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DOES IT BUG YOU?

*Will drive for
global protein
fuel move to
insect sources?*

By SARAH HILL
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A decade from now, what will the food on your plate look like? Will it be a steak and baked potato, or will it be a pasta dish with grasshoppers?

Today, 70 percent of global protein comes from legumes, specifically, many types of nitrogen fixing high protein pulses (including beans), according to Kalidas Shetty, founding Director of the Global Institute of Food Security & International Agriculture; Professor of Plant Science; and Associate Vice President for International Partnerships & Collaborations, North Dakota State University.

Some 70 percent of food on a global scale is produced by farmers with less than one acre of land and the food system is very diverse.

One of the big four meatpackers, Tyson Foods, made headlines recently with its investment into a Netherlands-based insect company creating “low footprint proteins” and “nutrients that can be processed into more sustainable feed and food” from insects.

Protix, which calls itself “the leading fully integrated global insect ingredients company” produces several products to be fed to pets, livestock, etc.

This agreement between Tyson and Protix includes the construction of the first at-scale, enclosed system insect ingredient facility in the continental U.S. Insects will be bred, incubated and hatched at the facility. Protix currently produces and processes 15,000 tons annually in a facility in the Netherlands that has been operating since 2019.



BUG OPTIONS: Food stalls in Thailand offer a variety of bug options for people to eat. (Photo by Kalidas Shetty for Tri-State Livestock News)

Cultural drivers and insect protein

Livestock producers shouldn't be concerned about insect protein replacing beef, pork, lamb, or chicken, Wade Syers, Extension Specialist for Food Safety, Michigan State

University says. Shetty agrees, adding that he believes insect protein will remain a niche market, like vegetarian or cultured proteins.

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Tyson invests in insect facility

SPRINGDALE, Ark. – Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE: TSN), one of the world's largest food companies, has reached an agreement for a two-fold investment with Protix, the leading global insect ingredients company. The strategic investment will support the growth of the emerging insect ingredient industry and expand the use of insect ingredient solutions to create more efficient sustainable proteins and lipids for use in the global food system. The agreement combines Tyson Foods' global scale, experience and network with Protix's technology and market leadership to meet current market demand and scale production of insect ingredients. Through a direct equity investment, Tyson Foods will acquire a minority stake in Protix to help fund its global expansion. In addition, Tyson Foods and Protix have entered a joint venture for the operation and construction of an insect ingredient facility in the continental United States. Upon completion, it will be the first at-scale facility of its kind to upcycle food manufacturing byproducts into high-quality insect proteins and lipids which will primarily be used in the pet food, aquaculture, and livestock

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Corbitt Wall to keynote 2023 Missouri Livestock Symposium

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. – Corbitt Wall, livestock market analyst for DV Auction will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, December 1 at the 24th annual Missouri Livestock Symposium, says Garry L. Mathes, committee chairman.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is the premier educational event and trade show for livestock producers and is held December 1 and 2 at the William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville, MO.

Zac Erwin, MU Extension Field Specialist in Livestock and Symposium vice-chair, says, “We are excited to bring Corbitt Wall back to the Missouri Livestock Symposium.” Erwin adds, “Corbitt is arguably one of the most prominent voices in the cattle marketing business and has developed a significant following of beef producers throughout the Midwest. Most producers appreciate his straightforward communication style and fundamental understanding of the cattle market from farm to futures.”

Corbitt Wall is currently the commercial cattle manager and livestock market analyst for DV Auction. Corbitt has earned a reputation for his keen understanding of the ever-evolving dynamics of livestock marketing. Wall has engaged in many outlets to broadcast his knowledge of the industry and can be found 5 days a week on The Feeder Flash.

Erwin adds that the Missouri Livestock Symposium focuses on finding the leading experts in their respective fields to help educate

farmers, ranchers, and the public on issues that affect all livestock production, and we are excited to bring Corbitt Wall to Kirksville in December.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium meets at the William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville, MO. The hours are 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

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JBS plans to invest \$4 billion by 2026 to expand operations in Brazil

JBS plans to invest BRL15 billion (\$2.97 billion) to expand operations in Brazil by 2026, said CEO Gilberto Tomazani, during the inauguration of two new production facilities of its Seara subsidiary in Rolândia, Paraná state, according to a company statement.

JBS's parent company, J&F Investimentos, announced earlier this month that it will invest BRL38 billion (\$7.5 billion) in

Brazil by 2026, of which BRL3 billion (\$594.4 million) will be invested in JBS. Tomazani has now announced an additional BRL12 billion (\$2.4 billion), raising the meatpacker's total investment in Brazil to BRL15 billion by 2026.

This additional investment in Brazil will be made possible by the company's planned dual listing in the São Paulo and New York stock exchanges, according

to the executive.

The company had already announced in July that its dual listing strategy would accelerate its capacity for diversification and growth into more branded and value-added food products, reduce capital costs and generate greater returns for shareholders.

Expanding the Rolândia industrial complex in Paraná is part of JBS's plan to strengthen its position in high-value-added

products.

"Looking at our entire group, we are currently 180,000 people in Brazil, the largest employer in the country, and have 280,000 employees around the world, with 500 factories," said JBS shareholder and former CEO Wesley Batista. "We came to the conclusion that Brazil is an extraordinary country with gigantic potential."

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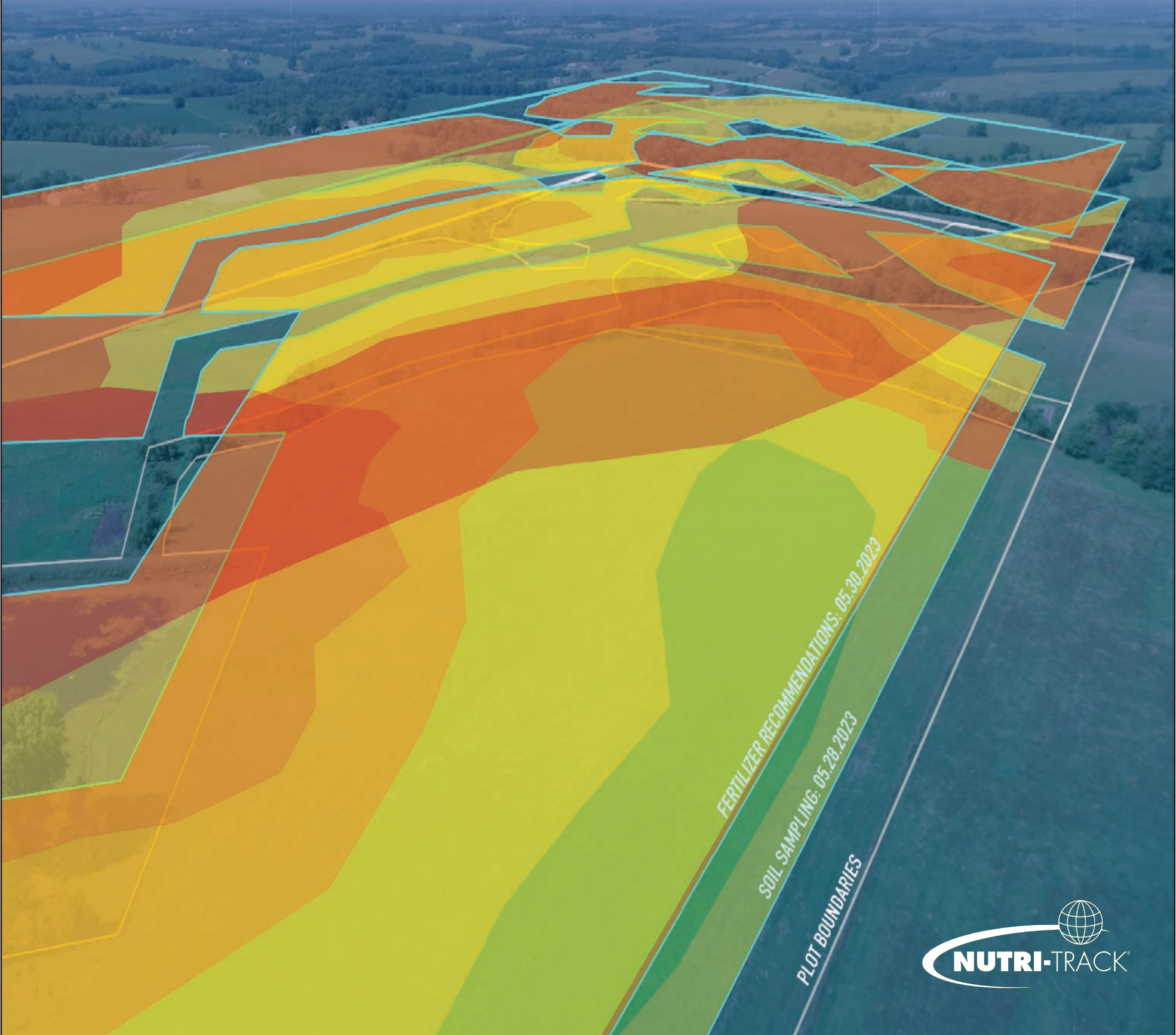


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“In the U.S., public sentiment is shifting so more people are open to the idea of eating insects, but doing so remains uncommon,” Syers says.

“There are many cultural drivers to how and why we eat what we do,” Shetty says. “I don’t think we’ll lose that globally. If you’re eating a steak or chicken prepared a certain way, there’s a cultural context to it, and it’s hard to replace that with anything else. If a consumer wants chicken or beef, they want the real thing.”

Some elitists and policy influencers are pushing for more implementation of consuming insect protein, primarily because they say it’s more efficient and carbon neutral than livestock production—and by extension, better for the environment and less impactful on climate change. There are a few studies available that support this claim.

Shetty says that, because cattle production is used for multiple uses, including protein from both milk and meat, the focus should be on possibly making cattle production more efficient when it comes to carbon emissions.

“There are many calling for efficient protein alternatives,” Shetty says. “However, humanity has been shaped by the ecology of our food species domestication. Cattle are an important part of this domestication for food needs,” he said. Maybe cattle can be made more carbon efficient, but they will not be replaced, he said.

What about cattle?

The Beef Checkoff shares the following information: According to the U.S. EPA’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, 2 percent of U.S. emissions come directly from beef cattle (methane from cattle belches, methane and nitrous oxide from manure). Total direct emissions from all agricultural production, crops and livestock collectively, were 8.4 percent of

“Insects provide protein through their exoskeletons and flesh beneath it,” Shetty says. “Many cultures have a long history of including crunchy insect proteins in the diet.”

U.S. emissions in 2017. Agriculture, land use, land use change, and forestry combined in the United States are a net sink of CO2 equivalent (CO2e) emissions, meaning they removed 172 million metric tons of CO2e from the atmosphere in 2017.

Upcycling is the Ruminant Advantage Cattle are ruminants. This means they have a symbiotic relationship with the microorganisms that live within their specialized stomach compartments that provides them their upcycling superpower. Upcycling is converting something of little to no value to a higher value product. Cattle upcycle every day, converting solar energy in plants that’s inaccessible to humans to high-quality protein, micronutrients, and ancillary products such as leather and pharmaceuticals. The U.S. beef cattle industry provides more than two times the high-quality protein (accounting for amino acid profile and bioavailability) to the U.S. food supply than cattle consume: cattle directly contribute to food security. Additionally, beef is rich in micronutrients such as Zinc, Iron, Selenium, Choline, Niacin, Riboflavin, Vitamin B12 and Vitamin B6.

Cattle provide far more than beef cattle, production results in more benefits to society than just the excellent nutrient package that is beef. Cattle are a source of fiber (leather), fertilizer, fuel, and wealth.

Beef cattle operations represent over 1/3 of U.S. farms and ranches – the single largest segment of U.S. agriculture. Cattle production preserves and enhances grassland ecosystems.

Cattle grazing can help mitigate the risk of catastrophic wild-

fires. Cattle grazing lands help regulate and purify the water supplies for major municipalities in the United States. Conservatively, the ecosystem services of cattle ranching and farming provide \$14.8 billion of societal value in the U.S. In short, cattle production is a key part of the social fabric of America, from cultural contributions of cowboy Americana to provisioning of heart valves to people.

Cattle are a self-replicating, solar-powered plant-based protein source with numerous unmatched co-benefits. Humanity has depended upon cattle production for the whole of civilization and will continue to do so far into the future: beef cattle production is sustainable.

Human psychology also plays a major role in how humans perceive foods, Shetty says, and that perception is culturally driven. For example, grubs are viewed as a delicacy. Shetty tried them, and they tasted good, but as soon as he was told what they were, his psychology immediately switched his feelings on the food.

“I’ve been to nearly 80 countries, and there’s a cultural framework to food,” Shetty says. “Those cultural nuances are an integral part of human psychology.”

If you’re interested in trying to add insects to your diet, Syers suggests purchasing them from a reputable supplier and not harvesting insects yourself. Shetty agrees that entomologists will confirm that eating insects is safe—but there are also allergen concerns.

“Insects from the wild can be contaminated with pathogens, such as bacteria or chemicals like pesticides,” Syers says. “Additionally, if you have a

shellfish allergy, you may also be allergic to insects.”

Insect protein is gaining in popularity.

“Insects provide protein through their exoskeletons and flesh beneath it,” Shetty says. “Many cultures have a long history of including crunchy insect proteins in the diet.”

Shetty provides various examples of how insects are consumed around the globe. In China, it’s not unusual for grubs to be served, while in Korea, silkworm pupae are cooked and eaten like peanuts, even sold outside Buddhist temples alongside regular salted and cooked peanuts. Shetty says that grasshoppers are related to the shrimp family (clade- Pancrustacea and family- Arthropods), and even taste like shrimp if prepared in a certain way.

Some large-scale farms in Wisconsin and Canada have

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industries. “Our partnership with Protix represents the latest strategic investment by Tyson Foods in groundbreaking solutions that drive added value to Tyson Foods’ business,” said John R. Tyson, chief financial officer of Tyson Foods. “The insect lifecycle provides the opportunity for full circularity within our value chain, strengthening our commitment to building a more sustainable food system for the future.” Kees Aarts, CEO of Protix, says: “We are very excited to announce the next step in our international growth strategy. Tyson Foods’ and Protix’s strategic partnership advances our joint work towards creating high-quality, more sustainable protein using innovative technology and solutions. Moreover, we can immediately use their existing byproducts as feedstock for our insects. This agreement is a major milestone for Protix and significantly accelerates our ambition to grow through international partnerships.” The to-

be-built facility in the U.S. will house an enclosed system to support all aspects of insect protein production including the breeding, incubating, and hatching of insect larvae. In addition to ingredients for the aquaculture and pet food industries, processed larvae may also be used as ingredients within livestock and plant feed. Protix is a fully integrated insect ingredients company, producing and processing 14,000 metric tons LLE annually in its Netherlands facility which has been in operation since 2019. It serves major global companies in the pet food, aquaculture feed, livestock feed and organic fertilizer industries as the demand for insect ingredients continues to grow. Tyson Foods continues to develop solutions to create a food system that is more sustainable and equitable for future generations. To learn more about Tyson Foods’ sustainability initiatives, visit tysonfoods.com/sustainability.


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From the Publisher... Jon Angell



For a rural small town conservative white male Christian like myself, I find this month's issue is filled with examples of a world thrown into chaos. Our feature right on the front of the paper is an example. A decade or two ago would you have believed it if someone had told you that a leading American meat processor would be investing big money into the field of insect ingredients? Is this what we think of as progress these days?

This makes me think that the radical manmade climate change extremists are winning. They have for years propagandized an effort against animal agriculture declaring among other things that cow burps were damaging the sustainability of the atmosphere, leading to "climate change." Their answer in part, among many other questionable ideas, has been to curb meat consumption of all kinds and increase bug consumption for a protein source. Really. I'm not kidding. Tyson, a world leading fresh meat (protein provider) is investing in bug protein. It gets worse.

On page 7, we can read about the think tank wanting to "phase out" food animal production using the model that governments used to "phase out" the use of coal powered power plants. This is the kind of stuff coming out of Washington, D.C. I don't agree with any of this. The radicals are at the wheel and are determined to steer us off a cliff.

It seems like our leadership (especially in Washington, D.C.) is way out of touch with those they are representing. Look at the inflation, especially on both food and energy. It is almost like the current administration has now concept of the time-tested principle of "cause and effect." It's also important to come to grips that if you manipulate and act upon one thing, the effects often have a chain reaction of effect many times removed from the initial action. On page 12 at the bottom of the page, the USDA reports about "higher levels of food insecurity."

But be not afraid; while the folks in Washington, D.C. push for wind and solar energy while waging war on fossil fuel of all stripes, driving food and energy prices higher, our major corporations are beginning the pivot to insect protein.

The story often told of the French Revolution, as the queen of France was told that her starving peasant subjects had no bread, Marie-Antoinette oblivious to the conditions and daily lives of the ordinary people, famously was quoted as to say; "Let them eat cake." Did she really say this? Probably not. But it makes a good story, which brings me to my point. Be prepared.

Washington, D. C. has made a mess of things. Our border is wide open to terrorist, criminals, and hordes of other people from around the world of which many of them have no interest in assimilating into citizens. They have projected weakness and ineptitude in world affairs. They have us marching off into a third world war. Does that sound over the top? I don't think so. In fact, I believe it has already started.

You don't think the actions of China, Russia and Iran are not to some extent coordinated? A war doesn't have to be formally declared and wars can be economic, ideological, and political well before they become kinetic. Ask the Israelis. In fact, look at the recent history of Israel and see if you can't apply that situation upon us here in the United States. The world is a dangerous place. The peace dividend as the USA projection of strength and moral leadership has been squandered.

This also brings me to a very conservative viewpoint from Ben Shapiro. In some of my conservative reading, I came across the opinion piece that we are reprinting on page 22. I think Ben is a smart and serious guy. I agree the United Nations has largely been a failure. It is used as a tool to work against our interest constantly. It has little usefulness and a huge cost to us in money and effort. We should direct both our money and efforts in a different direction.

