma, Okla.; Ryan Vogt, Vogt Grain Farms, Newton, Kan.; Rob & Sylvia Sellard, Sellard Farms, Bucklin.

Sale Total & Averages			
Total Lots	Category	Gross	Average
170	19- to 20-month-old registered bulls	\$1,326,000	\$7,800
28	14- to 16-month-old registered bulls	\$299,500	\$10,696
198	Registered bulls	\$1,625,500	\$8,210
194	Bred commercial heifers	\$652,900	\$3,365
392	Head TOTAL	\$2,278,400	

Applications open for second cohort of Kansas Commerce Rural Champions

Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland has announced that the Office of Rural Prosperity has opened applications for the second cohort of Rural by Choice Champions. Offered in collaboration with the Patterson Family Foundation, the Rural Champions program funds dedicated development assistance for rural communities that lack the capital, expertise or other resources to complete critical local projects.

This cohort will be awarded a total of \$610,000 to be used amongst 12 rural communities with 40,000 or less in population.

"Over the past year, we have witnessed phenomenal progress with the first Rural Champions cohort. This initiative has brought positive change and success to rural communities that might otherwise struggle on their own," Toland said. "These grants help generate local momentum to keep developing and strengthening our communities, improving the quality of life throughout the Sunflower State."

The Rural Champions grant opportunity was created to provide development support to cities, counties, community foundations, tribal nations or community

organizations that have experienced difficulty making progress on critical issues that have hindered economic and community growth.

"Rural Champions cohort communities have a deep understanding of their local challenges and opportunities and are committed to creating a positive future," Patterson Family Foundation vice president of programs and strategy Jessica Hunt said. "As our Foundation works toward thriving rural communities, we recognize that efforts like this can help launch new strategies toward complex rural issues."

Creating a housing development plan for Linn and Harper counties, establishing 24/7 mental health telehealth in Morton County, and developing new childcare facilities in Decatur, Kingman,

Ford and Clay counties were examples of projects that the 2023 Rural Champions tackled. Other champions established systems that will support future growth by creating new trails in Independence; developing welcoming communities and prosperous downtowns in Wallace, Graham and Lincoln counties; and growing entrepreneurship opportunities in Geary County.

The grants will provide awarded communities \$20,800 quarterly to work through locally identified key challenges. Awardees also receive an additional \$25,000 grant at the end of the year to move communities into the implementation phase of their projects.

"The success of these projects will provide road maps for future projects and communities that are trying

to identify where to start." Office of Rural Prosperity director Trisha Purdon said. "These programs are important to small towns because they are so unique. Being able to assist with funding and provide resources paves the way to growing economic and community development in communities that need them the most."

To apply, a community must identify a Rural Champion and document a focus area that has been identified as a significant need. Additionally, applicants must provide matching support that includes a dedicated mentor, office space, equipment and a cash match to cover travel expenses for quarterly trainings. Applicants that provide an additional cash match to increase hours or pay for the Champion will receive added

consideration in the review process.

Award announcements will be made in September.

Applications are being accepted now through midnight Wednesday, July 31. Applicants that submit before June 30 can request a pre-review of their application. An informational webinar will be presented at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. To register, contact Kerri Falletti at (785) 207-5206.

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LYNN HANZLICEK ESTATE (Potwin, KS)

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K-State hires Awika to lead IGP and Food Science Institute

After an extensive national search, the K-State College of Agriculture has announced that Dr. Joseph Awika has accepted the position of Department Head of Grain Science and Industry and Director of the International Grains Program Institute. Awika, an internationally renowned food scientist also will



serve as Director of the Food Science Institute. Dr. Awika will start on August 18. "I am looking forward to working with Dr. Awika and supporting him to implement his forward-looking vision for the department," said Ernie Minton, Kansas State University's Eldon Gideon Dean, College of Agriculture and Direc-

tor, K-State Research and Extension. "Joe is known internationally for his excellence in research and in the classroom. His experience will build upon and grow our world-renowned programs in grain and food sciences.

"I have no doubt he will carry forward the tradition of excellence for all three of these

organizations and continue accelerating the momentum the university has as we begin building the Global Center for Grain and Food Innovation," said Minton.

"I also want to thank Dr. Hulya Dogan for her leadership and dedication serving as Interim Department Head during the past two years," added Min-

ton. Dr. Awika joins Kansas State from Texas A&M University, where he has been the department head of that university's Department of Food Science and Technology. He earned his undergraduate degree at Egerton University, Kenya and doctoral degree in food science and technology from Texas A&M.

Take these steps to incubate eggs successfully

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

Walk into nearly any farm supply store in the spring of the year and the sound of cheeping baby chicks likely fills the air. If you keep a backyard flock of chickens, purchasing chicks from stores like this or directly from hatcheries, is a great way to replenish your laying

flock, especially if you enjoy watching chickens grow and develop. If you want to take poultry raising to the next level, incubation of hatching eggs is another option to consider, just remember you'll get some roosters too!

Whether eggs come from your flock or an egg supplier you must start with fertile eggs, store properly and incubate them carefully. Handling, environmen-

tal conditions, sanitation, and record keeping are all important factors when it comes to successfully incubating and hatching eggs. A fertile egg is alive containing living cells that can become a viable embryo/chick. Successful hatches begin with undamaged eggs that are fresh, clean, and fertile.

Do not incubate eggs that are cracked, misshapen, soiled, or unusually small or large. Do not wash or wipe eggs with a damp cloth because this removes the egg's protective layer and allow disease and bacteria to enter. It can also spread bacteria from one dirty egg to others. Eggs should be set as soon after collection as possible. It is best to incubate eggs within seven to ten days of being laid. Hatchability decreases rapidly when eggs are stored for more than ten days.

