

This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac

Week of January 1, 2024

Agriculture and Community Wellbeing

Farms and farmers have always had a strong connection to local communities. Nebraska Extension Rural Prosperity Educator Marilyn Schlake talks about research findings and the correlation between the ag industry and rural communities. 4:22

Developing an Estate and Business Transition Plan - Part 1

An essential part of making sure your farm assets is taken care of after a retirement or death is a solid plan. Scottsbluff attorney and ranch co-owner Pamela Epp-Olsen talks about starting the process of an estate transition plan. 4:43

2024 Farm Bill Discussion

In November, Congress included a one-year extension of the 2018 Farm Bill as part of a broader funding bill to keep the government open through early 2024. Nebraska Extension Ag Policy Specialist Brad Lubben says farmers still need to make decisions regarding their risk management plans. 4:41

Developing an Estate and Business Transition Plan - Part 2

Assembling a team of professionals to help develop an estate and business transition plan is critical. Scottsbluff attorney and ranch co-owner Pamela Epp-Olsen talks about what it takes to formulate a good estate transition plan. 4:28

Safe Winter Storage of Yard and Garden Chemicals

it's important to store pesticide products properly to prevent contamination and maintain product effectiveness for next year. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech talks about what you need to do to store your home pesticides products safely for the winter. 4:11

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Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS)

Nebraska Extension offers a program to help crop producers do experimentation and research of their own to discover better ways to grow our food. Nebraska Extension Educator Chuck Burr discusses the TAPS program and how it helps farmers grow food more efficiently and cost effectively. 4:33

2024 Hands-On Calving Workshops

With calving season coming up, Nebraska Extension is offering a workshop for cattle producers with tips and techniques to help newborn calves get off to the right start. Extension Educator Lyndsay Waechter-Mead talks about the hands-on workshops coming up January 18th and 19th in Sidney and Curtis, Nebraska. 4:29

Johne's Disease

Johne's disease is a slow presenting illness that can greatly affect cattle performance. Extension Educator and veterinarian Lyndsay Waechter-Mead talks about the symptoms of the disease and offers some tips to help ranchers avoid it. 4:52

Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health Among Producers

Everyone needs help now and then, but for ranchers and farmers sometimes the stigma of asking for help prevents them from getting relief during stressful times. Nebraska Extension Educator Wayde Pickinpaugh talks about the importance of mental health in the farming community. 4:30

Soybean Seed Selection

Researching past soybean crop disease problems is a good place to start when determining what type of seed to plant for the new season. Nebraska Extension Plant Pathologist Dylan Mangel talks about why starting with disease resistant soybean seeds is critical to avoiding disease problems next season. 4:19

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Week of January 15, 2024

Winter Cattle Yard Preparation Checklist - Part 1

As cold air grips the state, it's important you make plans for cattle health as they endure the winter weather. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator Alfredo DiConstanzo talks about making sure your equipment and facilities are ready. 4:26

2024 Women in Agriculture Conference

The Nebraska Women in Agriculture Conference will return to Kearney Feb. 22-23, 2024. Jennifer Hill, Nebraska Extension Women in Ag Program Assistant talks about this year's agenda and what attendees can expect at the conference. 4:21

Winter Beef Nutrition

Ensuring better performance from your cows before calving season means examining their nutritional needs. Former Nebraska Extension Range Cow Production System Specialist Travis Mulliniks talks about what producers should be focusing on before calving season. 4:29

Winter Mulch, Watering and Antitranspirants

Protecting your trees this winter is important to helping them survive colder temperatures. Nebraska Extension Educator Elizabeth Exstrom talks about mulching, watering and applying antitranspirants to help your trees for the next growing season. 4:33

Winter Cattle Yard Preparation Checklist - Part 2

Extreme temperatures this winter can affect your cattle's performance and, in some situations, contributes to poor health. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator Alfredo DiConstanzo talks about understanding when it's time to call the vet as well as snow removal for more efficient operations. 4:34

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Week of January 22, 2024

Getting Ready for Calving Season

Producers getting ready for calving season need to pay special attention to cow's nutrition and body condition. Nebraska Extension Animal Health Specialist Becky Funk says during the last stages of pregnancy, cow's nutritional needs become more important especially during the late winter and early spring. 4:08

2024 Land Application Training

Nebraska Extension is offering certification in manure land application for the upcoming season. Nebraska Animal Manure Management Extension Educator Leslie Johnson says there will be plenty of educational opportunities for attendees as training dates are scheduled across the state. 4:45