Many of our leaders are outright corrupt and are no longer working in the interest of the people they should be representing. Be prepared. When things get really tough, don't be surprised to hear out of Washington, D.C., "Let them eat bugs." Remember, you were warned here first. Have you had enough of the woke steering us toward the cliff?

In the rest of the newspaper, you will find plenty of news this month. It's a good mix of stuff with something for everyone. Also, be sure to check out the advertisers. Along with several of our anchor advertisers, we have a few new advertisers I hope will hang with us a while. Be sure to mention *The Cattleman's Advocate* if you are able to work with these folks. It sure makes it easier for them to help us when they know they are getting some feedback from their investment in our work here.

As always, thanks for reading and your continued support of our efforts here.

Missouri House getting back to work

By REP. SAM GRAVES
Congressman, 6th District of Missouri

Dear Friends,

The House is back in business. We elected Representative Mike Johnson of Louisiana as the 56th Speaker of the House this week.

I've known Mike for several years and appreciate his deliberative, calm demeanor, which I think will lend itself well to our current climate. He's a strong conservative who stands by his convictions and I think he'll do a great job. I'm pleased that we finally have a Speaker but with that said, it's time to get back to work.

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Getting back to work means supporting Israel, our strongest friend and ally in the Middle East. Over 1,400 have been killed in Israel and over 4,600 have been injured. Hamas continues to hold hostages and fire rockets. Israel has every right to defend itself against these barbaric terrorists.

The first thing we did as soon as we elected a new Speaker was immediately passing a resolution in support of Israel. It should have been unanimous, but far-left members of the Squad continue to stand with terrorists. It's unconscionable and speaks volumes.

The second thing we did was pass another appropriations bill, which cut spending as we've promised to do. We've already passed over 70% of the funding necessary to run the government, cutting spending along the way. Speaker Johnson is committed to passing individual spending bills so we can debate what's in them, and that's exactly what we're doing. The only way we'll rein in inflation and cut the deficit is by passing responsible appropriations bills and cutting wasteful spending.

While we push forward on government funding, we've got to make sure that securing the border remains at the top of the list of priorities. We saw the most illegal border crossings in history just last weekend. The only way we're going to protect every state from being a border state is if the Administration figures out what we've known all along—there is a border crisis.

We also need to help our allies in Israel. And we need to finish the Farm Bill so we can give our farmers the certainty they need to feed and clothe the world. Those are just a few of the things that need to get done in relatively short order.

It's clear that Speaker Johnson has a tall order ahead of him. However, I believe he's up to the job and I look forward to working with him to get the job done.

Sincerely,
Sam Graves, Congressman, 6th District of Missouri

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FARM & FOOD FILE

Now for the really hard, chaotic part

By ALAN GUEBERT
For The Cattleman's Advocate

As difficult as it was for House Republicans to find an electable leader, that rough start was the easy part. Ahead lies governing and it promises to be tricky.

First up is Congress's need to act by mid-November to either keep the government open or shut it down. It's the House's move; the Senate appears willing to approve any reasonable plan that keeps the gears of government grinding.

What will the House do? So far, the tea leaves suggest more chaos.

Newly anointed speaker, Mike Johnson of Louisiana, a case-hardened conservative by all accounts, wants one-for-one budget offsets from President Joe Biden's cherished Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) before presenting any House resolution to spend anything on any program. It's a legislative throwdown that will test Speaker Johnson's willingness to use the ultimate weapon—a federal government shutdown that impacts millions of Americans—to score a political point by embarrassing congressional Dems and the White House.

This isn't a parlor game; it carries an enormous risk. Recent past shutdowns, all pushed by House Republicans, quickly turned into political mud that stuck to them in every subsequent election. As such, spending shutdowns carry a long-term election cost for the shutdown party that far outweighs any short-term political gain.

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Second, the initial "you-give-us-offsets/we-give-you-funding" formula will get a trial run as Speaker Johnson proposes a similar offer for a \$106-billion U.S. aid package the White House—and most of Congress—wants for Israel, Ukraine, and U.S. border programs.

This should interest farmers and ranchers because several GOP members of the House and Senate ag committees propose a similar "raid" on "climate funding and some rural development accounts," reports the Food & Environmental Reporting Network (FERN) Oct. 29, "to offset the cost of raising reference prices, which would make it easier to trigger crop subsidy payments."

In short, urge these ag Republicans, Congress should take already budgeted, long-term ag money—principally parts of the IRA's "green ag" cash, food aid money from SNAP, and conservation funds—to increase today's farm program subsidies to mainly corn, cotton, soybean, wheat, rice, and peanut growers. But this isn't the old rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul scheme. It's a bald-faced hustle that grabs most of Peter's future mortgage money to buy Paul candy today.

Don't take my word for it; University of Illinois farm policy expert and former U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) official Jonathan Coppess blistered the idea in an Oct. 26 post on farmdocDAILY.

"(T)he politics of doing so are perilous at best," Coppess noted, considering "that efforts to cut SNAP nearly derailed both the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills... The reported proposal, if pursued, would be worse than either of those... fights" because it "would pit farmers against rural communities and against low-income Americans."

Imagine the headlines: "Farmers take food out of the mouths of America's hungry, rural, and poor." There goes the rural/urban SNAP coalition.

Additionally, explains Coppess, the plan "also pit(s)... farmers seeking conservation funding against those who might receive additional farm program payments."

There goes the Hook-and-Bullet Gang and the green lobby.

Then there's the proposed higher reference prices which, Coppess says, are a "gamble on whether Congress can pick the right prices to write into the statute..."

All those in favor of Congress "picking the right prices" for the upcoming Farm Bill raise your right hand.

In short, as badly as the 2018 law needs updating to reflect an ever-changing market and the fast-changing climate, the GOP's "controversial proposal to reduce conservation, SNAP, and rural development funding by \$50 billion" to boost program payments screams that a "[Farm Bill] extension is the least bad option" right now, Coppess suggests.

Moreover, adds the past administrator of the Farm Service Agency, "It may even be worth considering a continuation of the current farm program for another five years rather than gamble away the farm bill coalition."

In short, keep today's House chaos away from tomorrow's Farm Bill.

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Global pork markets under pressure: Rabobank

Global pork markets are facing mounting pressure as production continues to outpace consumption, according to the latest Rabobank report.

However, there's a glimmer of hope amid lower feed costs, improved animal health, and increased productivity.

Key pork-producing regions are rebounding after grappling with productivity issues in 2022 and 2023. Although disease pressures persist in some areas, herd health is improving. The industry's renewed focus on cost reduction — driven by inflation and the elimination of less productive operations — is boosting production per sow.

Breeding herd reductions in most regions outside Europe and South Korea are progressing slowly, despite persistent margin pressures and limited optimism for a swift global trade turnaround.

Feed prices have improved in Q3 2023, with lower corn and soybean prices due to strong North American harvests and expectations of a robust South American crop. Although that is positive, oilseed inventories remain below pre-COVID levels, allowing little room for error. Feed costs have decreased

by 20% to 30% year-over-year in most regions, with corn costs experiencing more significant declines compared to soymeal and feed wheat.

Pork consumption is expected to benefit from the high cost of competing proteins and increased at-home cooking.

Geopolitical events add further uncertainty to energy and financial markets, influencing consumers through late 2023 and early 2024, despite ongoing economic recovery.

Global pork trade slowed in July and August compared to the previous year, primarily due to costly EU pork exports and relatively high frozen pork inventories in key importing countries. Importers remain cautious due to disappointing holiday demand, currency volatility, and rising geopolitical risk, Rabobank said.

Rabobank Senior Analyst Christine McCracken said she expects global trade to remain slow in the final quarter of 2023 due to large inventories, relatively high domestic production, and low pork prices in key importing regions. Rising EU pork prices may also limit export volumes.

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From Our Side of the Fence

By JUSTIN ANGELL
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September 30th was a very special day for me. I can't tell you how excited I am. Without a cast or a special boot or crutches, I took 3 steps into the shower... first time in 20 years I've taken a step without pain. I'm definitely getting healthier! Thank you doctors and nurse Kelly.

So, last week I've had several calls inquiring of my thoughts on the cattle market. A few calls were spurred on by the cattle on feed report Friday that torpedoed the futures. Many market pundits agree that the COF report was the trigger for the futures market pullback, but computer trading with their predetermined algorithms was the villain for the violent speed and depth to the price drop the following week.

In a nutshell, this is what I'm thinking today. The cattle business should be good for at least a year and probably at least two years. The problem is that our business doesn't operate in a vacuum. Historically the cattle market hates uncertainty and never reacts positively to adverse events. Honestly, I don't believe I've ever seen this much descending global chaos. I could write for a day or we could talk for a week, but no one can give absolute good firm advice that couldn't be subject to the need for revision at any moment.

But if I was giving advice, these are three things I'd do:

- 1) Don't change horses midstream and don't change marketing plans trying to out-guess a fickle market.
- 2) Don't let this global upheaval and market uncertainty steal our joy. Even on a market that is choppy, and might be lower this week or next, the calves and yearlings we sell this fall and winter will be some of

the highest cattle we will have sold in our lifetime. Enjoy our time at the top.

3) Only concentrate on (worry about) what we can control. Nutrition and feed costs, conception, value adding market practices, controlling costs of financing, using LRP program to eliminate price risk, etc...

I feel there is a legitimate argument that can be made that the fed cattle market has peaked in the near term because the consumer is running out of money. I've previously commented that over the past few months I've noticed industry and consumer resistance around the \$1.90 fed cattle price. I know many of the market bulls were dead set on \$2.00 + fat cattle but I think that price plateau alludes us for at least the next 3 months.

A prosperous cattle business depends on having a strong domestic economy. Unfortunately, I've felt for some time there is trouble brewing with our nation's economy and we are on an unsustainable course mostly due to horrible government policies.

The week following the negative cattle on feed report saw the markets work at recovering much of what was lost from the shock of such a bearish Friday surprise. This rebound speaks very highly for the optimism among cattlemen and the constrained nature of feeder cattle supplies. It's still a good time to be in the cattle business.

Before I head down that dark alley, let's talk about some good news.

A new national trend known as onshoring describes the process of our American companies bringing home manufacturing jobs that were offshored over the past 30 years. This phenomenon is playing out in my home town with Hubbell, formally A.B. Chance Company as the old



locals like me still think of it. I've found it interesting that Hubbell is investing millions of dollars in a new customer service center and a lot of new machinery in Centralia. I trust this reinvestment in America is being replicated all over the country and will accelerate in the future. It is never wise to bet against America. More jobs means more beef customers.

The parts of the economy I worry about are broad and diverse. One trait they all share is they are all being affected by bad government policy. We all know that green water runs downhill, so just because we are not feeling the effects doesn't mean they're not coming. These areas include banking and financial services. Regional banking, especially those banks with exposure to commercial real estate will be one of the first dominoes. Energy, especially domestic energy production and policy. Rampant crime and insurance — all the billions of dollars in property either shoplifted, stolen or destroyed through mostly peaceful rioting eventually comes out of all our pockets through higher premiums.

Let me mention, that at something like \$32 trillion in government debt, interest will soon be a single largest expense of our federal government.

Also of concern is \$100 trillion worth of unfunded promises. That would be things like pensions for local, state and federal government workers. Most of these areas of economic concern have not affected us yet. It takes a while for the green water to get to the bottom of the hill where we all live.

There is turmoil and higher inflation coming. Fortunately, and hopefully, if all these problems are caused by bad government policy that all we have to do is change the government policy. All these problems I've skimmed over pale in comparison to a situation to which I want to draw attention.

We can all watch this country's slow slide into anarchy on the news anytime we want. If we lean Republican, we watch Fox, and if we aren't if our family heritage is Democratic, we watch CNN. Both those networks do their jobs — which is to keep us separated and brainwashed, and at each other's throats. Divided and conquered.

So, what is my opinion is the biggest problem we face? The biggest problem we as citizens have is in the justice system. The justice system is compromised by the corruption in Washington, D.C. and it affects us all. Mainstream media doesn't cover this story, so I will.

I will be referencing a Zero Hedge (internet news service) article from, Thursday, October 19, 2023. I would encourage everyone who has the ability to get to Zero Hedge online, check out the original story and read it.

Jake Lang, an American citizen has been held in various jails and prisons for 1,000 days without a trial. Not in the third world or Russia, but here in the United States. His persecution is supposedly OK for some people because he was arrested for being a January 6 participant. Briefly, here's what he has endured:

- 20 months of solitary confinement
- 15 months without being allowed haircut or shaving. This is done to dehumanize and make these people look like terrorist for video court appearances.
- Months of no sunlight
- Lights remain on at night to induce sleep deprivation
- Pepper sprayed in his cell because he was greeted by other prisoners, after being returned to the cell after "10 months of solitary in the hole."

So as citizens, let's don't go down the road of saying; "well, if he's seditious..." In the United States of America, there is no excuse for treating prisoners this way, especially fellow citizens. Before the Democrats decided to erase our borders and invite unimpeded illegal migration into this country, being a citizen came with rights and responsibilities. Before the corruption of the Judicial system, we all believed in the principle of "innocent until proven guilty."

Real terrorists held in Guantánamo were treated better than this administration is treating these January 6 defendants.

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It's The Pitts...

If only I'd have known

By LEE PITTS
For The Cattleman's Advocate

With the onset of old age come the regrets and remorse of how I should have lived my younger life if only I'd have known then what I know now.

Why didn't anyone tell me that it would be the last time I gaped in wonder at the Grand Canyon, the mighty redwoods, the beauty of Lake Tahoe and the haunting Badlands. If only I'd have known it would be the last time I saw a show in Vegas, listened to the poets in Elko, rafted the Rogue or flew into Seattle and Sydney, Australia, on a sun-lit day. I wish someone would have warned me that I'd never again experience enchanting New Mexico, the Alamo in San Antonio, the Lincoln Memorial, the village of Williamsburg and the music on Bourbon street. If I only knew I'd have lingered a little longer.

I would have said goodbye a little differently if I'd known it would be the last time to tell my mom I loved her, to give my horse Gentleman one last carrot and my dog Aussie a big old bone. I would have been with my Grandpa the day that he died instead of regretting it the rest of my life. I wish I would have asked Grandpa to teach me how to troll for fish and how to barbecue a steak. I should've paid more attention when Grandma tried to teach me how to play the piano. Who knew that I'd one day become a leatherworker and

If only I'd have known... I would have fished more, worried less, done more doodling and less dawdling.

would have benefitted greatly by letting my mom teach me how to put in a zipper, construct a gusset and the proper maintenance of a sewing machine, after all, she kept us all fed by working 14 hours a day as a seamstress?

I wish I'd have made a list of all the books I ever read so that I'd never read the same book again. Life is too short to read the same book twice.

If only I'd have taken advantage of the opportunities given to me to learn how to operate a backhoe, truck crane, milling machine and lathe. Why didn't I learn to speak Spanish better than I did after studying it for five years in school? I wish I'd have read more novels, fewer People magazines and definitely more directions. (Hey, what can I say, I'm a man.)

You may laugh but I wish I'd of raised a goat. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad I raised sheep and cattle for a living, but I've always been curious about goats. It seems they have several advantages: you don't have to shear them, they aren't the picky eaters that horses are and the kids are so darn cute.

Speaking of kids, had I known we couldn't have any I'd have held more babies, been a 4H leader longer and read to more toddlers. I wish I'd have known how valuable our first cars would one day become then we might have hid them away for decades. And why didn't I collect land instead of old and

rusty horse bits?

Why didn't someone tell me to always wear a leather jacket when arc welding, to never wear flip flops in the shop and the right way to sharpen a knife? I should have paid more attention in my one computer class in college.

If only I'd have properly appreciated the eight hours of undisturbed sleep I used to get instead of having to get up at least twice during the night. If only I'd have known to always floss my teeth, eat fewer sweets, run more marathons and walk every day.

I should have taken more adult education courses, paid more attention to pool sharks, learned all about diesels from Uncle Buddy, kept on tooling leather after a couple sessions in Cub Scouts and gone to auctioneering school. If only I'd have known I'd one day become a writer I'd have taken a typing class in high school instead of trigonometry.

I've regretted not knowing enough about electricity. If I knew I'd one day become a cowboy I'd have fallen in love with horses a lot sooner.

If only I'd have known... I would have fished more, worried less, done more doodling and less dawdling.

Why didn't anyone tell me these things?

Maybe they did and I just wasn't listening.

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Think tank exec likens meat to coal in climate policy efforts

An executive at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is wondering why governments seeking to make adjustments in phasing out pollution from such operations as coal-powered energy plants aren't also discussing the effect animals raised for food have on the environment.

"Governments are not phasing out the polluting (animal) machines or the infrastructure that keeps belching out emissions (in the agriculture sector)," said Noah Gordon, acting co-director of the sustainability, climate and geopolitics program at the Washington, D.C.-based organization. Gordon noted that "dozens of nations" are taking steps to stop burning coal for power and are considering banning gas-powered vehicles in the next decade to reduce polluting infrastructure. However, cows, pigs and the farms that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) apparently are not on the target list for reform, he added.

In an opinion piece in The New Republic, Gordon wrote that "labor and environmental scholars speak of 'agriculture exceptionalism' due to the sector's exemption from most environmental regulations." There are few global governments making plans to downsize the number of GHG-producing animals as part of their efforts to reduce threats to the Earth's climate, he added. Gordon also called for adjustments regarding animals that he contends use up three-quarters of the world's agricultural land in addition to "overheating the planet" with GHG emissions.

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JBS celebrates 2 new food plants

Global food company JBS announced that its subsidiary, Seara Alimentos Ltda., has recently opened two plants in Brazil's southern state of Parana.

The complex, which cost more than \$200.23 million, will enable Seara to further expand into value-added products. The first factory, a breaded chicken plant, went into operation in March, while the second, a sausage facility, will begin operation on Oct. 27.

The plants will initially cater to the domestic market but could later export part of its production, JBS said. The breaded chicken line has already driven the category's growth in Brazil by 2.7 percentage points, according to Kantar Institute data.

JBS, Brazil's largest employer, has added 700 new employees at the sausage plant, bringing the total number of jobs at the industrial complex to 4,500 people. When operating at full capacity, the factory will employ 6,000 people.

