

April-June 2017

(April 6 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Congressman Kevin Yoder joined Greg Akagi on the Ag Issues program. They discussed effort in Congress to rein in a flurry of regulations put in place during the Obama administration, including the controversial Waters of the U.S. Rule. Yoder also said he was monitoring Farm Bill discussions, although he does not serve on the Agriculture Committee.

(April 12 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Sam Clovis, agricultural adviser to President Trump, talked about some of Trump's priorities affecting agriculture. Topping the list: NAFTA renegotiations and money for agriculture and conservation programs. Clovis said Trump is likely to propose steep cuts in the USDA budget, but it's Congress that will have the final say.

(April 18 - Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

David Clawson, Clark County rangers and the President of the Kansas Livestock Association, gave us an update on efforts to rebuild ranches devastated by wildfires in early March. Clawson said a major relief effort is underway to ranchers replace thousands of miles of fence that were destroyed.

(April 27 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Meteorologist Dan Holiday looked at current and projected weather patterns for Kansas. Holiday said the remainder of April and May should be wet in most areas, but he also expressed concerns about an emerging drought in the Northern Plains and the possibility a high pressure ridge will set up in the southwestern U.S. and expand into the Plains during the summer.

(May 1 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Aaron Harries commented on the state's wheat crop ahead of the three day Hard Red Winter Wheat Quality Tour through Kansas and neighboring states. Harries provided a number of reports from the tour that aired through the week, including the groups final estimate for Kansas wheat production.

(May 2– Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue stopped in Kansas City for a hastily arranged Agriculture Summit. Greg Akagi was there and provided our audience with the comments Perdue made during his appearance. More than 500 ag producers and other were in attendance.

(May 5 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

In studio guests were two rural State Representatives, Don Hineman from Dighton and Larry Hibbard from Toronto. Both are moderate republicans and commented on efforts by the legislature to increase revenue and provide more money for schools.

(May 25 - Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Outgoing Kansas Animal Health Commissioner Bill Brown was our guest on the program. Brown has been instrumental in establishing an Animal Health Traceability program in Kansas. He commented on how that program is operating and some of the obstacles he's faced.

(June 5 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Roger McEowen, the Kansas Farm Bureau Professor and Agricultural Law and Taxation at the Washburn University School of Law, commented on the legal issues surrounding damage from Dicamba herbicide. Most of the damage has been to soybeans in several Midwest and southern states.

Dicamba was developed to help deal with the growing problem of herbicide resistance.

(June 15 – Ag Issues 6-6:30 am)

Kent Baccus, Director of Legislative Affairs with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, commented on the group's Washington agenda. Baccus says NCBA wants to strengthen the Livestock Indemnity program to better help cattlemen impact by natural disasters, such as the cattle killed during Kansas wildfires this spring.