2024 Beef Roundtable Discussions

Beef Producers are encouraged to attend the 2024 Beef Roundtable series being held at three locations in February. Nebraska Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist Jessica Sperber says attendees will hear about new research, marketing, and technology in feedlot nutrition. 4:28

Read The Label

Garden center pesticides and fungicides can be helpful to control insects, weeds, and diseases next spring in your home landscape. Nebraska Extension Educator Sarah Browning says to ensure the best results, gardeners should always read the label for amounts and application techniques. 4:31

Windbreaks for Protection and Snow Diversion

A good windbreak will help protect your livestock during cold and blustery days. Former Nebraska Extension Educator Brad Schick talks about several techniques to help your cattle survive bitter cold winds. 4:48

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2024 Farm Bill Difficulties

Every time a farm bill comes up for debate, there seems to be plenty of non-farming issues that makes it very difficult to get passed. Extension Policy Specialist Brad Lubben talks about some of the reasons the 2018 farm bill has been extended and why new legislation is still being debated. 4:10

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Farmers and ranchers have several educational opportunities coming up in February. Nebraska Extension will be offering numerous workshops in coming weeks that will focus on women in agriculture, the farm bill and many other topics. 4:41

Cow Nutrition Considerations at Calving and Early Lactation

Stressed cows can perform poorly, especially during calving season. Nebraska Extension Educator Troy Walz says producers should have a solid nutrition plan in place that focuses on stress situations when their cow's nutritional needs are critical. 4:19

Preparing for the Calving Season

Nebraska Extension Educator Aaron Berger says producers should begin the process of calving by reviewing their current equipment and supplies. 4:25

Raccoon Management

Raccoons can be a very damaging animal pest and they are known for carrying several diseases that can be passed on to humans. Nebraska Extension Specialist Dennis Ferraro talks about raccoon management and control. 4:24

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Week of February 5, 2024

Preparation Reminders for Calving season

Are your calving supplies in place and ready to go? Nebraska Extension Beef Educator and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Lindsay Waechter-Mead says it's a good time for producers to gather what they'll need to help newborn calves get off to the right start.

4:56

2024 LEAD Program Highlights

The ag industry in Nebraska has relied on the LEAD program to help develop tomorrow's leaders. Nebraska LEAD Program Director Terry Hejny discusses recent activities and highlights of this year's LEAD program.

4:32

When To Call the Vet When Calving

Most of the time, ranchers can handle the problems that come up during calving but in certain situations, a call to the vet is needed. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Lindsay Waechter-Mead talks about when producers should call the vet for help.

4:17

Developing A Beef Breeding Plan

The right bull can make a world of difference in your breeding program. Nebraska Extension Beef Genetics Specialist Matt Spangler encourages producers to think about what they intend to do with calves before selecting bulls with favorable traits.

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Calf Problems

Not all cows will have easy births this calving season. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Lindsay Waechter-Mead talks about helping calves who have had difficult births or are showing signs of struggling.

4:18

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Week of February 12, 2024

Optimizing Nitrogen Applications With An Online Management Tool

Efficient application of nitrogen will benefit farmers from time, material and money savings as well as controlling the amount that could become problematic for the environment. Extension Educator Laura Thompson talks about an online management tool that helps producers apply nitrogen more efficiently. 4:20

Strategic Planning for Farmers and Ranchers

Any operation with a solid long-term mission and goals will ultimately be better prepared for future issues whether it be boom or bust. Center for Ag Profitability Director Larry Van Tassel shares some tips for producers to consider when it comes to strategic planning. 4:31

Foreign Land Ownership Bills

An issue making national headlines is being examined by the state legislature here in Nebraska. Two bills were introduced that looks to restrict foreign ag land ownership. Extension Ag Law Specialist Dave Aiken talks about what could happen if either bill is signed into law. 4:48

Ag Budget Calculator

Some of the biggest expenditures on any operation will be equipment operation, upkeep or upgrading. Extension Farm and Ranch Analyst Glennis McClure talks about a program developed by the Center for Ag Profitability that helps producers easily figure out their machinery costs and compares it to what costs would be if they upgraded. 4:42

Managing Muddy Feedlots

Recent snows have turned into lots of moisture in our soils which isn't necessarily a bad thing unless you own a feedlot. Muddy conditions could cause any number of problems with cattle. Extension Beef Educator Alfredo Diconstanzo offers a few insights as to what producers can do when things get sloppy. 4:58

