

This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac

Week of October 2, 2023

Assessing Soil Health

Even in a state like Nebraska with some of the best soil in the world, testing your soil health is critical to growing crops. Nebraska Statewide Soil Health Specialist, Caro Cordova talks about conservation and soil testing. 4:19

Cottage Food Laws

Are you thinking about starting your own food business from your own kitchen? Nebraska Extension Educator Cindy Brison talks about a few rules you need to follow before you can start selling food to the public. 4:21

Financial Considerations for Livestock Producers

Nebraska producers have faced financial hardships with drought, inflation, and management of cash flow. Jay Parsons Nebraska Extension Farm and Ranch Management Specialist offers some tips from lenders on how to navigate these economic issues. 4:39

Corn Silage for Winter Feed

Choices for cattle feed this winter could be a puzzle many producers have to solve. Nebraska Extension Beef Specialist Rick Rasby and Extension Educator Alfredo Diconstanzo talk about why corn silage could be a good option for your operation. 4:25

Fall Bloomers

If you're looking to spruce up your landscape in the cooler fall months, there are some ornamentals that thrive when others are fading. Bob Hedrickson from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum talks about why asters could be the perfect choice for fall color. 4:13

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Garden Notes

Keeping records or a diary about your home garden can be an extremely valuable resource for future crops. Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter talks about keeping good notes from this year's gardening season. 4:35

Is Solar Energy Right for Your Farm Operation?

Making the switch to clean energy is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, but it might be able to help some farmers save money on their operations. Nebraska Extension Educator John Hay talks about some of the benefits of having solar power. 4:40

Fall Tree Planting

Warm soils, cool nights and rain make fall a great time to plant trees. Justin Evertson, Assistant Director of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum says six weeks before the first sign of hard frost is the ideal time to plant young trees. 4:20

Entrepreneurial Opportunities on the Farm

Traditional farms and ranches grow crops, raise livestock or do a combination of both. Tom Field, the Director of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Engler Entrepreneurial Program says farmers and ranchers could greatly benefit by looking at opportunities for new business ventures. 4:26

Landscape Water Needs

Different landscape plants have different water requirements. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech says it's a good idea to know the water needs of your plants and shrubs so they can thrive. 4:18

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Week of October 16, 2023

Next Season Cash Rental Rates

Several factors go into determining cash rental rates. Nebraska Ag Economist Jim Jansen talks about what farmers and ranchers could expect for next season.

4:08

Fall Cattle Lice Treatments

As colder weather sets in, it's time to check your cattle for lice and possible treatments. Nebraska Extension Educator Dave Boxler talks about lice and treatment strategies for ranchers. 4:41

Tax Prep for the End of the Year

There is plenty of time to get your farm tax situation settled before the end of the year. The Director of Nebraska Farm Business Inc. Tina Barrett discusses several issues that operators saw this year from a tax perspective. 4:52

Estate Planning for Young Farmers and Ranchers

Estate planning is so important for farmers and ranchers. Nebraska Extension Educator Jessica Groskopf emphasizes that young farmers should understand that estate planning is a lifelong process. 4:29

Marketing Calves with Blemishes

If you have some calves that might have a few blemishes, those issues could be a problem at the sale barn. Nebraska Extension Beef Systems Educator Randy Saner talks about how you can still make a profit from calves that might not look like all the others. 4:27

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Food Science and Technology Scholarship Challenge

Junior and Senior High School Students could be eligible to win a \$5,000 dollar scholarship for participating in a food science day offered by UNL's Food Science and Technology Department. CASNR College Relations Director Sue Ellen Pegg talks about the activities and interactions students will experience during the event coming up in December. 4:35

Best Practices for Vaccinating Cattle

Fall weaning and transportation can be a high-stress period for calves. Jesse Fulton Nebraska Extension Educator and Director of Beef Quality Assurance recommends letting calves get adjusted to the new environment before concentrating on vaccinations. 4:31

USDA Land Values and County Level Cash Rent Estimates

Cash rental agreements are expected to increase as farmland value raises in 2024. Nebraska Extension Ag Economist Jim Jansen talks about what factors could be issues for cash rents next season. 4:14

Cattle Health Concerns on Cornstalks

Turning cattle out on cornstalks is a great feed option. Nebraska Extension Beef Educator Lindsay Waechter-Mead says there are some potential health hazards that producers need to be aware of. 4:49

Celebrating Cooperatives

Cooperatives are usually thought of as a place to buy and sell grain. Director of Nebraska Cooperative Development Center Charlotte Narjes says cooperatives come in many other forms and benefit rural communities all over the state. 4:36

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Getting People Involved in Community Events

Fall community events are a special time in many of our hometowns. But getting people, especially new residents involved in planning and leadership as well as participation can be problematic. Extension Specialist Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel talks about how to get everyone involved and maybe trying some new ideas. 4:26

Drain Flies

Indoor nuisance flies can be really annoying. Aside from common fruit flies, there is another tiny fly that lives in your sink. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green talks about drain flies, how to figure out the difference between them and fruit flies, and how to get rid of them. 4:04