The two plants are part of the company's 2019 investment plan, which totaled more than \$1.6 billion.

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Another arrest made in \$400K meat theft; 2 individuals still at large

Four men are facing charges connected to an alleged theft of a truck carrying \$400,000 worth of beef in Miami, according to a local report.

The incident transpired on Sept. 12 when four men pilfered a container and a 53-foot trailer with \$400,000 worth of beef.

A GPS device in the container led authorities to a farm on Southwest 172nd Street in Miami-Dade, found the stolen container hitched to a tractor and

positioned against the 53-foot trailer.

During the response, police saw several suspects exiting the stolen container but escaped the scene.

Investigators recognized Jorge Lyen Blanco Diaz, 38, as one of the fleeing suspects through surveillance footage. Lazaro Izquierdo, 39, was apprehended, but the other two involved individuals, Leandro Respo, 38, and

Christian Garcia, 25, remain at large, the report said.

A little over a month after the alleged theft, Blanco Diaz was arrested in a high-speed police chase on Monday.

For their roles in the meat theft, Blanco Diaz and Izquierdo face charges of grand theft of cargo exceeding \$50,000 and resisting an officer without violence.

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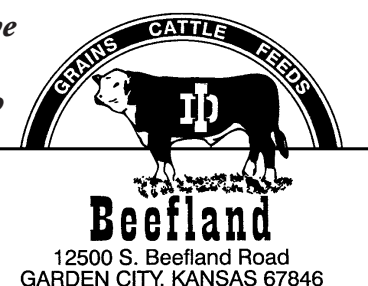
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LMA’s ‘Producer Profitability’ initiative seeks to spark conversation, unite industry

Livestock Marketing Association members have a front-row seat to a disturbing trend: the continued loss of livestock producers across the U.S. They see this as a critical threat, not only to the livestock industry, but to the nation’s food supply. That’s why they’re launching an initiative to strengthen producers’ bottom lines and incentivize the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Joe Goggins, owner of Public Auction Yards, Billings, Montana, said despite recent record-high livestock prices, it’s tougher than ever to be a producer. Lack of access to land and labor, over-regulation and input costs are causing more people to exit the business, while preventing new producers from getting started.

“We continue to disperse cow herds,” he said. “We continue to disperse flocks of sheep. We continue to lose thousands and thousands of acres out of protein production. And we really feel that we better push back, we better unify this industry somehow, some way, to try to encourage and incentivize people to be in this business.”

Goggins said by working

together, all industry segments can accomplish so much more than they can individually, and every voice matters.

“I’d encourage producers of all types, sizes, and locations to reach out to people in their network and to the organizations they are a part of to have conversations about the biggest barriers to profitability,” he said.

These include, but are not limited to, the death tax, lack of incentives to keep land in livestock production, and competition for land and margin.

Mike VanMaanen, who owns Eastern Missouri Commission Co. in Bowling Green, Missouri, said despite the producer-focus of this initiative, they’re not trying to expand into an organization for farmers and ranchers – they just know every segment of the industry depends on the others for success.

“We just want to help our customer base by starting the conversation with them,” he said. “And hopefully they’ll take that to the organizations they belong to, and we can all work together toward a common goal.”

He said the producer’s livelihood is the livestock marketer’s livelihood, and for one to be suc-

cessful, they both must be.

Mandy Geistweidt, who alongside her husband Shaun and family, owns and operates Gillespie Livestock Co., Fredericksburg, Texas, said the initiative will help market owners help their customers – and she’s seen just how much help is needed.

“Our taxes are going up incredibly, because the value of our land is rising astronomically,” she explained. “So, a lot of what was Dorper sheep and Angus cattle is now becoming vineyards and agritourism.

“On a personal note, I hope I can take this initiative back myself because we have so many small producers coming out of the city that are just coming to Mom and Dad’s place now. And I hope that I find some ways I can help even those small producers stay – stay active, stay producing.”

But while the message applies anywhere, the implications could be much farther-reaching, Goggins said.

“It’s not only for our benefit if we keep these ranches in production,” he said. “We look at this thing as preserving our food independence in this country. Preserving our national security. The way we look at this is if the world wants the United States to produce the highest quality, safest product in the world, then all we ask is that these people can make a decent living.”

To join the conversation, visit producerprofitability.com or contact your local LMA member livestock marketing business.

Top experts to speak at MU Crop Management Conference

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Leading agriculture experts from the University of Missouri, Purdue University, USDA Agricultural Research Service and the University of Nebraska will give updates on weeds, crop diseases, insects and new technologies at the annual MU Crop Management Conference, Dec. 6-7 at the Columbia Holiday Inn Executive Center.

MU Extension weed scientist Kevin Bradley will summarize recent weed management research, including tank mixes of biological products with herbicides and an evaluation of drones for spraying and spreading. Sessions will cover intensive corn management, planter technologies for improving corn stands after a rye cover crop and a new tool for soybean variety selection, and more.

- Topics include:
- “Soybean Gall Midge and Dectes Stem Borer: Understanding an Old and New Pest in Soybean.” Justin McMechan, University of Nebraska.
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 - “MU Variety Testing New Analytics Tool.” Andre Reis, University of Missouri.
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 - “Pros and Cons of a Precision Sprayer for Detecting Weeds and Spraying for Weed Management in Corn and Soybean.” Amit Jhala, University of Nebraska.
 - “Biological Nitrogen Management Systems.” Kelly Nelson, University of Missouri.
- Bradley said certified crop advisers may receive up to 16 credit hours for attending.
- Register at <http://muext.us/CMC2023>. For more information, contact Bradley at BradleyKe@missouri.edu.

Economists rank beef cattle atop the ag outlook rankings

Beef is expected to fare the best of 10 financial sectors measured by the latest Ag Economist Monthly Monitor. The survey consists of nearly 60 ag economists from across the country, conducted by the University of Missouri and Farm Journal.

While the survey revealed a drop in the ag economy, experts were most optimistic about the beef industry over chicken, hogs, soybeans, sorghum, corn, cotton, rice, wheat and dairy.

Chicken came in fifth with hogs coming in ninth place.

University of Missouri’s Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) Director Pat Westhoff said the outlook is not a surprise. The economist also said reduced supplies for beef, pork and chicken, consolidation and reduction, and consumer economic health and demand could affect prices between now and March.

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ment/deep state is using these people to prove a point that anyone that opposes the government/deep state will be severely punished.

Something else to realize is this is one story. There have been over 1,100 people ensnared in this travesty of justice. It is a travesty, and a national embarrassment. We all deserve better from our government. This is absolutely no different than the actions of the Gestapo during the Nazi era.

So to my readers and friends, I want you to know this is happening under Merrick Garland’s watch and President Joe Biden’s tenure as commander-in-chief. Where is the main stream media coverage this? Where is the outrage from every lawyer in this country, every graduate of law school regardless of your political leaning? Where is amnesty international letter writing campaigns? Where is the leadership of both political parties opposing this? What kind of person defends this?

So if you read this and you want to do something, but you do not know what? Do you want to resist the the deep state that is transitioning into a police state? The easiest thing you can do is use cash. Stop using debt and credit cards all the time. Don’t use these trendy payment apps like Venmo, Pay Pal, Apple Pay and other forms of digital transactions. Write a check, or pay the cashier with cash. The deep state hates not being able to track and cross-reference your every purchase, payment or receipt. Just use cash!

Last thought. So, on one hand, we have a man who has given up a rich lifestyle for his country, and the other has given up his country for a rich lifestyle.

So I guess that’s all for this month. I hope to be back around in salebarns in a few weeks. Look forward to seeing you there! (That is assuming the Gestapo doesn’t knock on my door to make me Jake Lang’s roommate.)

AAMP seeks action against EPA’s proposed wastewater regulations

The American Association of Meat Processors is calling on members to contact Congressional representatives regarding the proposed update to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) wastewater discharge rules for meat and poultry processing facilities.

In March, the EPA announced its intent to update water pollution control standards for slaughterhouses and animal rendering facilities by August 2025.

The EPA’s proposed consent decree emerged from a lawsuit filed by environmental groups late last year. The plaintiffs alleged that the EPA failed to revise effluent limits and pretreatments standards for meat and poultry plants after the agency determined revisions were appropriate.

In an email to members, AAMP said the proposed regulations would small processors to spend potentially millions of dollars to make their facilities compliant, plus hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to remain compliant.

“If this happens, many of our small meat processors across the country will be forced to close,” the email said.

The agency’s last amendment to the original 1974 regulation

came in 2004, but that regulation only applies to 300 of the estimated 7,000 processing plants nationwide. The EPA recently completed a study on the processing industry, indicating those facilities discharge the highest phosphorus levels and second-highest nitrogen levels of all industrial categories. Some MPP facilities, however, already are removing nutrients from their wastewater and achieving effluent concentrations well below limitations in the 2004 regulation, according to the agency.

The regulations come as a bit of contrast to the federal government’s recent efforts to help small and midsize processors with rounds of grant funding. Small-scale processors considering expansion plans have until Nov. 22 to apply for grants under the second and final round of USDA’s Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP).

This is in line with the more than \$260 million in federal grants handed out to processors over the past two years.

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Consumer confidence tumbles on fears of inflation

Persistent inflation continues to knock about consumer confidence, according to new analysis from the University of Michigan. The school's "Surveys of Consumers" released earlier this week, and economists found that consumer sentiment dropped 7.5%, expectations fell 8%, and views of economic conditions fell 6.6%.

Joanne Hsu, who directs the surveys, blamed inflation for the waning confidence.

"Consumer sentiment fell back about 7% this October following two consecutive months of very little change," Hsu said. "Assessments of personal finances declined about 15%, primarily on a substantial increase in concerns over inflation, and one-year expected business conditions plunged about 19%."

Hsu did note, however, that consumer views on "long-run expected business conditions" were unchanged, so the current drop may be temporary.

Creekstone Farms opens onsite learning/childcare center

Creekstone Farms has opened a new onsite childcare facility at its Arkansas City plant, according to a release from the company.

Called the "Walnut Valley Learning Center," the 20,000-square-foot center will accommodate more than 100 children.

Approximately 50 people attended the opening event, including Creekstone Farms CEO Yoshinobu Takahashi and Kansas Department of Commerce Deputy Director, International Division Randi Tveitaraas Jack.

Megan Stolle, vice president of HR and EHS at Creekstone Farms, said "It is an honor to see this dream become a reality ... the pandemic brought a new shift of family values to the hearts and minds of the workforce."

Creekstone is the latest processor to provide childcare services to workers. Tyson is constructing a facility at its northwest Arkansas headquarters, while Hormel is planning one in Austin, Minn. for a 2024 opening.

Ag groups seek voice in lawsuit over oversight of CAFOs

Four agricultural industry groups are asking a federal appeals court to allow them to intervene in a lawsuit challenging regulatory oversight of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC),

United Egg Producers (UEP) and the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association recently asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to intervene in the suit filed by environmental and animal rights organizations. The August 2023 filing challenged the effectiveness of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in regulating CAFOs regarding zero-discharge limits for manure from livestock farms, which NPPC challenged in a federal lawsuit in 2020.

The EPA denied earlier petition requests from a group led by Food & Water Watch and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to adjust the EPA oversight, which included fines of up to \$56,460 per violation per day for failing to meet the discharge limits. The NPPC-led group argues that any new regulations or proposed changes would prompt a "considerable burden" on members of the agricultural organizations. The federal court has yet to rule on the NPPC-led request on intervention in the case.

Federal judge declines to seal DOJ complaint against Agri Stats

A Minnesota federal judge Wednesday declined Agri Stats move to have a complaint filed by the Department of Justice against the agricultural data company sealed, according to court records.

The DOJ, which filed the lawsuit Sept. 28, alleged Agri Stats organized and managed "anti-competitive information exchanges among broiler chicken, pork and turkey processors," and collected, integrated and distributed "competitively sensitive information related to price, cost and output among competing meat processors" to the harm of customers and retail outlets.

Last week, Agri Stats requested that the judge seal the complaint due to "sensitive and confidential information" it gave to the government related to ongoing litigations. The company said the information was included in the complaint and could cause potential commercial harm.

Judge John F. Docherty in his decision said the DOJ's authority

allows it to supersede inconsistent orders and rules, including confidentiality designations. The court emphasized the importance of public access to records, especially when the government is involved in litigation.

Cattle facility again seeks permit approval despite continued opposition

A cattle feeding operation in Clayton County, Iowa, is trying again to gain approval for a manure management plan that has faced continued opposition amidst concerns about potential contamination to a prized local trout stream, according to local media reports.

Supreme Beef wants to disperse manure from its 11,600-head feedyard on farm fields, but its proximity to Bloody Run Creek and the region's porous geology has fueled environmental concerns and litigation in recent years. Earlier this year, a district court judge nullified the company's earlier plan.

The company reportedly has accounted for such concerns in its new plan, which is being considered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Opponents and proponents spoke at a hearing on the issue Monday.

The facility has been controversial, according to reports, because it has a 39-million-gallon manure lagoon located near the headwaters of Bloody Run Creek.

Sustainable Beef plant moves toward 2025 opening in Nebraska

An independent beef processing plant in North Platte, Neb., is expected to begin operations in 2025, creating 800 jobs following its groundbreaking one year

ago, according to the project's backers.

Sustainable Beef LLC involves a coalition of Nebraska cattle ranchers in response to what the producers contended were increasingly limited processing options in recent years in the wake of industry consolidation. Construction on the 500,000-square-foot facility is currently scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025 and begin processing 1,500 head per day, according to media reports quoting a Sustainable Beef executive and U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.).

Funding for the \$325-million project partially involved a \$20-million investment from the state of Nebraska through the American Rescue Plan Act in addition to an unspecified contribution from Walmart, which will become a customer when the plant opens. The project already is contributing to the local economy as 80% of the construction contractors coming from Nebraska on top of the jobs that will be created when the facility opens.

"We really are using a co-op model where as producers we're doing something together we can't do by ourselves and we will share profits back to our producers," Sustainable Beef CEO David Briggs told Nebraska TV/ABC.

Early price moves point to major Prop 12 market disruption

Recent research conducted by USDA's Office of the Chief Economist indicates that Prop 12 already has significantly boosted prices for some pork products in

California.

In a study written up for Southern Ag Today, Circana retail scanner data indicated a jump in pork prices and a drop in purchases in California after July 1, when Prop 12 production standards officially became effective.

For example, the average sales price of pork ribs and loins were 25% and 43% higher, respectively, in California, in August, compared with prices in June. Meanwhile, in the rest of the U.S., the average prices for pork ribs and loins were 6.4% higher and 5.4% lower over the same period, according to Hannah Hawkins, an ag economics graduate student at Texas A&M who did the research on behalf of USDA.

During the same period, total volume of fresh pork purchased in California decreased by 23%. As well, August 2023 retail volumes in California were 37% less than the average volume sold in California in August from 2020-2022.

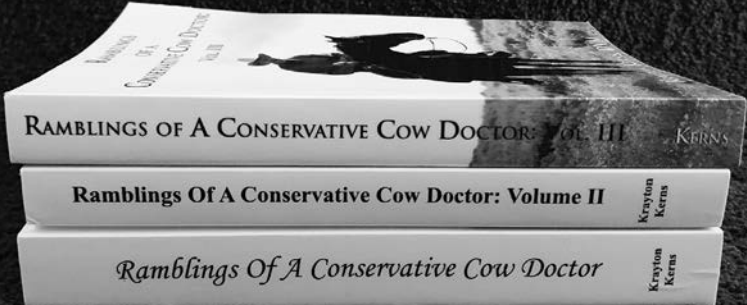
Those pork products that were not covered by Prop 12 did not see prices shift nearly as significantly in California, Hawkins determined.

Although Prop 12 standards became effective mid-year, the courts determined that pork products harvested before July 1 could still be sold in the state until Jan. 1, 2024. Similar legislation that would affect pork producers nationwide has been passed in Massachusetts, but has been held up by court challenges.

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Feedlot inventory sees uptick in October: Peel

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Higher placements and reduced marketings resulted in an October 1 feedlot inventory of 11.58 million head, 0.6% higher than one year ago — the first monthly year-over-year increase in 13 months and the second-highest October on-feed total in the data series back to 1996.

The October USDA Cattle on Feed report showed September feedlot marketings down 10.6% year over year. This marketing total reflects one less business day in the month compared to last year and was slightly less than average pre-report estimates for marketings. September feedlot placements were up 6.1% from one year ago. Placements were expected to be up year over year, but this total was larger than pre-report estimates.

Despite ever smaller feeder cattle supplies, feedlot inventories have temporarily halted the slow decline of the last year with the September surge in placements. Among the September placements, 68% were between 700 and 900 pounds, which means that the bulk of the cattle will be marketed in the first quarter of 2024. The remaining

increase in placements were cattle weighing less than 700 pounds and will be marketed in the second quarter of the year.

Some of the placements were likely drought-forced early feeder sales and may be offset by some reduction in feeder numbers in the fourth quarter. Increased placements no doubt also reflects many producers selling feeder cattle to take advantage of the sharply higher prices this fall.

Continued heifer feeding made up the biggest part of the increase in feedlot inventories. October 1 feedlot inventories were up 71,000 head from one year ago and heifers made up 60,000 head (84.5%) of the increase. The number of heifers on feed was up 3.7% from July and up 1.3% over last year. This is the largest October heifer on feed total in the data series back to 1996. Heifers currently represent exactly 40% of the total cattle on feed, up fractionally from July and are at the highest percentage of feedlot inventories since October 2001.

The industry continues to liquidate females. Monthly slaughter data through September shows that total female (cow + heifer) slaughter has averaged 51.8% of total cattle slaughter for the past 12 months. This is the highest 12-month average female slaughter percentage since August 1986.

The latest slaughter data and the latest Cattle on Feed report both suggest that heifer retention is not beginning in 2023. Year-

to-date beef cow slaughter is down 12.9% from last year but will still result in a net culling rate over 11.5% for the year — indicating continued liquidation. The beef cow herd will be smaller in January 2024, and it increasingly looks like the best that could happen in 2024 is to stabilize the herd with significant growth delayed until 2025 or beyond.