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Week of February 19, 2024

Upcoming Nebraska Extension Workshops

Several workshops and seminars are coming up in March. Extension is offering certification for pesticide applicators as well as manure management professionals. Additionally, there are upcoming seminars on the latest research findings and soil health. The Center for Ag Profitability is also offering multiple workshops focusing on the farm bill. 4:16

Winter Tetany in Beef Cattle

Grass Tetany is considered a problem that usually occurs when cattle are eating lush green grass or cereal forage. Nebraska Extension Beef Systems Specialist Mary Drewnowski says it can also occur over the winter when cattle are being fed harvested forages. 4:39

Spring Annual Forages

With spring not far off, now is the time to start planning and thinking about any spring annual forages you want to plant. Nebraska Extension Range and Forage Specialist Jerry Volesky says there are plenty of options including the traditional planting of oats.

Colostrum 101

The first milk or colostrum for a newborn calf is extremely important. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator and Doctor of Vet Medicine, Lyndsay Waechter-Mead talks about why that first feeding of colostrum is so important. 4:54

Paying Family Members on the Farm or Ranch

Successfully bringing additional family members into the operation may require some creativity as all parties need to maintain a viable standard of living. Nebraska Extension Ag Economist Jessica Groskopf talks about making sure family employees are compensated for their efforts on the family farm. 4:37

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Week of February 26, 2024

Underground Irrigation Testing and Adjustment

If you have an underground sprinkler system installed in your lawn, you might need to take a few moments to do some testing this spring to make sure the system is running efficiently. Nebraska Extension Educators John Fech and Ian Peterson discuss how to properly test and adjust your system. 4:28

African Violet Selection and Basic Care

Colorful houseplants and flowers can brighten up any home during the winter months. Nebraska Extension Associate Educator Scott Evans talks about selections of African Violets and how to care for them. 4:02

Managing Postpartum in Cows for a Successful Breeding Season

After calving, producers need to start thinking about how to manage cows during the early postpartum phase for a successful breeding season. Extension Cow-Calf Specialist Kacie McCarthy talks about key issues for producers to keep in mind. 4:19

Beef Cattle Inventory Report

Recent numbers have shown the total cattle numbers in the US herd are down. But Texas A&M Ag Economist David Anderson says that's not necessarily problematic. He talks about the USDA Beef Cattle Inventory report on today's Almanac. 4:33

Spring Mower Maintenance

As we move into warmer weather in the state, many homeowner's attention will turn to their lawn. Your lawn mower has been sitting for months and may need some tinkering in order to get it started and ready for the season. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech offers a few tips to getting your mower started for the first time. 4:16

This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac

Week of March 4, 2024

Wildfire Resources

Several agencies will be on hand for a discussion on recovery from the recent wildfires in central Nebraska. The meeting will be held March 12th at the West Central Research, Extension and Education center in North Platte. 4:44

2024 Commodity Market Outlook

Volatile grain markets are nothing new to Nebraska Farmers. On today's Almanac, Global Commodities Analytics President Mike Zuzulo talks about key factors that could affect this year's prices.

4:39

Pre-Planting Planter Maintenance

Making sure your planter is properly maintained and ready to go is critical to planting success. Nebraska Extension Engineer Paul Jasa talks about inspecting and making sure your planter is ready for the season. 4:07

MGA Feeding for 18 Days

On today's program Extension Beef Cattle Reproductive Physiologist Rick Funston discusses MGA feed protocols for estrus synchronization and response with artificial insemination.

4:27

Preparations to Make When Scheduling and Delivering Beef for Processing

Filling up your freezer with beef is a great way to save money and enjoy beef year-round. Nebraska Extension Meat Specialist Jordan Wicks talks about beef processing and delivery both from a consumer and producer viewpoint. 4:35

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Week of March 11, 2024

2024 Buy Fresh, Buy Local Membership Drive

A program offered by the University aims to bridge the gap among producers, sellers and buyers seeking foods grown in the Cornhusker state. Nebraska Extension Cooperative Development Center Director Charlotte Narjes talks about the membership drive for Buy Fresh, Buy Local. 4:10

Nebraska Elite 11 Program

To help bolster the shortage of large animal veterinarians in the state, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is offering financial assistance to Nebraska students pursuing degrees in Animal or Veterinary Science. At a recent press conference with Governor Jim Pillen, CASNR Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss discussed the program and encouraged incoming students to be a part of it. 4:15