Protecting Farms and Ranches From Wildfire

Wildfire precautions around your farm and ranch are critical to avoid a catastrophe. Extension Educator Ryan Benjamin talks about steps producers can take to help avoid serious damage from wildfires. 4:33

Will the Next Farm Laborer Please Stand Up

All over the country, farms and ranches are having headaches concerning labor shortages. Extension Economist Elliot Dennis says there are several factors that have caused labor problems and discusses some possible solutions for producers to consider. 4:30

Fall Tree Care

Going into cooler fall weather means you'll need to give your trees some attention before the winter. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech says this is especially true for younger or newly planted trees. 4:42

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Week of November 6, 2023

Cow Herd Report Card – Measures of Performance

Weaning is a great time to take stock and grade your herd's performance from last season. Nebraska Extension Cow/Calf Specialist Rick Rasby says there are key items to consider when looking back on this year's herd. 4:16

Household Spiders

Internet memes have made fun of homeowner's fear of spiders. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green says most spiders are harmless or even beneficial and could be eating other insect pests inside your home. 4:22

Best Practices for Managing Newly Received Feeder Calves

Cattle entering the feedlot are under a lot of stress from traveling. Nebraska Extension Feedlot Specialist Jessica Sperber gives producers some considerations to keep in mind to help them perform better on arrival. 4:35

How Much Nebraska Ag Land Is Owned by Foreign Entities?

Investment from foreign entities in agriculture has been on the rise, including Nebraska. The Director of the Center for Ag Profitability Larry Van Tassell says a lot of these foreign companies have been investing in clean energy like wind and solar power. 4:08

Manure And Crop Residue Trading

Trading corn stalk residue and manure might make sense for some farmers. Leslie Johnson, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Animal Manure Management Project Coordinator suggests testing nutrient content before discussing trading. 4:11

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Week of November 13, 2023

Houseplant Insect Control

Bringing your plants indoors might mean you'll have a few unwelcome guests coming

into your home as well. Extension Entomologist Kait Chapman talks about keeping common insect pests off your houseplants.

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Indoor Plant Lighting

There are a lot of choices for indoor plant lighting. Nebraska Extension Associate Educator Scott Evans talks about different types of indoor lighting options for your plants. 4:48

Helping Your Child Feed Their 4-H or FFA Market Steer

Showing a champion steer at the fair is thrilling, but how do you make sure they are getting the feed they need and gaining the weight on a consistent basis before the fair? Extension Specialist Karla Wilke discusses strategies for raising calves to show at the county fair. 4:53

Fall Rose Pruning

The usual time to prune roses is in the winter or spring. Nebraska Extension Specialist Kim Todd says you can do some pruning now, but be cautious not to prune too much. 4:25

Investigating The Cause of Cattle Abortions

Calving season is a long time away, but Extension Specialist Matt Hille says there are issues with pregnancy losses that could become a problem. He talks about what producers need to keep in mind when pregnancy losses occur and when to talk to your veterinarian. 4:37

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Week of November 20, 2023

How to Cook, Serve and Store Turkey

Avoid food borne illnesses by keeping risky habits out of the kitchen this Thanksgiving. Nebraska Food, Nutrition & Health Extension Educator Cindy Brison stresses the importance of properly handling, cooking and storing your turkey. 4:46

Picking out a Holiday Tree

It's tradition in a lot of our homes to pick out a tree for the upcoming holiday season. Nebraska Extension Landscape Horticulture Specialist Kim Todd gives us some tips to making the right choice. 4:44

How to Safely Fry a Turkey

Frying a turkey is one of the best ways to enjoy the bird on Thanksgiving. But there is plenty of video evidence of disasters happening if you don't prepare correctly. Nebraska Extension Food, Nutrition & Health Educator Cindy Brison talks about how to safely fry that turkey. 4:21

Holiday Plant Care

During the holidays, poinsettias, flowering cactus, and Amaryllis become the decorative plant of choice for many. Nebraska Extension Educator Terri James talks about holiday plant selection and how to care for them. 4:26

Holiday Food Safety

Most Thanksgiving meals include turkey, but there are also several side dishes that everyone enjoys. Nebraska Extension Food, Nutrition & Health Educator Cindy Brison discusses food safety to avoid food borne illness this holiday season. 4:29

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Week of November 27, 2023

Late Fall Early Winter Weather Forecast

Mild conditions will continue as increased shots of moisture are expected across the state. Nebraska Extension Assistant Meteorologist Eric Hunt talks about current weather patterns and what we might expected for early winter. 4:30

Dormant Turf Seeding

Looking for an easy away to fill in those bare spots in your home turf? Nebraska Extension Turfgrass Specialist Roch Gaussoin says dormant lawn seeding could be a great way to green up your turf this spring. 4:32

Rotational Grazing Benefits

Cattle can sometimes be picky, or hungry eaters which can lead to issues when grazing pastures. Nebraska Extension Forage Systems Educator Ben Beckman says implementing rotational, or strip grazing can be beneficial to both your cattle and pastures. 4:14

Diesel Tractor Fuel Efficiency and Exhaust Emission Standards

Diesel engine performance and costs represent crucial factors for agricultural producers. University of Nebraska - Lincoln Associate Professor of Ag Economics Cory Walters talks about diesel engine efficiency and new EPA emission standards for farm equipment. 4:44

What is IRS Section 180 and How Does It Work?