Beef production, meanwhile, is down 5.2% thus far in 2023. This is a significant decline from 2022 record beef production but is less of a decrease than would be the case if herd liquidation were not continuing. Smaller beef cow inventories are ahead, and more dramatic reductions in cattle slaughter and beef production — and higher cattle prices — will occur when herd rebuilding gets rolling. This process looks to continue into 2026 at least.

This latest Cattle on Feed report may be taken as bearish for cattle markets in the short term, but it is certainly bullish for cattle markets in the coming years.

Pork producer in default with nearly \$40M debt

JWV Pork, a longstanding hog farm based in Washington, Iowa, is facing financial turmoil with over \$38.8 million of debt now in default, according to local media reports.

Court documents filed in Iowa District Court, Linn County, reveal that JWV Pork failed to meet payment obligations on several loans from Farm Credit Services, spanning from 2016 to 2022, the report said. This non-compliance is said to leave a collective \$38.8 million in outstanding debt in default across JWV Pork, JWV Milling, Savanna

A genetic basis for vegetarianism?

Despite the fact that various groups have advocated for a vegetarian diet for millennia, vegetarians and vegans are a minority group even in countries such as India, where vegetarians are estimated to comprise about 40% of the population. Now genetic researchers at Northwestern University's medical school have found a possible link between genetic makeup and the ability to be healthy and satisfied on a no-meat diet.

In a peer-reviewed article published this month in the open access journal PLOS One, "Genetics of vegetarianism: A genome-wide association study," the authors identified 34 genes with a possible role in vegetarianism, three of which are considered significant in genome-wide association studies.

The identified genes, the article said, have "important functions in lipid metabolism and brain function, raising the possibility that differences in lipid metabolism and their effects on the brain may underlie the ability to subsist on a vegetarian diet."

Those associations, in turn, may help explain why, although vegetarianism is increasing in popularity, actual percentage of vegetarians remains small, globally. Furthermore, the authors noted, of those, "a large proportion (approximately 48–64%) of self-identified vegetarians report consuming fish, poultry, and/or red meat."

"This suggests that the desire to adhere to a vegetarian diet is overridden by environmental and/or biological constraints and raises the question of whether all humans are capable of surviving and thriving on a long-term strict vegetarian diet. These results support a role for genetics in choosing a vegetarian diet and open the door to future studies aimed at further elucidating the physiologic pathways involved in vegetarianism," they wrote.

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Lawmakers introduce legislation to support small processors

Two senators teamed up to introduce the Butcher Block Act, which aims to enhance competition and processing capacity for small processors in the meat industry, according to a release.

Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) teamed up for the proposed act.

The legislation proposes grants and loans, facilitated through the USDA, to assist small and mid-sized meat processing facilities in expanding their operations. A similar bill had been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Dusty Johnson (R-N.D.) and Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.).

Bennet emphasized the significance of livestock production in Colorado's agriculture sector, highlighting the challenges faced by many producers in finding local or regional processing options. He stressed the importance of facilitating easier and cost-effective access to mar-

kets for Colorado's family farmers and ranchers.

Moran discussed how high meat prices impact both consumers and industry players, leading to elevated grocery store costs and increased input expenses for ranchers and meat processors.

Unlike other legislative proposals, the act would establish a USDA grant program to bolster meat processing and rendering facilities by offering technical assistance for workforce training, supporting compliance with state and federal regulations for small and medium-sized facilities and encouraging innovative or mobile facilities to enhance local and regional access to processing and rendering services.

Various agricultural associations, including the U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA), National Bison Association and North American Renderers Association, expressed support for the legislation.

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Pork, Vittetoe Enterprises and J & H Legacy Farms, as of mid-August.

Lenders reportedly are seeking an expedited court hearing, emphasizing that the company's liquidity is rapidly depleting and may soon fall below essential operational levels. Collateral for these loans encompasses a range of assets, including inventory, goods, accounts, equipment and real estate.

Lenders maintain the right to take immediate possession of JWV Pork's collateral and associated incomes in the event of a

default, and the business had previously agreed not to oppose the appointment of a receiver, the report said.

The case has been transferred to Iowa Business Specialty Court, with District Judge Jeffrey Bert overseeing the proceedings. Focus Management Group, a Chicago-based financial adviser specializing in corporate restructuring, has been named as the recipient of JWV Pork's collateral.

Executives of neither JWV nor Focus Management responded to requests for comment.

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RAMBLINGS OF A CONSERVATIVE COW DOCTOR

Imagine that

By KRAYTON KERNS, D.V.M.
Special to The Advocate

The adolescent mind explodes with imagination. Conor, my six-year-old grandson and his contemporaries team rope during recess at Slack School. Rather than the typical roping scene of horses, lariats and buckle bunnies they are on a school playground standing high in the stirrups of a yellow, plastic pony while roping a blue plastic seal. For a left-hander using his right hand to throw a right-handed rope, Conor throws a pretty decent loop. I am not sure how the event is timed, but every



Rulers who affirm your delusion today will declare you mentally ill tomorrow once you can no longer advance their Marxist agenda. It does not take much creativity to imagine that.

recess has a winner. In their minds, this is the NFR and this brings me to my point.

For reasons I will never understand, Democrats demand adults of sound mind must pretend blue plastic seals are real because believing otherwise is discriminatory. Their logic is seriously flawed as Conor and all his buddies know blue seals are not real, but this does not mean they cannot serve as a roping dummy. The problem occurs when adults purposely corral young minds in the imaginary vortex, an evil manipulation wholly endorsed by progressives.

Yep, I did it, I rambled into

the subject of transgenderism. When people believe they are something they clearly are not, they have a mental disorder and to play along with their fantasy is not affirming, it is damaging.

This is timely and frightening because of a decision recently handed down by the Canadian Parliament. Our neighbors to the north embrace euthanasia as the ultimate solution to society's ills, so I was not surprised to see them extend green needle services to those suffering from mental illness.

The problem for those who cheer the bump and dump philosophy is they never think past square one—who decides who

lives and who dies.

Imagine being on your death bed. You are scared and alone but thanks to socialized medicine you have a relative at your side to fluff your pillow and steer you towards your final decision. Unfortunately, it is your Uncle Sam. Your timely demise will free up government dollars so the pretty little prince Trudeau can fund more important things such as electric cars, solar farms, fake meat and Covid jabs. Imagine that. Whether you live in Canada or the USA, never, ever give government the power to decide who lives and who dies. Rulers who affirm your delusion today will declare you mentally ill tomorrow once you

can no longer advance their Marxist agenda. It does not take much creativity to imagine that.

For three decades, Kraton Kerns, D.V.M. has been a veterinarian in Laurel, Montana, and owns Beartooth Veterinary Service.

His three children are graduates of the Laurel School System where his wife, Druann, is employed as the district technology coordinator.

He served four terms in Montana's House. His hobbies and passions include his family, marathons, triathlons, long distance relay races and aviation. He is an avid hunter, packer, wagon master and mule Skinner.

New Jackson County weather station benefits ag, aviation and public safety

GRAIN VALLEY, Mo. — Aviation, agriculture and public safety got a boost recently when a new weather station went online at East Kansas City Airport in Jackson County.

The station is the newest of 45 Missouri Mesonet weather stations operated by University of Missouri Extension and the MU College of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources. It is a collaboration with the Pleasant Hill National Weather Service office and one of four sites co-sponsored by Lincoln University.

The weather station updates every five minutes with airport weather, including wind velocity and gusts, as well as forecasts.

The web and mobile versions help pilots of the 150 airplanes at the Grain Valley airport make sound flight decisions, says Dan Williams, a pilot and airport manager. "We thought it would be a great opportunity for the East Kansas City Airport to support MU Extension's mission to support the farming community," says Williams.

The real-time tools and services aid farmers and agricultural businesses in making deci-

sions in their daily crop and livestock operations, says John Travlos, co-director of Missouri Mesonet.

"The weather station helps the agricultural community get timely information for planting, spraying and a myriad of other on-farm decisions," says Travlos.

The Grain Valley location also fills a gap in the Kansas City-area reporting system.

"This location was chosen to improve the spatial coverage of weather observations in west-central Missouri, and the Grain Valley location is approximately 30 miles closer to downtown Kansas City than any previous station," says Zack Leasor, MU Extension state climatologist and director of Missouri Climate Center.

In addition to the aviation and agriculture communities, the weather station also provides a valuable service to improve the safety of area residents, says Leasor.

"Weather data from the Mesonet are available to the public and provide valuable observations for weather fore-

casting and research," he says. "The weather data from the Grain Valley location will help to keep communities safe and provide critical information for decision-making during severe weather, flooding and drought events."

Ryan Cutter, observation program leader with the National Weather Service, says the new station gives meteorologists like himself another set of high-quality data to make forecasts and record historical data. The weather station gives continuous information that complements weather observations and precipitation reports he receives daily from citizen scientists.

Missouri Mesonet weather stations now serve 32 counties.

Access real-time data from the new weather station at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/realtime/grainvalley.asp>.

For other Missouri Mesonet stations, visit <http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/stations>.

Stutzman brothers open beef harvesting plant in Michigan

Marlin and Mat Stutzman opened a new USDA-certified beef harvesting plant near Sturgis, Mich., the only federally inspected beef facility in the area, according to a report in the Sturgis Journal.

The USDA certification allows farmers from Indiana and Ohio to use the facility as well as in-state producers.

The Stutzman brothers bought the Mishler Packing Co.'s site six years ago, and maintained its existing retail shop at the front, offering Mishler pork patties and various distribution options.

But a recent expansion

increased the building's size to 12,000 square feet and cleared the way for USDA inspection. The addition included coolers for storing processed animals. The facility processes between 70 and 75 animals per week with the plan of upping its throughput to 100 head a week in the near future.

The Stutzmans also plan to venture into the Wagyu cattle field once their workforce is adequately trained. Although there is just one eight-hour shift currently, the Stutzmans said they would consider expanding to multiple shifts in the future.

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already begun producing insects as food, according to Syers. One benefit to raising insects is that their food sources are waste materials and by-products from other industries.

"Insects are voracious and can consume natural materials like wood and plants not consumed by normal sources of animal proteins," Shetty says. "There are a lot of research projects currently working on determining the efficacy of raising insects on biological waste materials."

Consuming insect protein

As modern food processing has evolved and mass food production became more common, food safety standards were established from farm to table. The Pure Food & Drug Act of 1906 and the Food Additives Amendment of 1958 set guidelines for food safety and what constitutes food in the U.S. However, these regulations were built on plant and animal foods, not considering insects, according to Shetty.

In the U.S., insects are allowed for human consumption, although they're not approved or regulated by the Food & Drug Administration. Historically,

"Insects provide protein through their exoskeletons and flesh beneath it," Shetty says. "Many cultures have a long history of including crunchy insect proteins in the diet."

insects have been treated like defects found during the food production process, according to Syers. Because insects are regarded as such according to current regulations, insects must be limited in food here in America.

Most of FDA's attention, however, has not been focused on regulating insects as human food, but rather on regulating insects as "filth," according to The Regulatory Review.

FDA has typically responded to edible insect inquiries by stating that insects are considered food if they are to be used for food or as components of food. This response has been viewed by some observers as an informal acceptance of the use of insects in or as human food, said The Regulatory Review.

Current food regulations also require companies to disclose all food ingredients, creating a challenge for implementing insect

protein within the current food production framework.

"Protein is protein, but the source must be identified on the label," Shetty says. "There's a lot of potential there for certain insects to be used."

With advances in food science today, Shetty says that in the future, insect protein may be formulated into burgers or other types of foods. If insect protein can be produced in a powdered form, Shetty notes that would provide tremendous opportunities to meet the global protein shortfall, which the aquaculture industry is currently supporting.

Legumes, as a carbon-efficient protein, are also helping to meet that shortfall, but there is still a burgeoning need for protein around the globe.

Shetty notes that food products made from insect protein could be a good solution in emergency situations, such as famines or other disasters.

USDA to publish new standards for organic livestock and poultry production

USDA is preparing to release new a document covering the agency's Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS) that provides guidance to livestock farmers ranchers and businesses on the production of organic food products.

The OLPS also aims to improve uniformity in terms of animal welfare practice requirements for organic livestock and poultry, promoting their well-being and natural behaviors, the agency said in a news release. The final rule will cover six key areas:

Outdoor space requirements for organic poultry

Indoor and outdoor living conditions that include sufficient space for livestock to lie down, stand up, turn around and express "natural behaviors"

Poultry stocking densities that

align with animal welfare standards

Preventative healthcare practices with nutrition and parasite prevention plans

Physical alteration and euthanasia limits

Transport, handling and slaughter procedures that adhere to USDA standards

"USDA is creating a fairer, more competitive and transparent food system. This organic poultry and livestock standard establishes clear and strong standards that will increase the consistency of animal welfare practices in organic production and in how these practices are enforced," said Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Competitive markets help deliver greater value to all producers, regardless of size."

A more comprehensive docu-

ment on the OLPS is available here, although the final, official rule at some point will be published in the Federal Register.

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USDA releases 'sobering reminder' of U.S. food insecurity issues

More U.S. households reported higher levels of food insecurity in 2022 compared with 2021 although the bulk of the nation's population were able to access enough food for active, healthy living, according to a new USDA report.

The agency's Economic Research Service (ERS) found that 87.2% of U.S. households were food secure throughout 2022, although 12.8% — 17 million households — were food insecure at some point during the year, including 6.8 million who reported low food insecurity. The Household Food Security in the United States 2022 report noted "statistically significant increases across all categories from levels reported in 2021.

Children and adults were food insecure at times during 2022 in 8.8% of U.S. households with children, up from 6.2% in 2021 and 7.6% in 2020, the report found.

"The ... report is a sobering reminder that, while the vast majority of Americans are able to affordably feed themselves and their families, too many of our neighbors struggle to put healthy food on the table," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said of the report. "The report is the latest piece of evidence that as the pandemic began to wane in 2022, another public health concern — food insecurity — increased," he added.

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SEASONED TO TASTE: A Thai food stall often features roasted and spiced insects. (Photo by Kalidas Shetty for Tri-State Livestock News)



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Partnership helps southern Missouri landowner stave off feral hogs

By LINDA WHELAN GEIST
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SALEM, Mo.— If anything is worse than a pasture rooted up by feral hogs, it's a pasture that dries and hardens after hogs leave damaged areas the size of tractor tires.

Freddie Leroux's damaged pastures need to be repaired and reseeded. He waits for soaking rains to soften the ground so he can smooth out ruts.

mushroomed" with feral hogs when recreational hog hunting became popular in southern Missouri, says Leroux. Escaped hogs bred until the woods filled with the beady-eyed beasts.

Five feral hogs can quickly turn into 30 because of their prolific breeding habits, says Leroux. They breed early and often. Sows can breed by 6 months of age and give birth to two litters of 6-12 piglets each.

Leroux says he has only seen

total number of acres of watershed occupied by feral hogs in Missouri has fallen by nearly 65% since 2016. 2022 marked the second year that numbers declined, with efforts in Iron, Shannon, Wayne and Reynolds counties netting the best results.

To report feral hog damage or receive assistance, call the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573-522-4115 ext. 3296 or visit <http://mdc.mo.gov/feralhog>.

Funding for this project comes from the Feral Swine Control Program through the USDA as part of the 2018 Farm Bill. Missouri Department of Conservation is the lead agency on the project.



HOG DAMAGE: Feral hogs uproot land in search of earthworms, grubs and acorns. The Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership, comprising more than 15 state and federal agencies, works to eradicate feral hogs. (Photo courtesy of Kevin Crider)



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: Freddie Leroux, left, is a landowner working with MU Extension feral hog outreach educator Kevin Crider, right, in the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership. More than 15 federal and state agencies and landowners work to eliminate feral hogs in southern Missouri, where hogs have damaged farm and forest land. With the group's help, feral hog numbers have decreased by nearly 65% in Missouri watersheds since 2016. (Photo by Linda Geist)

Leroux works with University of Missouri Extension feral hog outreach educator Kevin Crider and others to eradicate feral hogs through the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership.

The partnership is funded by the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill and managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. More than 15 federal and state entities, including MU Extension, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, work together to eliminate feral hogs on public and private lands in 27 southern Missouri counties.

Leroux acquired the 1,600 acres of pristine rolling hills and forest that adjoin Missouri Department of Conservation property for conservation, recreation and hunting. The area is largely unpopulated, with deep ravines in the drainage system of the Current River.

The land is also premium real estate for feral hog herds called sounders that damage land, trees, water sources and wildlife.

Relatively undisturbed for centuries, no humans live there. Trees provide safe cover and a place for hogs to scratch with their bristly bodies and mark their territory. That's satisfying for the hogs, but it's usually deadly for saplings.

The woods are a buffet for feral hogs, with eggs of nesting turkeys and other ground nesting fowl, and vulnerable wildlife like deer and rabbits. Grubs and earthworms, their food of choice, grow in the warm-season grass ecosystem and beneath trees. Acorns are a fall favorite. Ponds, streams and rivers provide drinking water and serve as wallowing holes. It's pig paradise.

Acres of land used for agriculture and forestry "bloomed and

one feral hog on his land, but cameras on his property tell a different tale. As many as 30 feral hogs roam his land in a sounder at night. They use their snouts to root up pastureland, wildlife plots and fences. Worn paths throughout the woods show where they go on their nocturnal rampages.

Leroux says he is glad to support the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership and appreciates the expertise of Crider and USDA wildlife specialists. "MU Extension and USDA have this down to a science. It's a great example of partnership," he says.

He gives them full access to his land and helps to promote the partnership to other landowners. He also is glad that local Soil and Water Conservation Districts received funding to buy equipment to lend to landowners to repair damaged land. The equipment includes no-till drills, cultipackers and harrows.

Leroux tries to be a good steward of the land so that the next generation of his family can enjoy its natural beauty. He uses practices recommended by MU Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Missouri Department of Conservation. He plants native warm-season grasses and wildlife food plots, performs prescribed burns and thins timber.