Spring Annual Forages

It's not too early to begin thinking about planting spring forages. Nebraska Extension Range and Forage Specialist Jerry Volesky talks about what options producers have and how to anticipate the need for extra feed. 4:05

Veterinarian Shortage and Solutions in Rural Nebraska

There is a nationwide shortage of veterinarians and certified vet techs in rural areas, and it's even worse when it comes to care for large animals. Dr. Larry Marshall from the Bertrand Veterinary Clinic says a program from the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources is designed to meet that need. 4:36

Retained Placenta in Beef Cows

Retained placenta is rare in most cow herds but is seen with difficult births. Nebraska Extension Veterinarian and Beef Educator Lyndsay Waechter-Mead says producers should be mindful of a cow's condition and extra nutrition needs during and after pregnancy. 4:32

This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac

Week of March 18, 2024

Climate Resilient Landscapes

Weird weather in Nebraska isn't something out of the ordinary. Having a home landscape that can withstand some of our wild swings in temperature and precipitation will mean a lot less management problems. UNL Director for Landscape Services Jeff Culbertson talks about a climate resilient landscape.

4:53

Chasing the Elusive Second Calf

First time heifers can sometimes experience problems getting pregnant a second time. Extension Cow/Calf Specialist Karla Wilke discusses some of the reasons why getting a new heifer pregnant can be tricky.

4:49

Managing Bovine Congestive Heart Failure Part 1

Even the best cattle on the best feedlot can experience a congested heart. UNL veterinarian Brian Vander Ley talks about bovine congestive heart failure and some of the indicators that point to this condition in cattle.

4:30

Managing Bovine Congestive Heart Failure Part 2

There are some genetic indicators that might predict if your cattle will suffer from congested heart failure. UNL veterinarian Brian Vander Ley says there are also other factors that could lead to the condition and talks about what producers can do about it.

4:37

What Makes an Insect a Pest?

We think of insect pests as an annoyance and in need of control. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green says what we think of as pests may just be insects that are out of place. She says all insects serve a purpose, but when they're invading our homes and gardens they can become a pest.

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Week of March 25, 2024

Vitamin A and Calf Health

Newborn calves need a healthy dose of vitamin A to help fight off bacterial infections. Nebraska Extension Beef Systems Specialist Mary Drewnoski talks about the process of proper feeding and timing to get the vitamin into calves. 4:24

Legislative Bill to Reduce Synthetic Fertilizers

Nebraska farmers could receive incentives for reducing their synthetic, commercial fertilizer use. LB1368 introduced by State Senator Theresa Ibach would help farmers choose more organic methods of fertilization, conserving land and water for future generations. 4:29

Heifer Replacement

Replacing females in the beef cow herd plays a pivotal role in a sustainable and profitable in cow-calf operations. Nebraska Extension Livestock Educator T.L. Meyer talks about making good decisions while looking at costs and potential returns. 4:08

2024 Backyard Farmer Garden

A popular destination on UNL's East Campus is the Backyard Farmer Garden. Nebraska Extension Educator Terri James says there's always plants in bloom and it has a large selection of vegetables to check out and perhaps try in your own home garden. 4:13

Weak Calf Syndrome

Getting your calves off to the right start can be quite challenging. Veterinarian and Nebraska Extension Beef Educator Lyndsay Waechter-Mead talks about that producers need to understand about weak calve syndrome. 4:55

January 5, 2024

These features and scripts are also available for download at:

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	PROBATE FEES (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	For people who have a will, probate fees are something that will have to be dealt with after their passing. K-State and Washburn law professor, Roger McEowen, discusses what probate fees are and factors that need to be followed when going through the process.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	KANSAS WEATHER IN 2023 (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas experienced a large variety of weather conditions in 2023, like it does many years. K-State assistant state climatologist, Matt Sittel, recaps a few of the key events that took place in the state. He begins by reviewing the drought and says when in the year it was extremely bad.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	WINTER CANOLA IN THE COLD (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Winterkill can be a concern for many crop producers when the temperatures drop significantly. K-State canola breeder, Mike Stamm, discusses what makes a winter canola plant most prepared to survive cold temperatures and how people can test if their plant is still alive. He says how established the crop should be to have its best chance.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	RACCOON MANAGEMENT (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Raccoons can cause issues for people in rural and urban settings. K-State wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, discusses characteristics of the species and a few ways they can be controlled. He explains why people are likely to have a problem with raccoons.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	MUNGBEANS IN KANSAS (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Mungbeans have been a crop that Ignacio Ciampitti has been researching with his colleagues at Kansas State University. This K-State farm systems specialist explains what a mungbean is and what it could provide to Kansas producers.		