An incubator is basically a box that holds eggs while maintaining an appropriate temperature, humidity, and oxygen level. Popular incubator models often include automatic egg turners, humidifiers, and temperature controllers. Incubators come in forced-air or still-air versions. The temperature and humidity in a forced air incubator is more consistent. Regardless of

incubator type, a successful hatch requires turning eggs and closely monitoring the temperature, humidity, and ventilation. The incubator should be placed in a room that has no drafts or direct sunlight with stable temperature and humidity.

Stored eggs need to warm to room temperature for four hours to eight hours before being placed in the incubator. Once the eggs are in the incubator, do not adjust the temperature or humidity for a few hours, unless the temperature exceeds 102°F. After four hours, make proper adjustments. The final temperature should vary only .5 degree above or below 99.5°F. Relative humidity should be set at 55 to 60 percent. If the incubator uses passive humidity control, daily add water to maintain correct humidity levels. If the humidity in the incubator is too low or too high, the hatch will fail.

The set stage refers to incubation period up until two or three days before a hatch. Different species have different incubation periods, so know this time before starting. Most chickens have a +21-day period. Incubating different species together in the same incubator is not recommended, especially if the incubator is also used as hatchery. Set the small end of the egg lower than the large end in the incubator so the embryo can orient its head toward the air cell as it develops.

The hatch stage refers to the final two to three days of incu-

bation when chicks hatch out of the shell. Transfer eggs to a dedicated hatcher for the last three days to four days of incubation and do not turn them. If a hatcher is not available, remove the eggs from the turner and lay them in the hatching basket or place them on cloth or rough paper in the incubator. During this stage, decrease the temperature 1°F and increase the relative humidity to 65 to 70 percent.

Hatching requires great effort from the chick, with the entire process taking ten hours to 20 hours. Eggs that are not hatched within a day or two after the predicted incubation period should be discarded. Do not

help a chick free itself from the shell; chicks that cannot hatch on their own usually die. Once chicks successfully leave the shell, increase the ventilation in the incubator and leave them there about 24 hours or until their feathers are dry. When more than 90 percent of the chicks are dry, remove them from the hatcher. Move the chicks to a warm brooder and give them water and feed.

This is a very quick summary of the process of incubation and hatching taken from a good Texas A&M Extension publication on the subject: Incubating and Hatching Eggs I'd encourage you to view this publication to learn more.

American, Mexican and Canadian cattle producers unite on greater oversight of lab-grown meat

Leaders of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas (CNOG) and Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) signed a joint statement to continue advocating for greater oversight of emerging lab-grown proteins, protecting cattle from animal diseases and promoting the sustainability of the cattle industry. This action builds on the recent statement signing with Cattle Australia and furthers the international partnerships between cattle producers.

Following the joint statement signing, NCBA, CNOG and CCA also signed a letter addressed to U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai, Secretaria de Economía Raquel Buenrostro Sanchez, and Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Mary Ng urging the U.S., Mexican, and Canadian governments to re-engage in opening markets for beef exports and provide stronger science-based oversight of beef imports. Unfortunately, the three governments have expanded market access for beef imports while providing little opportunities for beef exports. If this continues, it will place North American cattle producers at a competitive disadvantage to other beef producers, including South America.

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Bulls		\$148.00-\$165.00	Hope 62 mix 784 \$260.75
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Report from May 22nd, 2024

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TOP BUTCHER BULL: \$163.00 @ 1,925 LBS.

BRED COWS: \$1,260 - \$2,300

TOP BUTCHER COW: \$144.50 @ 1,325 LBS.

PAIRS: NO TEST

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— SUMMER SALE SCHEDULE —

<p>May 28th - NO SALE @ Clay Center</p> <p>May 29th - Sale @ J.C.</p> <p>June 1st - Sheep & Goat Sale @ Clay Center</p> <p>June 4th - Sale @ Clay Center</p> <p>June 5th - NO SALE @ J.C.</p> <p>June 11th - NO SALE @ Clay Center (LMA Contest)</p> <p>June 12th - NO SALE @ J.C. (LMA Contest)</p> <p>June 18th - Sale @ Clay Center</p> <p>June 19th - Sale @ J.C.</p>	<p>June 25th - NO SALE @ Clay Center</p> <p>June 26th - Sale @ J.C.</p> <p>July 2nd - NO SALE @ Clay Center (4th of July)</p> <p>July 3rd - NO SALE @ J.C. (4th of July)</p> <p>July 6th - Sheep & Goat Sale @ Clay Center</p> <p>July 9th - NO SALE @ Clay Center</p> <p>July 10th - NO SALE @ J.C.</p> <p>July 16th - Clay Center (Back to Reg. Sale Schedule)</p> <p>July 17th - Junction City (Back to Reg. Sale Schedule)</p>
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Report from May 21st, 2024

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BRED COWS: \$2,050-\$2,550

TOP BUTCHER COW: \$144.00 @ 1,330 LBS.

PAIRS: \$2,400

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USDA announces funding to protect animal health; KSU among recipients

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is awarding more than \$22.2 million to enhance prevention, preparedness, early detection and rapid response to the most damaging diseases that threaten U.S. livestock.

USDA is awarding this funding through the 2018 Farm Bill's National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). APHIS will use an additional \$900,000 to replenish vaccine banks.

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CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024: • 15 blk str & hfrs, 400-450 lbs., vaccinated • 20 blk str & hfrs, 500-600 lbs., vaccinated • 120 blk steers, 900-925 lbs. • 60 blk char steers, 900-925 lbs. • 61 blk xbred steers, 925-950 lbs.

CONSIGNMENTS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024: • 35 blk bwf str & hfrs, 550-650 lbs., weaned, vaccinated

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