The success of the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership depends on landowners like Leroux, Crider says. The group removed 6,289 hogs in 2022, worked with 709 landowners and scouted 3.7 million acres, mostly south of Interstate 44.

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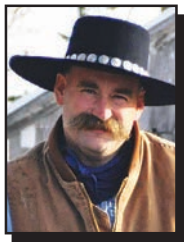
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Net carbon zero: Why is that a realistic goal?

By TRENT LOOS
Special to the Advocate
Courtesy of High Plains Journal

The human body is 18% carbon so let me give everyone a quick fifth-grade science lesson. Net carbon zero means humans no longer exist. The best example yet is we are told carbon dioxide must be n t o m b e d because in the atmosphere it is leading us to a climate crisis when we burn fossil fuel.



Yet we are told that carbon capture is essential to preserving the health of the planet while proponents try to convince us that captured carbon is the greatest commodity in generating jet fuel or in use for enhanced oil recovery. Carbon dioxide release from burning petroleum is the problem.

Last week I spent four hours in a coal field in North Dakota. While it was not my first visit to a coal plant, I must tell you the fever has changed in the past two years. The local electric cooperative uses wind derived power as a priority at a cost of \$0 per kw hour because the government pays a subsidy to the wind developer to generate electricity. The coal plant supplies electricity when the wind is not blowing. On the week I visited, there were three consecutive days that no coal was going to the power plant. How long could any business survive in that scenario?

We don't need to wonder what will happen because it is happening right now in Texas. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas is currently struggling to provide enough power to customers. In fact, in August ERCOT paid a Bitcoin mining operation \$31.7 million to use less electricity during a heat wave.

In September, they started talking about the need to bring a coal-fired power plant back online. Recently there were meetings and news stories were printed. The following is from NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth:

"ERCOT CEO Pablo Vegas told the organization's board the Public Utilities Commission they have sent out a request to purchase enough back-up power for 600,000 homes an hour (3,000 megawatts per hour). They hope to have this deal completed by December when winter cold brings power complications.

In short, the amount of power generated in Texas is not keeping up with the state's population and industrial growth, per Vegas.

"To build a power plant, you start the concept today and in

In 2021, I conducted an interview with Mike Nasi from Texas who told me that energy experts had warned the state of Texas that anyone who relies on wind and solar for more than 20% of their energy will experience black outs. In 2023, 38% of the energy in Texas comes from wind or solar generation. Should we be surprised that they are currently in panic mode?

two to four to five years depending on the type of power plant you'll have something come online," he said."

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I used to be on the fence about people choosing to get a subsidy to allow wind towers or solar panels on their property. I originally thought it was a matter of property rights. My concern is what you do on your property can affect my property, my health and my livelihood. To make matters even worse, you are taking money from the taxpayers of this country, now and far into future generations, to help create this boondoggle.

As I have become a better student of factual history, I learned that in the 1920s the Bolsheviks in Russia voted themselves into servitude. While I am not wired to voluntarily go into servitude, that is exactly what we are doing.

Subsidies received for short-term gain without consideration can cause long-term pain. I hope the light of truth flips on quickly before we are forced into the dark for good.

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Big beef packers face new price-fixing lawsuit from small food distributors

A group of small food distributors have filed a new lawsuit accusing the nation's four largest beef packers of fixing prices for years, according to federal court documents.

The plaintiffs contend that going back to at least Jan. 1, 2015, Cargill, JBS USA, Tyson Foods, and National Beef Packing Co., which collectively control more than 80% of the U.S. cattle supply, used their market power by conspiring to limit the supply of beef sold to purchasers and inflate prices. They said the alleged scheme

continued and has caused them financial harm at least through the end of 2021.

"As a result, Plaintiffs paid higher prices for beef than they otherwise would have paid in a competitive market," states the lawsuit, seeking relief under the Sherman Antitrust Act.

The lawsuit resembles previous litigation against beef packers that garnered settlements in the tens of millions of dollars, at the same time that the Department of Justice and Congress scrutinized their practices. The new complaint was

filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, home to ongoing litigation also accusing the nation's largest chicken processors of colluding to fix prices and pad profits.

The lawsuit cites beef plant production data and price fluctuations, as well as testimony from two inside witnesses with knowledge of company agreements to help each other manage output.

The distributors are seeking a jury trial for unspecified damages and a permanent injunction.

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USDA invests in bison program with tribal communities

The USDA has announced partnerships for a new, interagency pilot project aimed at offering more localized ground bison meat for tribal communities through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

The pilot will look at changes to how USDA purchases bison to better support buying the meat from local, small, and mid-sized bison herd managers and delivering it directly to their local tribal communities.

These local purchases will reduce the time and distance the meat travels to the consumer, increase economic development market opportunities for tribal and local bison operations, and provide high quality, nutritious foods for nutrition assistance programs.

"USDA recognizes the role its purchasing power can play in providing access for smaller, local, and tribal producers," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "We're pleased to take

this step forward toward offering locally raised bison directly to the tribal communities where those herds are located."

The Agricultural Marketing Service recently awarded bison contracts to four tribal and local producers on September 18 to test the flexibilities outlined above.

Contracts were awarded to:

- Akicita Consulting (owned by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe)
- Brownotter Buffalo Ranch (operating on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation)
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation (owned by the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation)
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CPI: Beef drives price increases for meat

With beef leading the way, the meat category registered price increases through September, according to the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Overall meat prices were up 2.9% year-over-year in September, while from August, they rose 0.7%.

Because of a declining cattle herd and other factors, beef prices were up 7.0% year-over-year, with ground beef up 5.8%, roasts up 6%, and steaks up 9.7%; the "uncooked other beef and veal" category only registered a 1.5% price increase.

Prices for frankfurters and lunchmeats were both up, rising 1.9% and 2.4%, respectively.

Pork products, meanwhile, largely saw price declines, with the overall category falling 1.7% year-over-year. Prices were also down for bacon (-2.5%), breakfast sausages (-3%), and the roasts/steaks/ribs category (-4.3%).

The pork products that saw price increases were ham (up 0.9%) and pork chops (up 1%).

Finally, prices were down for the overall poultry category – year-over-year, they fell 0.4% in September. For chicken, prices were down 2.1%, and while fresh/frozen chicken parts fell 3.3%, whole chicken prices rose 1.3%. Turkey prices, meanwhile, rose 6.7%.

Wayne-Sanderson releases statement after antitrust verdict

A jury ruled that Sanderson Farms did not conspire to fix chicken prices, marking the end of one of the industry's biggest lawsuits.

The jury reached a unanimous verdict after a six-week trial.

In a statement released Wednesday, Wayne-Sanderson said the evidence presented in the Illinois federal court vindicated the poultry producer.

"We are pleased that, after a full and fair trial, the jury has rendered a unanimous verdict in favor of Sanderson Farms on all counts," the company's Chief Legal & Compliance Officer Jeremy Kilburn said in the statement. "The evidence presented over the last six weeks is clear: Sanderson Farms and the broiler industry did not conspire to produce less chicken..."

While many other producers settled in the case that started back in 2016, Sanderson Farms elected to continue to fight the allegations.

Multiple certified class-action plaintiffs accused the country's largest poultry producers of restricting production and sharing nonpublic data to manipulate prices starting in 2008.

In July, Judge Thomas Durkin narrowed the case to focus on allegations from the years 2008-2009 and 2011-2012., dismissing claims related to supply cuts in other years and manipulation

of the Georgia Dock broiler price index.

Last week, House of Raeford Farms and Koch Foods agreed to pay \$27.5 million and \$47.5 million, respectively, to settle allegations with a class of direct purchasers, bringing settlements between poultry companies and the class to \$284 million.

The largest settlements came from Pilgrim's Pride (\$75 million) and Tyson Foods (\$79.3 million).

Strauss Brands to sell veal, lamb operations to Catelli Brothers

Catelli Brothers Inc. is buying the Strauss Brands' veal and lamb business, according to a release from Strauss Brands.

The company said the change will allow it to focus on a partnership with a Texas-based producer Eddy Foods to enhance its grass-fed, grass-finished beef offerings.

The veal and lamb production will move to Catelli Brothers' plants in Massachusetts and New Jersey. The transaction is expected to close in the next several weeks, the release said.

The news comes a few days after Strauss Brands notified the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development of the decision to discontinue veal and lamb production at its facility in Franklin, Wis., by the end of the year.

The move is expected to impact nearly 200 employees.

Cold storage inventory falls 9% below 5-year average

At the close of September, the collective inventory of beef, pork, chicken, and turkey stood at 2.15 billion pounds, marking a 9% drop compared to the five-year average, according to cold storage analysis from the Daily Livestock Report.

Beef inventories totaled 420.2 million pounds at the end of September, which reflects a 20.1% decrease compared to the prior year and a 12.6% drop below the five-year average. The inventories increased by 6.3% over the past month, an increase that exceeds the five-year

monthly average of 2.4%, which could be interpreted as a signal of sales slowing down, the report said.

Pork export demand remains strong, with outstanding pork sales about 38% higher than the previous year. Despite this, recent shipments have lagged behind previous years. Cold storage held an estimated 462.8 million pounds of pork at the end of September, marking a 13.8% decrease from the prior year and a 13% drop below the five-year average. Pork inventory decreased by 1.4% from the previous month, contrasting with the five-year average's 0.4% monthly increase.

The DLR suggested that processors are entering the holiday season with reduced ham inventory, which may reflect concerns about downside risk and the desire for leaner supply.

The report chicken showed strong breast supplies. Additionally, wing inventories are notably lower compared to the previous year, coinciding with three major sports seasons (NFL, NBA and NHL) in full swing.

A deep dive into pros/cons of Walmart's beef integration

[The following is an excerpt from "Next in Line," an article in the October issue of Meatingplace.]

Each day, more concrete walls are standing, and more of the liquid form is being poured. Evidence of Sustainable Beef LLC's 320,000-square-foot beef plant in North Platte, Neb., is solidifying. So is the resolve in Trey Wasserburger's voice, as he describes for yet another reporter the company's mission.

Ever since Wasserburger, owner of seedstock company TD Angus, and six other Nebraskan beef producing families announced in 2021 that they were bypassing the traditional cattleman-packer relationship and running their own big packing plant, they've been met with doubt. And landing Walmart, the nation's largest beef buyer, as a minority owner and primary customer hasn't necessarily eliminated it.

Walmart's partnership with Sustainable Beef, and its work to build a 300,000-square-foot case-ready plant of its own in Olathe, Kan., represents the retail giant's expanding footprint in the beef processing space, and the continuation of its efforts to better align the ranch-to-retail supply chain that began with a similar facility in Thomasville, Ga., in 2019. It's also an extension of a run of major retailers moving up the supply chain to capture more margins and to lower costs, a move accelerated by the disruptions and price fluctuations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

North Platte, once the western terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad, now is the next stop as beef packing's integration with producers and retailers rolls on. While some contend that Walmart will ultimately conspire against the best interests of cattle producers, others assure that it's a positive evolution of the modern beef supply chain.

For Wasserburger, whose team is busy trying to get the Sustainable Beef plant up and running by 2025, there's no time for a debate: "If you're in the cattle business today, you're doing business with Walmart — like it or not."

Learn more about Walmart's entry into beef processing in the October issue of Meatingplace: <https://meatm.ag/walmart-beef>.

Pork products produced with fake USDA label recalled

Del Valle Import and Export LLC recalled more than 21,000 pounds of raw pork chorizo products that were produced in the owners home with a fake USDA label, according to a release from the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

The raw pork chorizo items were manufactured between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18, but the items are subject to recall regardless of the product date, the release said. The specific product subject to recall is 14-oz. plastic tub containers labeled as "Chorizo Olanחנו Mezcla de chorizo Centroamericano Brand Chorizo Mix."

These products bear a false

inspection mark indicating establishment number "EST. 1150," which is non-existent, according to the USDA. Some items were also sold at retail locations without proper labeling. The recalled products were distributed to retail outlets in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

USDA sets aside \$1.3B for new export program

The USDA is committing \$1.3 billion to a regional promotion program that spotlights U.S. commodities in foreign regions.

The program, which has received high marks from the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), is part of a \$2.3 billion package aimed at helping American ag producers maintain and develop markets for their commodities.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack stated the agency is following a bipartisan request from the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. The committee asked USDA to use funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation to address trade challenges and food insecurity issues currently impacting U.S. farmers and the international community.

The \$1.3-billion funding commitment will focus on the Regional Agriculture Promotion Program and support specialty crop industries to help diversify export markets. Vilsack said that opening new markets will help high-quality American agriculture and food products reach needed markets.

In a statement, USMEF voiced its support for the program.

"The USDA Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD) Program have a proven track record of providing excellent, value-added returns to U.S. producers, and more recently the Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) helped U.S. agriculture overcome trade obstacles and develop new markets," the organization stated. "With ATP funding coming to the end, new investments in foreign market development are very timely and much appreciated."

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Be sure to put your oxygen mask on first

Op-ed by BILL BULLARD
CEO, R-CALF USA

If you've been on a commercial plane, you know these safety instructions: Put your oxygen mask on first before helping others. Obviously, what that means is that the safety of those who depend on you is best assured when you have first taken steps to ensure your own safety.

Now ratchet this analogy up by a magnitude of ten & ask what is the prudent course for our nation: Should we ensure that we can, under all circumstances, achieve self-sufficiency in our US food production system before we consider the argument that our objective as a nation should be to "help" foreign countries find new markets by opening our market up to their unlimited food imports?

We know that over the past several decades we have pursued this "we must help other countries by offering them our market" course of action & we've encouraged increased volumes of foreign-sourced food into the US, even if that meant we would dismantle some of our own food production capacity.

Let's go from the specific to the general, starting with the production of meat – our primary protein sources. Not long ago, about half the shrimp consumed in America was domestic-caught shrimp, with much of it sourced from Louisiana fishermen. But that has all changed because policymakers believed it prudent to open our market up to exporting countries such as India, Indonesia & Ecuador in an effort to help them by granting them US market access. Today only about 10% of the shrimp consumed in America is produced domestically, with 90% sourced

from foreign countries. Now we've talked about the US sheep industry & like in the shrimp industry, it wasn't long ago that over half the lamb consumed in America was produced by American sheep men & women. And, also like the shrimp industry, all that has changed because policy makers decided to "help" Australia, New Zealand & several other countries by granting them unlimited access to the U.S. market. Today American sheep men & women only provide 26% of the lamb consumed in America while consumers are now reliant on foreign countries for 74% of their lamb meat.

So now consider this as we look at the rising level of foods for which we depend on foreign supply chains. If you had a child turn 20 years old last year, then when that child was born the U.S. imported \$47.2 billion worth of food. But last year, on your child's 20th birthday, food imports had exploded to just shy of \$200 billion. This means that in just 20 years, the value of total food imported by the United States more than quadrupled. This is a huge increase even if we adjust the 2002 total food import value for inflation. Factoring in inflation, the \$47.2 billion in food imports 20 years ago would be only about 80.5 billion in today's dollars. That inflation adjustment still represents a huge increase as today it's about two and one-half times greater.

And you might recall an earlier episode where I mentioned that U.S. food imports had surpassed U.S. food exports in 2019, & last year the U.S. was a net food importer at the tune of \$6 billion.

I hope everyone knows that

we're all being placated by our government regarding our growing dependency on foreign food & the simultaneous dismantling of our domestic food production capacity.

Here's what the U.S. Food & Drug Administration says about how important it is that we welcome these additional imports: "To help meet these consumer demands, the United States imports about 15 percent of its overall food supply."

So don't worry, be happy because we're doing this to meet U.S. consumer demands. You're supposed to overlook the fact that we're doing this at the cost of dismantling our capacity to feed ourselves.

So back to putting your oxygen mask on first. Why is this so important in the grand scheme of things?

Consider what happens when major events rattle the globe. In 2020 there was the COVID pandemic that disrupted foreign supply chains of all kinds, including food. In 2022 the Russian invasion of Ukraine disrupted foreign supply chains, including food. And now the Hamas attack on Israel threatens to again disrupt foreign supply chains, & food could well be included.

What we know from our history, both early & present, is that geopolitical conflicts arise periodically. And what we should have learned from history is that we should be prepared for their eventuality.

So, when you hear the phrase "Control the food, control the people," which is now being bantered about much more often than before, you should think "Oxygen mask."

And that means you should call your members of Congress to tell them you want them to immediately begin rebuilding America's food production capacity. Tell them they should start by protecting our U.S. shrimp & sheep industries. Tell them that we must put America first in terms of achieving self-sufficiency in our U.S. food production, & then, we can begin to help other nations by offering them some access to our U.S. market.

USDA FSIS to test 'raised without antibiotics' beef claims

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are starting a new sampling program to assess whether antibiotics residues are detected in cattle intended for the "raised without antibiotics (RWA)" market.

The sampling program is part of a previously announced USDA effort to strengthen the substantiation of animal-raising claims, as the agency continues to address potentially false and misleading labels.

Plants eligible for the program are those that slaughter cattle and produce products that bear RWA claims such as "No Antibiotics," "No Antibiotics Ever," "Raised Without Antibiotics," "Antibiotic Free," "No Antibiotics Administered," or related claims.

FSIS said it will collect liver and kidney samples from eligible cattle, and ARS will analyze the samples using a method that targets more than 180 veterinary drugs from various major classes of antibiotics. If antibiotic residues are detected, FSIS will issue a letter to the facility concerning the sample results and advise the establishment to conduct a root cause analysis and take actions to prevent misbranded product in commerce. If an establishment does not receive a letter, their test results are negative and consistent with the labeling claim.

The results of this sampling will help inform whether FSIS should require that laboratory testing results be submitted for the "raised without antibiotics" claim or whether the agency should start a new verification sampling program.