January 12, 2024
K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	FROZEN POND SAFETY (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	<i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	Frozen ponds can be fun but also dangerous to be around. K-State fisheries and aquatics Extension specialist, Joe Gerken, discusses what people need to test before getting on a frozen pond and what issues it can create for livestock. Gerken explains how many inches of ice at minimum a pond should have.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	KIDDING SEASON PREP (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	<i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	Having supplies prepared for birthing season is vital for livestock producers. K-State diversified agriculture agent in the Wildcat District, Adaven Rohling, reviews things goat producers should have ready to go when kidding season begins. She starts with why a bulb syringe is useful.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	SHARE/LEASE CATTLE (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	<i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	Cattle producers might choose to enter into lease agreements with their livestock. K-State beef specialist, Sandy Johnson, reviews different options people have if they're wanting to start an arrangement with someone else. She mentions two available options.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	FARM FINANCES ONLINE CLASS (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	<i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	Learning about finances and how they can impact a business is valuable for owners. K-State farm analyst, LaVell Winsor, talks about an online class from K-State agricultural economics titled Finances and the Farm. She explains what this self-paced, revamped class provides to participants.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	WOMEN MANAGING THE FARM (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	<i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	In February, the Women Managing the Farm Conference will be celebrating its 20 th year. K-State agriculture economist, Robin Reid, covers a few of the details about the conference with a preview of the workshops that will be taking place. She explains how the theme for this year fits with the conference's goals.		

January 19, 2024
K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	HYPOTHERMIA (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Cold weather for young calves can be dangerous and possibly fatal. K-State veterinarian, Gregg Hanzlicek, shares about when calves start using more energy and ways to help warm a calf up. He explains when hypothermia is the biggest concern for cattle producers' stock.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	HAULING CATTLE IN THE COLD (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Transporting livestock in unfavorable conditions can sometimes be avoided but when it can't be there are a few things this K-State Extension beef veterinarian encourages people to keep in mind. A.J. Tarpoff explains work that should be done to the facilities before trying to load the livestock.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	TREE CARE IN THE WINTER (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Trees still need cared for and protected during the winter months. Kansas Forest Service's Matt Norville mentions what issues trees encounter in the colder months and how people can help combat them. Making sure the salts used to melt ice aren't harming trees is the first aspect he discusses.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	WATER IN KANSAS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Water is a vital resource for producers and the state of Kansas. Director of the Kansas Water Institute at K-State, Susan Metzger, explains the aquifer in Kansas and what it provides to its users. She also discusses the organizations that are working together to hopefully make it a feasible resource in the future.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	SWINE PROFITABILITY CONFERENCE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	The Kansas State University's swine team has been putting on the Swine Profitability conference for many years and continues to in 2024. K-State swine specialist, Joel DeRouchey, talks about what the goals of the conference are and what attendees hopefully get from it.		

January 26, 2024

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	FERTILIZER RESEARCH FUND (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	When people buy fertilizer in Kansas a very small portion of the money goes back to the Fertilizer Research Fund. Director of the Kansas Water Institute at K-State, Susan Metzger, explains how the fund works and what it provides back to producers. She says how the fertilizer fund is operated.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	2024 ALFALFA SCHOOL (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	K-State and the Kansas Forage and Grassland Council saw that producers were wanting to learn more about their alfalfa. K-State wheat production specialist, Romulo Lollato, discusses a school they are putting on together for producers.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	KARL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program at Kansas State University is accepting applications for its next class. President of KARL, Jill Zimmerman, discusses the program, who she recommends apply and the capstone experiences. She begins by explaining how KARL started.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	PRUNING TREES (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	All serious arborists utilize pruning to nurture the growth and success of their trees. Kansas Forest Service, Community Forestry Program Coordinator, Matt Norville, examines how a little trimming and thinning can not only better the well-being of trees, but set them up for success in the long haul.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	LEAVING WILDLIFE ALONE (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Leaving wildlife alone in harsh weather conditions proves to be important for the safety of Kansas creatures and citizens alike. K-State wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, discusses how wildlife prepare for the cold weather and take care of themselves when it arrives. He explains why it's best to let nature look after itself.			

February 2, 2024
K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	CATTLE & COLD STRESS (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Given recent below-freezing temperatures and large amounts of snow fall, cold stress became a big concern for Kansas ranchers and their cowherds. K-State beef Extension specialist, Justin Waggoner, gives his insight into maintaining not only healthy cattle, but an on-track heifer development program as well.</p>		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
5	FSA LOAN PROGRAM (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Considering modern start-up costs in agriculture, the Down Payment Farm Ownership Program, from the Farm Service Agency, serves as a useful tool for qualifying producers seeking financial assistance. Kansas FSA Farm Loan Chief, Josh Ridder, gives a general description of the loan program.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Kansas agriculture producers can potentially keep more money in their pockets when capitalizing on self-employment tax options. K-State and Washburn Professor of Law, Roger McEowen, gives a general overview and relays the most frequently asked questions concerning self-employment tax.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Artificial intelligence continues to be talked about in many industries, including agriculture. Director of the Center for Risk Management Education and Research at K-State, Joe Parcell, discusses how A.I. has continued to grow and how agriculture might be able to use it. He explains how he works with it and how others might also.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	KANSAS CUSTOM RATES SURVEY (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The 2024 Kansas Custom Rates Survey serves as a reliable avenue to source the cost of off-the-farm agricultural labor for Kansas producers. K-State Land Use Survey Office Director, Leah Tsoodle (sue-DULL), examines the importance of this year's survey and how it is a great way to put into perspective the prices of a wide range of agricultural work.</p>		

February 9, 2024
K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Beef Quality Assurance trainings are continuously evolving so they can have the most up-to-date and relevant information for cattle producers. K-State Extension beef veterinarian, A.J. Tarpoff, explains what BQA is and how people can get certified. He explains how the material for the program has changed.</p>		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
5	CALLERY PEAR TREE (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The Callery pear tree, while pleasing to the eye, poses threats to native plant species. Kansas Department of Agriculture Noxious weed specialist, Scott Marsh, relays what other names the Callery pear possesses, its identifiable characteristics and downfalls.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	K-STATE CATTLEMAN'S DAY (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>K-State's annual Cattleman's Day serves Kansas cattle producers looking to gain an understanding of current university research, interact with fellow ranchers and browse the industry's leading technology. K-State Cattleman's Day co-chair, A.J Tarpoff, relays details of the event and the morning schedule.</p>		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
13	JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>K-State Junior Producer Days' supply Kansas youth with relevant industry knowledge and hands-on experience for their livestock projects. K-State Youth Livestock Coordinator, Lexi Hayes, relays what participants can expect to learn at these events.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	POND CARE (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Personal pond management can determine the well-being of underwater ecosystems for fish. K-State fisheries and aquatics Extension specialist, Joe Gerken, discusses what to consider before restocking, and the importance of releasing prey species before predators.</p>		

February 16, 2024
K-State Radio Network

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	FIRE AWARENESS (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>The week of February 12 was Kansas Wildfire Awareness Week. Experts urge residents to seek out information on wildfire safety for their homes. Kansas Forest Service assistant fire management officer, Eric Ward, discusses a helpful online resource called the Kansas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal and its ability to benefit those looking to learn more about fire prevention.</p>			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	HIGH pH SOILS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>Western Kansas crop producers often have to keep a closer eye on their soil's pH levels than others in Kansas. K-State soil fertility specialist, Dorviar Ruiz Diaz, discusses what can worsen the issue and his recommendation for helping remedy the issue. He discusses what else high pH can impact in the soil.</p>			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	FROM THE LAND OF KANSAS (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>The Kansas Department of Agriculture's, From the Land of Kansas Program, helps connect producers to local customers. Director of the From the Land of Kansas program, Sammy Gleason, provides a general overview and the membership requirements of the program.</p>			

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	FERTILIZER PUBLICATION (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>The Soil Test Interpretations and Fertilizer Recommendations in Kansas publication serves agriculture producers by helping them develop strong soil nutrient plans. K-State soil fertility specialist, Dorviar Ruiz Diaz, relays an outline of the publication and how production changes affect its content.</p>			

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	BULLS READY FOR BREEDING (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>Breeding season for many cattle herds has not started yet, but it is valuable to begin checking on bulls and getting them ready. K-State beef reproduction specialist, Sandy Johnson, explains why producers should see how their bulls are doing because it could impact their performance.</p>			