S. Dakota processors eye expansion

Ken Charfauros and Janet Neihaus, owners of South Dakota's Wall Meat Processing, have taken on a third partner, Thomas Fitch, to launch I-90 Meats, which plans to improve the power of in-state meat processing plants with a \$3.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Roughly 1.5 million beef cows were raised in South Dakota in 2022, but according to I-90 Meats, the overwhelming majority were trucked out of state to Cargill, JBS, National Meat Packing and Tyson for processing. None of the major meat packing companies has a plant in South Dakota.

"South Dakota is fourth or fifth in cattle production in the nation, but we sell our cattle out of state and then buy it back, so it's kind of backwards," Charfauros told local reporters. To reverse this trend, I-90 plans to build a \$21 million, 30,000 square-foot meat processing plant in New Underwood, located south of Interstate 90 midway between Wall and Rapid City. The company has a USDA guaranteed loan package of \$21 million to get started.

"To keep the regional protein production and the revenue right here, it helps our community. And not just the ranchers and the

processors but also the consumers," Charfauros said.

This new plant, intended to begin operation in 2025, will have capacity to process 4,000 cattle a year — a 600% increase in the number of cattle Wall Meat Processing can currently process. The plant will process beef, pork, lamb and bison produced by local ranchers. The new facility will also include a retail market, agritourism learning center and culinary demonstration area. It will sell products processed on site in the plant market, as well as at retail locations in Rapid City.

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MCA sets date for FFA Fantasy Feedout Draft Day

Missouri Cattlemen's Association FFA Fantasy Feedout Draft Day will occur on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, with the program beginning at 10 a.m. and lunch to follow. The program will take place at Trowbridge Livestock Center Sale Arena in Columbia, Mo.

The FFA Fantasy Feedout was designed to provide FFA students with a real-world experience in the cattle industry, while allowing each chapter to compete to see who has the most profitable pen of steers.

Chapters choose their pen of steers based on the information given prior to "FFA Draft Day." Using the data provided through GrowSafe and the processor, we are able to provide an updated points bracket throughout the program to allow chapters to track progress.

The FFA Fantasy Feedout

will be recognized as a state activity counting towards FFA members state degree.

Ten thousand dollars in cash and prizes are given to the top five participating FFA chapters that chose the most profitable steers. Scholarships from the University of Missouri are also awarded to students on the winning team. Students must be enrolled at the University of Missouri to receive the scholarship.

If you or your chapter would like to participate in the 2023-2024 FFA Fantasy Feedout, please sign up using this link: <https://www.mocattle.org/meetings-events/ffa-fantasy-feedout>

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Republican House still stumbling, leftist economists don't get us

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harboring Hamas while it holds perhaps hundreds of hostages.

Actually, we might be slandering the Huns, Visigoths and the Vandals, as while they were guilty of raping and pillaging, we're not sure they stooped to killing women and children and beheading babies.

Meanwhile, not only is nothing being done about a Farm Bill but any assurances or likely expectations could be up in the air with Speaker McCarthy out of the picture -- we think. With the Republican conference in shouting chaos in meetings and some in stubborn denial of reality, McCarthy might take leave of his sanity and enter the fray again. The Republicans staying stupid only strengthens the hand of the Democrats, who could make some kind of deal with some Republican contingent, again defeating the professed goal of the overthrow in the first place, like cutting spending and regulation and doing something about a porous, cartel and terrorist corridor across the Rio Grande.

It's unlikely, but a vacant or Pro Tempore Speaker chair, if something were to happen to Biden and Harris, would mean far left Sen. Patty Murray, as Senate president pro tem would be president, according to Ken Klukowski, legal contributor to Breitbart.

Meanwhile, Alan Blinder, a former Federal Reserve official and currently an economics professor at Princeton, sounds just like Biden, as in, everything's great with the economy, voters just don't know it. Blinder looks at the unemployment rate at under four percent, the inflation rate in the high threes and GDP expected to be reported around five percent and concludes the economy is doing fine, ("The Economy Is Great. Why Do Americans Blame Biden?" Wall Street Journal, 10/19/23).

But like the Administration and the "core" inflation calculator formulas, those people are ignoring the kind of data citizens deal with every day -- costs of fuel, food and electricity, paying higher interest rates and insurance. Voters blame Biden because his energy decisions on Day One, his

Democrat party's ridiculous spending, Green New Deal spending and rules, open borders, high crime and weak prosecution are to blame for our painful economy. The administration added the most common type of furnace to their naughty list this week, joining gas stoves and water heaters.

Blinder explains but doesn't sound very sympathetic that while inflation will someday come down, many prices will not. No wonder Blinder calls us "grumpy."

That's the problem with big government decisions. They take away our money in inflated costs and stupid projects -- and we don't get that money back. Different politicians may bring back economic growth, peel off costly and onerous regulations and head off new taxes. But they will not reimburse us for the money we paid for inflated energy, interest on credit cards and business loans or foregone years in houses we couldn't afford because of costly mortgage rates.

Blinder, the Fed and central bankers still believe that the only way to bring inflation down is to damage demand -- the economic might of consumers -- by increasing interest rates and throttling wage and job growth without causing a full blown recession. Increasing the supply of goods and services and making them cheaper and easier to produce by cutting taxes and regulations is not recognized by the liberal economists and the political left as inflation-fighting tools. They somehow still haven't noticed how the latter group of methods -- supply side economics -- fostered a great economy just a few years ago.

We don't agree with Blinder that the only way to bring prices down is a Great Depression and accompanying deflation. In a competitive, free market economy, if taxes are cut, regulations are rolled back, the government gets out of the subsidy and market distortion business and innovative entrepreneurs are allowed to compete and operate freely, prices can be cut down. It has happened before.

But big government and leftist

politics, along with far left social-economic trends towards a socialist/Marxist/communist economy do not want that to happen. Enough Americans have to want changes before a free market economy can be turned loose again.

We know many of you contacted your House members earlier this week to ask them to get a

Speaker. Some of those who voted for "Other" are from core cattle producing states. You are allowed to contact them again, and while you're at it, remind them that American agriculture needs the freedoms of capitalism, less government regulation and fewer climate change efficiency drags on your efforts to feed the world.

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- **AgriServices of Brunswick**
Brunswick, MO
- **American Bank of Missouri**
Wellsville, MO
Middletown, MO
Montgomery City, MO
- **Angell's Western Wear**
Centralia, MO
- **Bank of Montgomery County**
Montgomery City, MO
- **Bowling Green Tractor**
Bowling Green, MO
- **Bowling Green Veterinary Clinic**
Bowling Green, MO
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Silex, MO
- **C & S Grocery**
Harrisburg, MO
- **Dawson's Store**
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- **Dearwester Grain Services**
Mt. Sterling, IL
Golden, IL
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Montgomery City, MO
- **Moscow Feed and Grain**
Moscow Mills, MO
- **New Haven Farm & Feed**
New Haven, MO
- **People's Savings Bank**
Hermann, MO
Montgomery City, MO
New Florence, MO
New Haven, MO
New Melle, MO
Rhineland, MO
- **Perry Farm Service**
Perry, MO
- **Pike Feeds**
Pittsfield, IL
- **Prairie Home Coop**
Prairie Home, MO
- **Quinn Farm Supply**
Monroe City, MO
- **Rickett's Farm Service of Cairo**
Cairo, MO
- **Ricketts Farm Service**
Salisbury, MO
Shelbina, MO
- **Rural King**
Wentzville, MO
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New documentary vilifies pork industry practices

A new documentary produced by actress Kate Mara vilifies the modern pork industry's production practices as threatening the health of the people and natural resources surrounding production facilities.

Mara's "The Smell of Money," playing now in a theater in Santa Monica, Calif., and later this month in a theater in New York City, homes in on efforts of residents of eastern North Carolina to fight industrial

hog farming practices in court.

Among others, the documentary quotes Sen. Corey Booker (D-N.J.), a vegan long vocal in opposition to modern meat production.

"I wish people could understand our health is at stake here. To raise animals in this way, puts all of us at risk," Booker says in a clip included in the documentary's trailer.

But industry supporters like the Animal Agriculture Alliance

contend "The Smell of Money" typifies other animal activist-led documentaries that negatively portray the modern food system.

Hannah Thompson-Weeman, the group's CEO, said they "are heavy on the emotion and light on the science." She noted key creators of this documentary are former staffers at animal activist group Mercy For Animals, among those "opposed to animal agriculture entirely."

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\$3.2 million research project seeks to reduce cattle-produced methane

Animal sciences researchers from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are leading a new project to reduce methane production from rumen fermentation in beef and dairy cattle. The three-year, \$3.2 million project is part of the Greener Cattle Initiative, led by the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). The researchers said aggressively targeting methane could help course-correct the planet’s climate trajectory more quickly than controlling carbon dioxide (CO2) alone. Methane is 28 times more potent than CO2 and degrades in the atmosphere

within 12 years, compared to the hundreds of years it takes CO2 to dissipate, they noted. “What this means is that anything we do now with ruminant animals can have a huge impact on warming within decades, rather than centuries. Our challenge is to reduce enteric methane emissions by about 30 to 40% with the technologies we have,” said project leader Rod Mackie, professor in UoIf’s Department of Animal Sciences. The project involves six research hubs around the world, all tackling the challenge of enteric methane, which is pro-

duced in the cattle rumen as part of the microbial fermentation process. UoIf researchers will begin by tracking hydrogen production and utilization during fermentation in the lab. They will then take rumen microbial communities from beef cattle to explore how inhibitor compounds could redirect excess hydrogen that produces methane toward more productive products like propionate and butyrate, reduced fatty acids that serve as the primary energy source for all ruminants. Later, they will bring their findings back into cows. Mackie said the project is the beginning of a longer-term effort to find enteric methane solutions. But by the end of three years, the goal is to be able to recommend specific amounts of inhibitors that don’t hinder or even improve production performance. “What we’d like is to have ruminants save the planet within 10 years,” he said. “That would be amazing.” Institutions involved in the project include UoIf as project lead; the Grasslands Research Centre, AgResearch, New Zealand; the Univesity of Alberta; Lethbridge Research and Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; the Norwegian University of Life Sciences; Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland; Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel; and ProAgni, Australia.

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Wage fixing case against meat producers to proceed

A Colorado federal judge ruled that some of the nation’s top red meat producers will have to face allegations of widespread wage fixing after the court declined to dismiss an antitrust lawsuit last week, according to court records. Employees accused more than a dozen processors of engaging in a conspiracy to manipulate wages and benefits from 2014 up to the present time. They claim that these businesses exchanged sensitive information regarding compensation and collaboratively made decisions to keep employee pay at a lower level than it would be in a fair and competitive market. Hormel Foods Corporation, Agri Beef Co., Washington Beef, LLC, American Foods Group,

LLC, Cargill, Inc., Cargill Meat Solutions Corp., Iowa Premium LLC, JBS USA Food Co., National, Beef Packing Co., LLC, Perdue Farms, Inc., Seaboard Foods, LLC, Smithfield Foods, Inc., Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp., Triumph Foods, LLC and Tyson Foods, Inc. were named in the lawsuit. Some of the companies reached settlements with plaintiffs. The companies sought to have the case against them dismissed on grounds ranging from lack of evidence to statute of limitations, but Judge Philip A. Brimmer ultimately sided with the employees. No trial date had been set as of Oct. 1.

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EATs Act faces growing opposition from lawmakers

Opposition to legislation seeking to reverse the impact of California’s Proposition 12 law is growing. The latest comes from a group of 16 Republican lawmakers, who are urging House Ag Committee leaders Glenn "G.T." Thompson and David Scott in a letter to exclude the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act from the Farm Bill. In August, 171 lawmakers, including five Republicans, also asked for exclusion of the EATs Act. Republican senators, including Iowa’s Chuck Grassley and Roger Marshall of Kansas, introduced the legislation in June, a month after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld California’s ban on the sale of fresh pork, veal and eggs from animals whose housing conditions violate the state standards. The EATs Act seeks to prevent a state or local government from imposing standards on pre-harvest production of ag products in other states that are sold in interstate commerce. Opponents of Prop 12, such as the National Pork Producers Council, have argued unsuccessfully to the high court that Prop 12 violated the U.S. Commerce Clause by effectively dictating production practices in states outside of California. In their letter, the 16 Republican lawmakers refute that argument, saying the EATs Act “is at odds with our foundational Republican principles of states’ rights, national sovereignty, and fair competition.” Meanwhile, the EATs Act has 34 cosponsors in the House and 13 in the Senate.

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Ex-Raeford Farms execs sentenced in fraud scheme

Two men accused of diverting more than \$2 million in business from Raeford Farms of Louisiana were sentenced in a federal court recently. U.S. District Court Judge Elizabeth E. Foote sentenced William Hickman, a former Raeford sales manager, to 52 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release. Hickman was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,693,221. Former assistant sales manag-

er Brian Whiteman was sentenced to 20 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release. In addition, Judge Foote ordered Whiteman to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,183,949. The two men in March pleaded guilty after being accused of selling chicken frames to a shell company controlled by Hickman. That company would sell the chicken frames to another poultry wholesaler for a higher return and collect a profit from the sale, leaving Raeford out of the deal.



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Eastern Missouri Commission Company, Bowling Green
Market Report for Friday, October 20, 2023
Receipts: 979 Week ago: 905 Year ago: 920

Friday's auction was a Special Bred Cow/Pairs sale with several consignments of good quality bred cows 3-6 yrs of age in the second stage selling with good demand, also several packages of pairs mostly 5 yrs to short solid mouth with 150-300 lb calves. Feeder calves were mostly unweaned selling in small groups and singles and not well tested, with a few unweaned steers weighing 400-550 lbs selling with a steady to firm undertone.. There was a large offering of slaughter cows were mostly boning and breaking cows selling 3.00-5.00 lower with several premium white cows and lean cows trading steady. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 1.50 lower.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 – Few 400-500 lbs 304.00-308.00, pkg unweaned 445 lbs 298.00; few 500-550 lbs 304.00-311.00, unweaned pkg 558 lbs 281.00; pkg unweaned 680 lbs 240.00; pkg 740 lbs unweaned 225.50. Medium and Large 1-2 – Unweaned 535-565 lbs 256.00-265.00; pkg 771 lbs 229.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 – Pkg 442 lbs 275.00; unweaned 440-500 lbs 253.00-256.00; unweaned 500-570 lbs 245.50-250.00; pkg 640 lbs unweaned 240.00. Medium and Large 1-2 – 350-400 lbs 255.00-260.00; pkg 492 lbs 262.00; pkg 536 lbs 143.00; pkg 624 lbs 244.50; pkg 775 lbs 220.50.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2 – Pkg 372 lbs 310.00; 500-550 lbs 245.00; lot 606 lbs 238.00.

Replacement Cows: Bred Cows - Medium and Large 1 – 4-6 yrs 1075-1350 lbs 2nd stage 1725.00-2025.00. Medium and Large 1-2 – Pkg Bred heifers 905 lbs 2nd stage 1910.00; 6 yrs to short solid mouth 2nd stage 1500.00-1675.00; pkg 4-6 yrs 1230 olbs 3rd stage 1800.00.

Pairs: Large 1 – 1450-1600 lbs 4 yrs to short solid mouth w/150-300 lb calves 2090.00-2500.00. Medium and Large 1-2 – 6 yrs to short solid mouth 1150-1350 lbs w/150-250 lb calves 1875.00-2010.00. Medium 1-2 – Pkg 3-6 yrs 900 lbs w/150 lb calves 1380.00, pkg short solid mouth 1000 lbs w/150-200 lb calves 1375.00.

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Slaughter Cows: Premium White (65-70% lean) Average dressing, 103.00-113.00; and high dressing, 121.50-133.50. Breakers (70-80% lean) Average dressing, 101.00-111.00; high dressing, 112.50-120.00; and low dressing, 92.50-100.00. Boners (80-85% lean) Average dressing, 98.00-107.50; high dressing, 108.00-113.50; and low dressing, 90.00-97.50. Lean (85-90% lean) Average dressing, 90.00-97.00; high dressing, 99.00-105.00; and low dressing, 80.00-88.00. Shelly 72.00-78.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 – 1300-2400 lbs, 120.00-129.00; 130.00-135.00; 113.00-115.00.

Slaughter Steers and Heifers: (65 hd) Choice 2-3 – 1230-1550 lbs 182.00-184.00. Select and Choice 1-3 – 1150-1300 lbs 175.00-178.50.

Source: MO Dept of Ag-USDA Market News Service, Bowling Green, MO, Greg Harrison, Market Reporter 573-751-5618. 24 hour recorded report 1-573-522-9244 www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/JC_LS156.txt

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Eastern Missouri Commission Company, Bowling Green
Market Report for Friday, October 27, 2023
Receipts: 1,387 Week ago: 979 Year ago: 1,5330

Compared to the last special two weeks ago, steer and heifer calves sold with a lower undertone with few good comparisons, with yearlings not tested but selling with a lower undertone as well. Other than two pot loads of 9 weight heifers the bulk of the offering was made up of small lots, packages and singles of mostly calves with many unweaned or short weaned. A very varied quality offering of calves that sold with light to moderate demand with the pot loads of yearling heifers selling with moderate demand. Slaughter steers and heifers sold 2.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter cows traded uneven with breaking and premium white cows selling mostly steady and boning and lean cows 3.00-5.00 lower.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 – 450-500 lbs 295.00-307.00; 500-550 lbs few 281.00-292.00, lot unweaned 518

lbs 269.00; 550-600 lbs few 260.00-272.00; 600-700 lbs 246.00-263.00; 700-760 lbs 235.00-240.00; 815-830 lbs 236.50-238.50. Medium and Large 1-2 – 350-400 lbs 290.00-306.00; pkg 415 lbs 285.00, pkg unweaned 460 lbs 258.00; 500-550 lbs 259.00-271.00; 550-600 lbs 241.00-257.00, unweaned 230.00-250.00; 600-650 lbs 245.50-260.25. Medium and Large 2 – lot 491 lbs 251.00; 500-550 lbs 220.00-231.00; pkg 666 lbs 220.00; pkg 713 lbs 215.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 – few 420-460 lbs 265.00-267.00; pkg 529 lbs 249.00; few 600-650 lbs 237.50-239.50; lot 745 lbs 226.25; pot load 925 lbs 209.75; pot load 987 lbs 211.00. Medium and Large 1-2 – Few 300-400 lbs 244.50-260.00; 400-500 lbs 247.00-251.00, unweaned 225.50-228.50; 500-600 lbs 226.00-238.50, pkg thin 518 lbs 246.00, unweaned 550-600 lbs 190.00-200.00; 600-650 lbs 218.50-228.00; 750-760 lbs 214.50-218.00. Medium and Large 2 – pkg 588 lbs 216.00; pkg 648 lbs 202.00; pkg 730 lbs 211.00.

Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2 – Pkg 318 lbs 301.00; pkg unweaned 428 lbs 221.00; pkg 815 lbs 183.00.

Slaughter Cows: Premium White (65-70% lean) Average dressing, 115.00; and high dressing, 125.00-137.00. Breakers (70-80% lean) Average dressing, 100.00-108.50; high dressing, 112.50-124.00; and low dressing, 88.00-99.00. Boners (80-85% lean) Average dressing, 96.00-104.50; high dressing, 106.00-111.00; and low dressing, 86.00-95.00. Lean (85-90% lean) Average dressing, 89.00-96.00; high dressing, 96.50-98.50; and low dressing, 80.00-86.50. Shelly 72.00-78.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 – 1300-2400 lbs, 122.00-133.00; 137.00; 115.00-118.00.

Slaughter Steers and Heifers: (65 hd) Choice 2-3 – 1150-1350 lbs 179.50-181.50. Select and Choice 1-3 –1150-1300 lbs 174.00-177.00.

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McDonald's, Wendy's dodge false advertising lawsuit

McDonald's and Wendy's successfully fended off a lawsuit alleging the companies falsified burger sizes in advertisements, according to court records.

U.S. District Judge Hector Gonzalez in Brooklyn, N.Y., ruled on Saturday that there was no evidence to substantiate claims that the fast-food giants served burgers smaller than advertised.

The plaintiff, Justin Chimienti, contended that the ads depicted undercooked beef patties, as meat tends to shrink by 25% when cooked. However, the judge stated that efforts to present appetizing visuals were standard marketing practices, and the companies weren't obligated to sell burgers exactly as advertised.

The ruling follows a similar lawsuit against Burger King, in which a judge said the company must face trial based on pictures on the in-store menu. There is also an ongoing case involving Taco Bell in a Miami federal court.

Court petitioned to prevent lawsuit from Tyson plant fire

A reinsurance company petitioned a federal court last week to prevent a Tyson Foods insurer from filing a lawsuit overseas regarding coverage for a 2021 rendering plant fire in Alabama, court records showed.

GCI, which provides reinsurance coverage for Tyson International Company, Ltd. (TICL), filed the petition in New York.

Reinsurance often helps primary insurers manage their risk by spreading it across multiple entities. The risk-sharing mechanism reduces the financial impact of large, unexpected losses, such as natural disasters or catastrophic events.

In 2021, Tyson Foods' River Valley Ingredients poultry product rendering plant in Hanceville, Ala. was damaged in a fire.

According to the filing, TICL originally told GCI the total insured value of the plant was \$72.4 million in 2018. In 2022, TICL provided GCI with a report showing the facility's replacement cost value increased to \$414.5 million.

In the filing, GCI said TICL knew, or should have known, as early as November 2019 that the replacement cost values for the Hanceville facility were greater than \$72.4 million.

Both companies, which are international, are on opposite sides of the fence on where this litigation should take place. GCI believes a contract between the two stipulates arbitration should take place in the New York federal court, but lawyers for the company believe TICL will try to have the case moved to Courts of England and Wales.

Profits drop 30% for Smithfield owner

WH Group, the Chinese owner of Smithfield Foods, reported dramatically lower 2023 profits on Tuesday.

According to a Bloomberg report, WH's profits are down 30% year-over-year through September, with "difficult" conditions in the U.S. pork market to blame.

WH's business in China and Europe were, Bloomberg reported, relatively solid; however, high grain and energy prices (paired with weak consumer demand) contributed to a \$551 operating loss for business in the U.S. and Mexico.

"We expect such unfavorable operating landscape overhang will continue during the remainder of 2023. As a result, the short-term financial performance of our Group will be under pressure," the company said in a filing.

FSIS to launch dioxin study in cattle, swine next month

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will begin a year-long study of the levels of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds in U.S. domestic beef and pork products regulated by the agency starting Nov. 1.


The Fiscal Year 2024 Dioxin Survey will focus on the presence of the toxic, persistent organic pollutants in cattle and swine that can cause cancer, reproductive and developmental problems, immune system issues and hormone disruption in humans. FSIS plans to work with the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to determine the presence of dioxins, which are ubiquitous but generally occur at very low levels throughout the environment. The survey will include awareness meetings at cattle and hog slaughter facilities that FSIS already inspects and the collection of fat tissue samples for additional testing, the agency

said in a policy notice. The aggregate data will be reported once the project is completed next year, FSIS added.

The latest Dioxin Survey is the fifth year-long sampling by FSIS, which generally has been conducted in five-year cycles. The last effort occurred in 2018.

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October is traditionally a month when farmers are very busy in the field trying to get their crops harvested. This often leads to less foot traffic in the salebarn. Despite the time of year, the barn has been busy the past month.

The bulk of the cattle moving through the ring has been spring born calves coming right off the mamas. They are coming to town with a high demand and entering a great market. This is especially true for calves that have a vaccine record, including a respiratory shot.

Most of the buyers in the salebarn are

thinking about the most effective way to keep new crop calves healthy during the move away from their mamas and into their new homes. Some supportive tricks during the weaning process are to avoid overcrowding the pens, provide stress licks and a preventative vaccine, and hand feeding them daily. Getting in with the cattle and walking amongst them seems to help them settle into their new routine faster. We also try not to commingle the cattle as long as possible, even if you're getting along with the health. We are asking a lot out of these

calves while going through a stressful experience. This is not the time to be hurrying them through the starting routine.

In a perfect world, practicing all these tricks would ensure a smooth transition and healthy group of cattle. That is not always the case. The most important tactic is to avoid overcrowding the pens. October often sees drastic transitions in temperature throughout the day. This is difficult for cattle to regulate themselves. So keeping enough space for cattle to stay comfortable is priority.

Here are few of our top sales through the month of October:

- Results for Tuesday Oct. 17**
STEERS
338# - \$317.00 unweaned
355# - \$300.00 unweaned
370# - \$312.00
379# - \$330.00
450# - \$309.00 unweaned
452# - \$309.00 unweaned
471# - \$311.00
510# - \$298.00
542# - \$294.00
558# - \$276.00 unweaned
HEIFERS
375# - \$270.00 unweaned
395# - \$270.00 unweaned
418# - \$272.00 unweaned
433# - \$260.00 unweaned
460# - \$260.00
498# - \$262.00
525# - \$250.00 unweaned
550# - \$254.00
HOLSTEIN VEALS
\$225 - \$275
- Top Sales Dairy Sale Tuesday Oct. 10**
Springers and Fresh Cows - Lite Test
HOLSTEIN STEERS
302# - \$202.50
315# - \$182.50
323# - \$170.00
431# - \$165.00
463# - \$163.00

- 580# - \$140.00
630# - \$147.00
ANGUS HOLSTEIN X STEERS
968# - \$204.00
HOLSTEIN VEALS
\$250 to \$325
- Top Sales Tuesday Oct. 3**
STEERS
368#- \$338.00
370#- \$312.00 unweaned
453#- \$317.50
489#- \$315.00 unweaned
575#- \$380.00 unweaned
749#- \$224.00
HEIFERS
410#- \$300.00
417#- \$290.00 unweaned
470#- \$286.00 unweaned
473#- \$275.00
596#- \$235.00
BULLS
\$361#- \$318.00 unweaned
484#- \$280.00 unweaned
530#- \$265.00 unweaned
617#- \$240.00
HOLSTEIN VEALS
\$200.00-\$280.00

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Scotland County Livestock has sales every Tuesday. Each month we have three special sales, special dairy sale on the second week of every month and a special feeder sale on the first and third weeks of every month.

Here's the November sale schedule
Tuesday, Nov. 7 — Special Cattle Sale
Tuesday, Nov. 14 — Dairy Sale
Tuesday, Nov. 21 — Special Cattle Sale
Saturday, Nov. 25 — Special Bred Cow & Heifer Sale
Tuesday, Nov. 28 — Cattle Sale



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Thank you for reading, and thanks to Jon and Justin Angell for giving me the opportunity to write.

Missouri DNR facing another lawsuit over meatpacking waste

A group of residents in Newton County, Missouri, filed an environmental lawsuit against the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) concerning permits for the disposal of meatpacking waste on farm-lands, according to a report from

the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This comes after a recent incident where 6,000 gallons of slaughterhouse waste leaked into a field near Fairview. The lawsuit seeks a court order to halt all activities at waste storage facilities used by

Arkansas-based Denali Water Solutions. It alleges that the DNR exceeded its authority by allowing Denali to operate these facilities without proper permits. This is the second lawsuit in three months against Governor Mike Parson's administration

regarding permits for waste disposal from meatpacking facilities. A prior case had already barred DNR from issuing a permit to Denali for an animal waste lagoon in Randolph County, highlighting regulatory issues in the state's permitting process. The classification of this material has shifted from fertilizer to DNR oversight, raising questions about applicable envi-

ronmental regulations. This practice has sparked controversy in rural communities, especially as the state aims to expand meatpacking facilities, the report said. Denali has faced previous enforcement actions and fines related to spill incidents. The latest investigation stems from the Fairview-area lagoon spill. - Meatingplace.com

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Laugh Tracks in the Dust.....

By MILO YIELD
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Drought magnet

Apparently, I'm a "drought magnet." Today, rural Chase County, Kansas, where I used to live, is getting a good soaking — four inches or rain or more. All of eastern Kansas is getting rain. But, here in Riley, Kan., just a drizzle. We are just a smidgen west of all the rain.

And, my newly-seeded fescue lawn seed is still laying there in the dust, waiting for enuf rain to get it sprouted and growing. Guess, my only lawn play is to dig out the sprinklers and start mechanically watering my new yard. Thankfully, our new well seems to have a plentiful supply of good water.

Children seem to have innumerable ways to confound their parents and grandparents. Here's a good example:

A 6-year-old farm girl sassed back at her mother and her mother decide the best way to punish her daughter for her impertinence was to make her sit alone in the mother's dark clothes closet until she apologized.

And that's what happened. After shutting the closet door on her belligerent daughter, Mom waited outside the door, but could hear nuthin' but sputtering.

After a few minutes of sputtering, it got uncomfortably quiet in the closet — so much so that Mom got concerned, opened the door, and peered inside.

"What are you doing in there that you're so quiet," inquired Mom.

Her resolute and belligerent daughter replied, "Well, I spit on your new dress first. Then I spit in your new shoes. Then I spit on your house robe. And, now I'm

Smithfield parent eyes U.S. stock listing again: WSJ

WH Group, the China-based parent of Smithfield Foods, is said to be working with banks to re-list the company on the U.S. public stock markets, according to a report in The Wall Street Journal.

WH Group, which bought the U.S. pork processor in 2013, has a recent market capitalization of about \$7 billion, based on trading on the Hong Kong stock exchange. As recently as 2018, WH Group boasted a market cap of about \$18 billion, before African Swine Fever swept through the country, devastating its hog herds.

The WSJ referenced unnamed sources who said WH has been in talks with bankers on ways to boost its slumping valuation.

A Smithfield spokesman told Meatingplace that the topic "comes up occasionally. It's something we regularly evaluate but there is no definitive plan or timetable."

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waiting for more spit."

Another rural kid story. A little farm boy went to visit his grandmother and she took him to her little rural church with her. The grandmother taught the children bible school class that day. That Sunday the topic was what children could learn from the book of Job in the Bible. When the class was over, she asked if anyone in the class could recite a Bible verse about Job from memory.

Grandmother was quite proud when her grandson volunteered. But her pride quickly dissipated when the boy stood up and blurted, "Take this Job and shove it."

And, still a third kid's story. On the first day of school, a rural kindergarten boy was asked by his teacher to put his right hand over his heart and recite the

Pledge of Allegiance.

But, his teacher noticed that the lad put his hand behind his back on his little butt.

The teacher asked the lad why he put his hand behind his back rather than over his heart.

She could barely stifle a guffaw when the kid replied, "Every time Grandma comes to see me, she pats me back there and says, 'Bless your little peapickin' heart.'"

A rancher was attending his beef industry association's convention in a big city. He was astounded at the expense that attending the convention was setting him back financially.

One evening he went into the hotel restaurant for a steak. He noticed the menu stated, "In this fine business, if you order a fresh egg, you get the freshest egg in the world. If you order

hot coffee, you'll get the hottest coffee in the world."

When the waiter brought him the "small" steak that he'd ordered, he became acutely aware of the truth in the restaurant's menu advertising.

Deer season is just around the corner. That makes this little story have a grain of truth in it.

A Missouri farmer yelled at his daughter. "I see a traveling salesman coming up the road. Better get into the house for safety's sake."

His daughter peered down the road and told her Pa, "That ain't no salesman. That's a deer hunter."

That's when her Pa said, "That's even more reason to get in the house for safety sake. And, I'll bring in the milk cow, too."

We are slowly getting settled into our new home. We even had our first overnight guests last weekend — Canby and May Bea Handy, from Platte City, Mo. We had a great time, eating BBQ brisket, playing cards, and catching up on our gabbing.

Our house in in pretty good order. Boxes unpacked. Have a lot of wall hangings up, but more to hang yet. It's now looking like a home, not a house.e

The garage is a mess, but after I get shelving bought, it'll begin to shape up.

Words of wisdom for the week: "Getting a college degree costs a fortune these days. But, getting that sheepskin does produce three very proud people — the student, his momma and his pauper."

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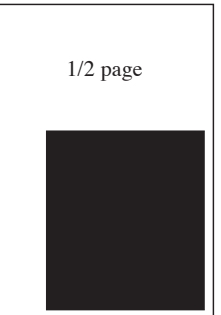
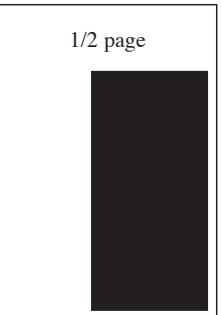
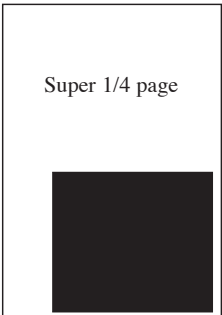
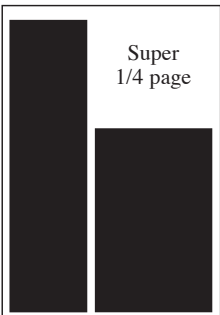
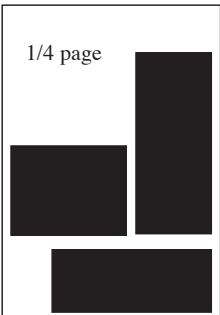
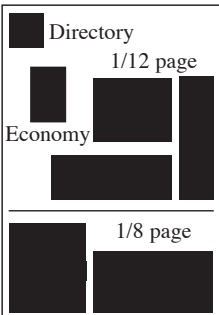
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It's time to defund and disband the United Nations

By BEN SHAPIRO
Editor Emeritus, The Daily Wire

Yesterday, the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, took to the floor of the United Nations to blame Israel for the murder of 1,500 of its own citizens and the kidnapping of another 200. He intoned:

Nothing can justify the deliberate killing, injuring and kidnapping of civilians — or the launching of rockets against civilian targets. All hostages must be treated humanely and released immediately and without conditions. I respectfully note the presence among us of members of their families. Excellencies, it is important to also recognize the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum. The Palestinian people have been subjected to 56 years of suffocating occupation.

This is, simply put, Jew-hatred. It is an apology for terrorism. It ignores reality — the vast majority of Palestinians live under direct Palestinian rule, whether Hamas in the Gaza Strip or the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. But worse than that, it reverses reality: It lays the blame for a genocidal mass slaughter of Jews, on the Jews.

Contextualizing mass murder is par for the course for the evil organization that is the United Nations.

Guterres didn't stop there. He blamed Hamas' perversities on settlements — meaning Jews building homes in the heartland of biblical Israel, Judea, and Samaria. Clearly, this somehow contextualizes mass rape and burning of babies.

He then drew equivalence between Hamas' Holocaust atrocities and Israeli military retaliation directed at terrorist targets:

Excellencies, Even war has rules. ... The relentless bombardment of Gaza by Israeli forces, the level of civilian casualties, and the wholesale destruction of neighborhoods continue to mount and are deeply alarming. ... Protecting civilians can never mean using them as human shields. Protecting civilians does not mean ordering more than one million people to evacuate to the south, where there

is no shelter, no food, no water, no medicine and no fuel, and then continuing to bomb the south itself. I am deeply concerned about the clear violations of international humanitarian law that we are witnessing in Gaza.

Yes, this is the supposed head of the international community likening military operations to terrorist ones, all in the name of international law and human rights. Disgusting.

And that's the point. If Guterres and the international community can somehow equate Israel with its terrorist enemies, they can achieve their goal: the survival of Hamas. Which is precisely what Guterres called for:

To ease epic suffering, make the delivery of aid easier and safer, and facilitate the release of hostages, I reiterate my appeal for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. ... Even in this moment of grave and immediate danger, we cannot lose sight of the only realistic foundation for a true peace and stability: a two-State solution.

A two-state solution? With whom, pray tell? Hamas? The terror-supporting Palestinian Authority? Islamic Jihad?

It doesn't matter. The end goal is clear: Stop Israel from defending itself. Perpetuate the so-called "cycle of violence."

Make it harder for Israel to survive. Continue the UN's mission to destroy the Jewish state.

The United Nations is a garbage heap of epic proportions. It's not merely a useless organization that costs the United States over \$12 billion per year, but it's also an epic failure of an organization that provides cover for the world's worst human rights abusers — and actively foments Jew-hatred and terrorism in the Middle East.

The United Nations General Assembly is dominated by nations that hate Israel and care little for human rights. That is why from 2015 to 2022, the UN General Assembly adopted 140 resolutions directed against Israel. It adopted one against North Korea, one against Afghanistan, zero against Venezuela, zero against Hamas, and zero against China. In fact, the rest of the world combined only

merited 68 resolutions of condemnation.

The UN's particular hatred for Israel has been a long-running theme.

That makes sense: Some 56 member nations are also members of the so-called Organization of Islamic Cooperation. But that means, the UN has served as the propaganda arm for Jew-haters all over the globe for decades. In 1975, at the behest of the Soviet Union, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution declaring Zionism — the political movement for a Jewish homeland — "racism," prompting the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, to declare that the UN had made anti-Semitism international law, and adding, "A great evil has been loosed upon the world."

Nothing in the nature of the UN has changed since.

The United Nations happens to have an entire department dedicated to the forwarding of anti-Israel propaganda and terrorism. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was founded in December 1949 with the purpose of dealing with refugees from the 1948 Israeli War of Independence — the Arab refugees, that is. The 800,000 Jews expelled from Arab and Muslim lands in the same time period were simply taken in by Israel. The UNRWA is, in fact, the only agency dedicated to one specific population. And it has helped keep that population in refugee camps for over 70 years.

The UNRWA is almost entirely staffed by Palestinian Arabs. It is a globally sponsored welfare organization, with 23,000 Palestinian Arab employees and just 100 UN professionals from elsewhere. The UNRWA has never condemned Hamas' agenda; it routinely hires members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

One of the UNRWA's chief tasks is running dozens of Palestinian schools. The UNRWA, as you might predict, then helps indoctrinate Palestinian Arab schoolchildren in Jew-hatred. According to a March report from United Nations Watch, the UNRWA has overseen the broad indoctrination of Palestinian

youths into such toxic and vile anti-Semitism. That report names 47 cases of incitement to violence by UNRWA staff; 133 UNRWA educators and staff who promote hate and violence on social media; and another 82 educators and staff involved in 30 UNRWA schools who create and distribute Jew-hating content to students.

For example, one reading comprehension exercise for ninth-graders at Al-Maghazi Middle School for Boys in the Gaza Strip celebrated the burning of a Jewish bus as a "barbecue party." Fifth-graders at the same school were taught that martyrdom and jihad are "the most important meanings of life."

This sort of stuff isn't uncommon by any stretch of the imagination in Palestinian schools run by the UNRWA. That's why Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas' political leader, is a UNRWA graduate. So is Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi, former Hamas chief. So is Ibrahim Maqadama, the mastermind behind Hamas' military structure.

Neither are UNRWA resources dedicated to helping terrorist groups directly. UNRWA vehicles have been used to transport terrorists and weapons — and that includes ambulances. UNRWA schools have been used by Hamas to store weapons. The UNRWA also helps promote Hamas front groups, including the Palestinian Return Center.

The Secretary General of the UN "contextualizes" Jew-hating mass murderers; the Biden administration tries to deter Iran; and the wheel of Republican speaker of the House candidates keeps on turning.

The UNRWA has been used by Hamas to cover its tunnels. Last November, the UNRWA protested the "man-made cavity" on the grounds of a UNRWA school, calling it a "serious violation of the Agency's neutrality." The statement, naturally, made no mention of Hamas. In 2021, Hamas prevented entry to an investigative team from the UN to a shaft built under a UNRWA school.

For all these reasons, the Trump administration cut off contributions from the U.S. to the UNRWA. Then President Biden,

in all his wisdom, restored hundreds of millions of dollars in funding — much of which, undoubtedly, went to Hamas. Over the course of two years, the administration gave the UNRWA some \$700 million.

This is why, back in February, Rep. Chip Roy of Texas called for the defunding of the UNRWA, noting, "UNRWA's lengthy and detailed history of promoting anti-Semitism, violence, and terrorism through 'educational' materials, and its continued ties to Hamas, should completely disqualify this corrupt entity from receiving any U.S. taxpayer funding."

It didn't happen.

And so it shouldn't be surprising that, after the October 7 massacre, many employees of the UNRWA went online to celebrate the mass Jew-murder.

The United Nations has never fulfilled its core mandate. The purpose of the UN was expressed in its Charter:

... to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

The United Nations was established, primarily by the United States, in the aftermath of World War II, in an attempt at creating a family of nations. It has been a disaster area ever since, serving more as a propaganda tool on behalf of third-world autocracies than the institution for defense of democracy that served as its initial mission.

The UN should be disbanded and defunded. The UN building should be fumigated and rededicated to something more useful — like manufacturing manure.

And never again should anyone pretend that the United Nations has the power of the moral high ground.

Missouri AG joins chorus on future of shuttering Tyson plants

The attorney general of Missouri is asking Tyson Foods Inc. to reconsider its planned closure of two poultry plants in his state and either keep the facilities open or sell them to any interested party, including a competitor.

Missouri AG Andrew Bailey cites the potential effect of the closing of plants in the towns of Dexter and Noel that Tyson announced in August as part of a cost-cutting effort that also will involve plants in North Little Rock, Ark., and Corydon, Ind. In a letter sent this week to Tyson CEO Donnie King, Bailey contends that the closings "will have a ripple effect that will harm more than just the individuals who will lose their factory jobs." He asks "how can a restaurant or grocery store in a town of 2,000

people expect to stay open when 1,500 people lose their jobs?" The plants are "critical to local communities," the letter notes.

Bailey added that U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) recently informed the protein giant that federal antitrust laws require Tyson to make every effort to sell the facilities, including to a competitor, adding that such an effort is covered by both federal and state regulations. Hawley announced last month that King told him that Tyson was willing to sell the two Missouri plants, although the company has not released any public statements on the issue. AG Bailey also added in his letter that he welcomes the opportunity to speak with King to "discuss this matter."

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Shepherd's Pie: A good fall or winter recipe for your crew

Made and reviewed
by CHARLOTTE ANGELL
Rated by JON ANGELL
For The Advocate

Jon's Critique: This one was very different from other shepherd pies I have had. Our family ran the scale of hating it, to indifferent, to myself that thought it was good, not great.



Emily, not a pea eater, didn't like it at all picked around the peas like a toddler. How embarrassing, but upon finishing I was rewarded with her extra peas.

Charlotte, said it was okay, but a lot of work. She thought it looked good but didn't see herself cooking it again.

I however, thought it tasted very good and looked really cool. I liked the pea and carrot mixture with the gravy and hamburger. The slices of potato were just fine. In fact... I have never really cared for sweet potato too much.

The sweet potato in this dish was tolerable and I didn't mind eating them at all this way.

Not a favorite for sure, but this might be a good Fall or Winter

recipe to try for your crew. It's best attribute is that it looks really neat, and I thought it tasted plenty good enough. Remember, "you eat with your eyes first."

This beauty is halfway to being good at first sight. Give it a try if you dare.

Shepherd's Pie with Potato Crust *Southern Living Best Fall Recipes 2022*

Filling

- 1 ½ lb. lean ground chuck
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 3 Tbsp. Butter
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- 1 ½ cups chopped carrots
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 2 ½ tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 ½ cups fresh or frozen English peas

Crust

- 2 sweet potatoes (about 1 ½ lb.), peeled and very thinly sliced
- 2 large Yukon gold potatoes (about 1 ½ lb.), peeled and very thinly sliced
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- Additional ingredient
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh flat-leaf

parsley

Prepare Filling: Cook ground chuck in hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high, stirring occasionally, 8 minutes or until crumbled and no longer pink. Add wine and tomato paste, and cook, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes or until wine is completely evaporated. Remove mixture from skillet, and drain. Wipe skillet clean.

Melt butter in skillet over medium-high. Add onion and carrots, and sauté 4 to 5 minutes or until slightly browned and tender. Add garlic, and cook, stirring constantly, 30 seconds. Stir in flour, and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Stir in broth, and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce

heat to medium; stir in Worcestershire sauce and next 4 ingredients. Simmer 10 minutes or until thickened. Stir in peas and beef mixture. Remove from heat.

Prepare Crust: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Microwave sweet potatoes and ¼ cup water in a microwave-safe bowl covered with plastic wrap at HIGH 5 minutes. Repeat procedure with Yukon gold potatoes.

Arrange about two-thirds of potato slices, edges slightly overlapping, in a lightly greased (with cooking spray) 9-inch deep-dish pie plate, covering bottom and sides. Spoon in the filling. Arrange remaining potato slices, edges slightly overlapping, over the filling. Brush potatoes with



melted butter.

Bake in a 375 degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Increase oven temperature to broil and broil 2 to 3 minutes or until the potatoes are golden brown and crispy. Sprinkle with chopped fresh parsley.

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Ex-beef facility opens as first new hog plant in Canada in 20 years

North 29 Foods Ltd. recently opened the first federally inspected sow harvest and processing plant in Western Canada since 2003 that eventually will bring 200 jobs to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The division of a company already operating as Thunder Creek Pork Inc. spent an estimated \$60 million to transform a former JBS/XL Foods beef plant into a state-of-the art facility that is expected to process 225,000 sows annually. The new plant will reduce the need to ship sows to U.S.-based facilities for processing, which also will reduce concerns on cross-border livestock controls, animal welfare issues and the spread of infectious diseases, according to a

report of the opening in Moose Jaw Today.

The plant developers received a C\$5 million loan from the federal prairie investment and development ministry, PrairiesCanada, and an additional \$1 million grant to install a special cull line to better manage infectious disease outbreaks.

North 49 Foods parent company, Donald's Fine Foods, reportedly also donated \$50,000 each to the Moose Jaw Health Foundation and the Moose Jaw & District Food Bank as part of the grand opening festivities late last week. The local food bank has seen client usage increase by 39% compared with results in the same period in 2022, officials added.

Colorado earmarks up to \$6 million for small farmers, meat markets

Small food retailers and family farmers in Colorado can now apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to expand access to healthy food in low income and underserved areas of the state.

The Small Food Business Recovery & Resilience Grants, offered by the Community Food Access program at the Colorado Department of Agriculture, are available for meat markets, carnicerías and small farmers, among others.

The funds can cover costs

related to equipment, operating expenses, storage and more. A complete list is available on the program website.

"This grant aims to lower prices of healthy food and increase its availability in low income and underserved areas of Colorado by helping small food retailers and small family farms invest in their capacity to provide healthy food," said Mickey Davis, the program's manager.

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E & A Belgian & Cattle Farm, Curryville, MO

110 Bred Heifers – This fancy, fancy set of commercial black Angus heifers have been through the complete Show Me Select Program in conjunction with the E & A Belgian & Cattle Farms’ Heifer Development Program. E & A utilizes strategic nutrition and health. Heifers have all been on a complete health program, Vira Shield 6-VL5, 8-way blackleg, multimin, Long Range Dewormer, pink eye vac with M. Bovis & M. Bovoculi, Lepto booster and will have their first round of Scourbos. Heifers were all tract scored and pelvic measured. Heifers were all synchronized and bull bred for a tight calving window. Our bulls originate from Meyer Cattle Company, Bowling Green, MO and Mead Farms, Versailles, MO. E & A uses above average Angus bulls. EPDs such as top 1% calving ease, top 1% \$M, top 1% \$C, top 2% \$W, top 10% for WW and YW. All heifers are sourced locally from top producers. They are born, bred and raised on good ole Missouri fescue, developed to thrive in our local environment. E & A heifers must all pass a disposition test and are known to have moderate sized calves that grow really, really good. Heifers are known to milk very well. Heifers have been ultrasound and will be in a tight calving window.

Heifers will start calving around February 4th. Heifers will be commercial Black Angus except for 8 head which will be commercial Red Angus. All Heifers will have a B.C.S. of 5 or 6. E & A Belgian & Cattle Farms offers a bred heifer guarantee, meaning if you buy a heifer and she does not calve, E & A will replace her with a bred female or credit you for the heifer. What an opportunity to invest in a truly Elite Program that offers, truly, truly, elite fancy, fancy replacements that E & A Belgian & Cattle Farms consistently produces. Bid with confidence here.

5 fancy first calf heifer pairs – These will be commercial Angus heifers. Two were part of the E & A Belgian & Cattle Farm heifer development program in conjunction with the Show Me Select Program. Three were purchased at EMCC as bred heifer. They all calved in late August and early September. Calves will have one complete round of shots – Express Five, 8-way Blackleg. Calves will be castrated. The heifers are great milkers and will be up to date on all shots. Calves and Heifers will have corresponding ear tags. Here is your chance to buy some nice young pairs and all the work is done.

Jonathan Shrock, Middletown MO

60 Bred heifers - These heifers will all be black hided native North Missouri heifers. All these heifers bred AI first cycle with NO clean up bulls making these females naturally very fertile, more productive and profitable for the commercial cattleman. The AI sire is a Hoover Dam son; CCR Boulder 1339A (ASA 2880390). He is a SimAngus one of ABS’s most popular sire across all breeds – black, polled, and a long-proven history of both calving ease and growth. They are due to calve February 13. Tract Score and Pelvic Measured was done by Dr. Neal Martin. These heifers will have their pre-bred shots and one round of Scourbos.

Richards Farm, Keytesville, MO

30 head commercial Angus bred heifers - Western Origin heifers are AI sired by Connealy Angus Bulls and originating from the Chris Venton Ranch in Western Nebraska. Heifers are AI bred to sons of Deer Valley Optium 9246 and will start calving February 10th. Acclimated to Fescue hay and Fescue pasture for over a year. Pelvic measured and reproductive tract scored. Heifers will be up to date and current on all worming, pouring and vaccinations. Purina mineral program. These heifers are the product of a proven breeding program. Every heifer here is part of an entire group that achieved a 94% conception rate. Based on customer feedback from heifers sold last year, 95% bred back to calve as 3 year olds. All of these heifers were qualified for the National Angus Link Program.

Bill Motley, Fayette, MO

43 Black heifers, sourced from two reputation herds in Central Missouri. They are bred to low-birth weight Angus Bulls. Heifers have been ultrasound and will calve in a tight window and will start calving February 8th. These heifers were bred and developed on Mid-Missouri grass. They are in good condition and have had little feed.

Tyler Wassman, Boonville, MO

10 black heifers All shots, pelvic measured, 1 round of scour shot (guardian) AI to black Simmental called Broad Range from select sires and then put a black Sim-Angus bull from Lucas Cattle Company with them for cleanup AI heifers start calving February 12th and bull bred done calving May 10th Hand fed everyday

Kuma Cattle Company, Lennox, IA

40 – AI Red Angus Heifers. AI to Beiber CL Energize F121 and to start calving February 18th. Heifers originated from Sid Thurston Ranch, Hyannis NE. Heifers are super quiet, gentle and fescue adapted

Thomas Oberholtzer, Memphis, MO

40 Black heifers approximately 1150 pounds. 18 confirmed AI to Baldridge Movin-On. These for a February 18th calving date. Balance bred to calving ease black Angus Bulls for 65 days. Received Vista 5 VL5 and Calvary 9 and were pelvic measured and tract scored pre-breeding. Northern Missouri origin, hand fed and gentle. Hot wire broke. Will have received the first scour shot.

Ted Prehn, Jerseyville, IL

10 black first calf heifers. Bred to an Angus bull, calving ease to start calving March 1st

Ed Miller, Moberly, MO

9 AI bred Black Heifers. These home-raised heifers were picked out of a group of 65-2022 spring calves, presently weighing between 1100 to 1200 pounds. AI to Synergy and Hickok Angus bulls doe to calve February 3rd. These heifers have been rotationally grazed all summer and have a great disposition.

2 year old black bull (55J)– sire by 2018 Grand Champion bull at the Missouri State Fair, which has also sired the 2023 Grand Champion. This bull is a calving ease bull with a birth weight of 72 pounds and a CED score of 13.0. A very thick made bull with a great disposition.

Garth Gatson, Vandalia, MO

22 Red Heifer Pairs – These red first calf heifers have fall-born Red Angus sired calves at side. They are up to date on their health protocol, supplemented to maintain appropriate body condition, and have not been exposed back to bulls. They have been culled extensively for disposition and trained for quiet handling.

Greg & Garth Gatson, Vandalia, MO

9 Red Pairs – These home-raised red cows have early-fall Red Angus sired calves at side. Seven of the nine cows are 3-year-olds, along with one 4-year-old and one 7-year-old. They are up to date on their health protocol, supplemented to maintain appropriate body condition, and have not been exposed back to bulls. This is a very quiet, easy going set of cows.

Marble Ridge Farms, New Haven, MO

27 - Registered Angus Bred cows. Born April 2021, Bred to full blood Wagyu bull 18 -Angus Cows out of Musgrave's Angus. Born June 2021. Bred to full blood Wagyu Most of the bred cows will in the 1st and 2nd stage with a few 3rds

Mike and Stacey Magruder, Shelbina, MO

14 - 3-year-old cows coming with their second calf. Every heifer has calved unassisted and raised a big calf. To start calving February 7th for a 90 day calving period. 12 head will be Red Cows and 2 will be yellow bred to fancy Red Angus bulls

Lane Cox, Kirksville, MO

40 blk 3 and 4 year olds Angus Cows bred to blk sim Angus bulls. Start calving February 15. These are showy calves Losing pasture.

Gary Linnenbringer, Auxvasse, MO

17 Mixed Cows and running ages, running with a Pharos bull and Angell-Thomas Charolais Bulls
6 pairs – young cows, they have not been exposed.
Gary is retiring and dispersing his herd

S & J Cattle, Liberty, IL

6 Registered Red Angus Bulls. Age advantaged virgin bulls. Low BW epds. Papers in hand. All bulls are out of Bieber Red Angus genetics.
10 red angus/red angus cross pairs. 5/6 years olds.
5 are crossbred and out of sydenstricker bulls. While 5 will be purebred red angus pairs.

Lovell Family Herefords, Colmar, IL

2 registered Polled Hereford bulls, 16 and 14 months old. Bulls have good dispositions and are super sound, calving ease, and out of moderate, productive cows with great udders. They are ready for fall turnout and up to date on shots, dewormed, and semen checked

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