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	AGRICULTURE SAFETY (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Safety in agriculture is important to keep in mind for experienced producers as well as the youth around them. Tawnie Larson from the Kansas Agriculture Safety and Health Program at K-State reminds us of a few safety considerations and how people can help the program produce wanted information.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	FIRE FOR WILDLIFE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Prescribed fire is beneficial for producers managing their pasture and for wildlife habitat. K-State wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, discusses why people should be thinking about burning now and how it can help wildlife. He covers why this management technique could be implemented sooner rather than later.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	AG LAW TAXES (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The outcome of Moore v. the U.S. potentially threatens the estates of agricultural producers. K-State and Washburn law professor, Roger McEowen, discusses this current Supreme Court case involving the effects of an unrealized income tax.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The consumer price index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics helps consumers understand the change in what they are paying for goods and services. Agricultural economist from the Livestock Marketing Information Center, Tyler Cozzens, discusses the CPI for all items, food, meat and poultry.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	WINTER GRAIN MITES (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Winter grain mites feeding on Kansas crops raises concerns for producers. K-State crop entomologist, Jeff Whitworth, discusses the ideal conditions for winter grain mites and where they are at in their current life cycle.			

March 1, 2024
K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	WHEAT RX SEMINARS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Wheat Rx seminars are meant to help wheat growers gain useful and relevant information. K-State wheat production specialist, Romulo Lollato, explains what the program is focused on and what topics will be covered during these seminars.</p>		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	GRAIN BIN SAFETY (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Preventative measures including maintenance, turning augers off and wearing protective equipment become critical for proper grain bin safety. Oklahoma State University grain storage engineer, Carol Jones, covers what kinds of preservation practices keep bins more secure.</p>		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	FERTILIZER PRICES (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Oil prices and inflation rates are among the main driving factors of the price of fertilizer. K-State farm management Extension specialist, Gregg Ibendahl, discusses how fertilizer prices impact producer's net income.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	WOEM MAJOR (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, or WOEM, major provides a distinctive learning experience for students wanting to incorporate the outdoors into their future careers. K-State sophomore and WOEM major, Lilly Nelson, offers a general overview of the subject and what kinds of students should consider pursuing this program.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	FREE SPEECH (fully produced)	(Jacob Klautdt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Recent U.S circuit court cases decide that free speech protects the rights of employees to willfully mislead employers in order to harm their confinement operations. K-State and Washburn law professor, Roger McEowen, provides a general overview of the "ag gag laws" and why these statutes were implemented in the first place.</p>		

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	KANSAS LAND VALUES BOOK (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The 2023 Kansas Land Values book informs producers on the worth of land in their area and provides other statistics involving the trends of land ownership within the past year. K-State agricultural economist, Robin Reid, relays a short summary of the book's contents.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE (1) (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The 2022 Census of Agriculture provides insight on the changes in Kansas farm numbers, size and ownership. U.S. Department of Agriculture statistician for Kansas, Doug Bounds, relays the trend in the amount of farms and farmland acres between 2017 and 2022.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE (2) (fully produced)	(Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>The 2022 Census of Agriculture serves as a source for statistics concerning farmer's internet access and the age of producers. U.S. Department of Agriculture statistician for Kansas, Doug Bounds, relays figures dealing with farmer's ability to obtain online information.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	FIRST HOLLOW STEM (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	<p>Cattle can still be grazing on dual-purpose wheat, but it is crucial to get them off the field before they negatively impact yields. K-State wheat production specialist, Romulo Lollato, explains what hollow stem is and how to identify it on the plant as it begins developing.</p>		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	OSHA COURSE FOR AG (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.

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	<p>Safety in agriculture is important no matter the type of operation or its size. K-State Extension beef cattle specialist, Justin Waggoner, discusses an upcoming 30-hour OSHA training for feedyard, dairy and agriculture workers. He explains the commitment needed for the program and what attendees will get.</p>	
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	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	PRESCRIBED BURNING PREP (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>Prescribed fires continue to play a key part in managing Kansas prairie and there are important things to consider before starting the burn including the burn plan, burn procedures and crew size. Kansas Forest Service assistant fire management officer, Dennis Carlson, discusses the role of the burn plan when setting a prescribed fire.</p>			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	TAPS COMPETITION (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>The Testing Ag Performance Solutions program and competition is having its inaugural crop growing competition in Colby, Kansas. The head of Western Kansas Research-Extension Centers, Brian Olson, explains what the competition is and what it will help do for the state.</p>			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	MEAT DEMAND MONITOR (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>The monthly meat demand monitor states that consumer's financial security influences their meat buying habits. K-State livestock economist, Glynn Tonsor, discusses the call for meat products in February 2024.</p>			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	FIRE AND TICK POPULATIONS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>Pastures practicing prescribed fire possess fewer ticks in comparison to areas that go unburned. K-State veterinary entomologist, Cassandra Olds, discusses the results of a recent study titled, "Reducing Tick Populations Through Prescribed Burning".</p>			
17	LIQUID NITROGEN SAFETY (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00

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	LIQUID NITROGEN SAFETY (soundbites)	
	Proper semen tank care not only better preserves the straws inside but reduces the risk of injury to producers. K-State beef reproduction specialist, Sandy Johnson, discusses a study conducted by the American Breeders Service involving semen tank transportation. Johnson says the way most people haul their tanks present safety concerns.	
		3:00

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
1	GRAIN MARKET INFLUENCES (fully produced) (Shelby Varner) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>		3:00
	The U.S. grain market is impacted by more than what farmers grow in their fields. The senior economist at the IGP Institute at K-State, Guy Allen, discusses how the U.S. dollar and shipping have made impacts to the market. He begins by saying how the U.S. dollar has moved.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
5	CRABGRASS (fully produced) (Jacob Klautdt) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>		3:00
	When grazed correctly, crabgrass serves as a great source of nutritive value for cattle. K-State beef systems specialist, Jaymelynn Farney, discusses the benefits of grazing crabgrass and considerations before introducing it.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
9	ESTRUS SYNCHRONIZATION (fully produced) (Jacob Klautdt) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>		3:00
	Cattle producers use estrus synchronization to tighten up calving windows and increase the number of cows bred early in the breeding season. K-State cow-calf Extension specialist, Jason Warner, relays the importance of a cow's receptiveness to estrus synchronization and the two factors influencing their response to a protocol.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
13	ALFALFA WEEVILS (fully produced) (Jacob Klautdt) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>		3:00
	Alfalfa weevils arrive in early spring and present challenges to crop production. K-State crop entomologist, Jeff Whitworth, discusses the recent emergence of the pest and the cold weather's effect on alfalfa weevil larvae.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	MOLES (fully produced) (Jacob Klaudt)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	<p>)</p> <p>Moles cause disturbances in grassy areas by tunneling beneath the surface in search of insects to eat. K-State wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, discusses why mole appearances and movement increase during late winter months and early springtime.</p>		

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DAILY PROGRAMMING FEATURING TOPICS THAT AFFECT THE KRFS LISTENING AREA:

NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION
GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWS CONFERENCE

January 8, 2PM (60 MINUTES)
February 12, 2PM (60 MINUTES)
March 11, 2PM (60 MINUTES)

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE
WILDCAT REPORT (SUPERIOR SCHOOL)
NATURAL RESOURCES AND FSA REPORTS
UNL EXTENSION REPORTS
K-STATE EXTENSION REPORTS
CITY CHAT (CITY OF SUPERIOR NEWS)

TUESDAYS, 12:40PM (5 MIN.)
WEDNESDAYS, 12:40PM (5 MIN.)
FRIDAY, 12:25PM (5 MIN.)
MON-FRI, 12:30PM
MON-FRI, 12:50PM
January 10, 12:17PM
February 14, 12:17PM
March 13, 12:17PM

Girl Scout cookie season took place in February. KRFS brought in members of local Girl Scout troops to record their own PSA's promoting cookie sales. We also did short interviews with the kids and leaders about how to help or join Girl Scouts.

Even though Coronavirus has been controlled, KRFS still works with local hospitals and urgent care centers giving updates and information regarding not only Corona, but other issues including the cold and flu season and what people can do to stay safe.

The Simic Rec Center (skating rink) has been closed since the start of the pandemic. A new board of directors has taken over and has started the process of getting the place re-opened. Staff at KRFS has helped with cleaning and the start of the renovation process. KRFS also volunteered their staff's time and purchased product for the Simic's Hamburger Feed on March 24th. We conducted interviews with board members during the week prior to the event.

Volunteer Blood Donor Month was in January. Staff at KRFS donated blood during a local drive. We also broadcast live from the event to enhance support for the drive.