If you've recently purchased ag land, you could be eligible for certain tax benefits. Nebraska Extension Ag Economist Shannon Sand talks about IRS Section 180 and what that could mean for new landowners. 4:27

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Week of December 4, 2023

Keeping Your Weight in Check During the Holidays

Keeping the extra pounds off during the holidays isn't easy with all the gatherings, parties, and celebrations. Nebraska Extension Food, Nutrition & Health Educator Carrie Miller offers a few simple tips to avoid weight gain during the holiday season.

4:28

Nutrient Needs When Feeding Cows Hay This Winter

Knowing the nutrient content of your hay is important when planning hay rations this winter. Nebraska Extension Beef Systems Specialist Mary Drewnoski talks about the advantages of forage testing. 4:47

Insects in Your Food & Pantry

Pantry pests are the name given to beetles and moths that tend to infest stored food products. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green says many food-processing plants and supermarkets struggle with controlling these types of pests and offers ways to control them before they become a problem in your home. 4:36

Corn Silage Feedout

There are several simple ways to preserve your silage pile while feeding this winter. Nebraska Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist Pablo Loza talks about methods and techniques to minimize the exposed surface.

4:20

Adding a Hunting Enterprise to Your Farm Operation

Hunting leases are a great way to add additional revenue to your farm or ranch operation. Nebraska Extension Educator Randy Saner says there's a good chance you'll add income if you understand a few guidelines. 4:23

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Week of December 11, 2023

USDA Plant Hardiness Map Update

Changes in the USDA plant hardiness zones have shown the state is getting a little warmer. Nebraska Extension Landscape Horticulture Specialist Kim Todd talks about how changes in the hardiness zones affect home gardeners in Nebraska. 4:05

Mole, Vole or Mouse

Colder weather means moles, voles and mice are trying to find warmth and food in your home or landscape. Nebraska Extension Wildlife Specialist Dennis Ferraro talks about stopping mice from entering your home and keeping voles and moles out of your gardens. 4:23

Holiday Plant Selections

Poinsettias, flowering cactus, and amaryllis add festive cheer to any home. Nebraska Extension Associate Educator Scott Evans talks about these popular plants and how to keep them blooming throughout the holiday season. 4:15

Choosing and Caring for Christmas Trees

Nebraska has more than 20 tree farms in central and eastern Nebraska that grow and sell Christmas trees. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech gives us tips for picking out a healthy tree and ideas on keeping it fresh for the holiday season. 4:40

Understanding the Grass Value in Nebraska

Understanding the value of grass and the opportunities available to grow and harvest more of it are fundamental to ranch success. Nebraska Extension Range Management Specialist Mitch Stephenson talks about properly managing grassland on your operation and why it's important. 4:15

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Week of December 18, 2023

Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program

The Engler program at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln is helping students take their agribusiness ideas and turn them into reality. Halle Ramsey from the Engler Entrepreneurship Program talks about how they help students build on ideas to form a solid business. 4:52

Pesticide Application Drones

New technology is helping farmers save money, labor, and reduce chemical applies to the environment. Jordan Sayre from Agri Spray Drones talks about how their product is helping farmers be more efficient. 4:40

How Do Cow-Calf Producers More Profitable?

Cow-calf operations that are successful focus on key issues like reducing operating costs and finding new ways to increase profits. Nebraska Extension Livestock Systems Educator Randy Saner talks about common traits among producers who are successful. 4:17

Preventing Sunscald

Fall planted trees may need some extra production during harsh winter conditions. Nebraska Extension Associate Educator Scott Evans talks about preventing sunscald a condition that can crack and damage the thin bark of trees. 4:20

Preventing Lice Infestation Over the Holidays

Lice infestations are usually an issue when the kids go back to school, but holiday gatherings can be spoiled unless certain precautions aren't followed. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green talks about keeping lice off you this holiday season. 4:28

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Week of December 25, 2023

Houseplant Care

Houseplants are an integral part of indoor decor throughout the year. Nebraska Extension Associate Educator Scott Evans talks about several things that will help your houseplants thrive in the winter. 4:24

What to Know About Feeding Road Ditch Hay to Cows

Did you harvest roadside or "ditch hay" this year to supplement your winter feed? Nebraska Extension Educator Troy Walz says there are several things for you to think about and keep in mind as you feed. 4:44

New Year's Resolutions

January is a month when many people reflect on the year behind and set goals or "resolutions" for habits they wish to change in the year ahead. Nebraska Extension Educator Carrie Schneider-Miller says that making resolutions are fine, but you also need to put steps in place to achieve those goals. 4:42

Feedlot Trends in Management and Productivity

Feedlot production continues to develop and reflect changes in cattle genetics, feeding technology and management. Oklahoma State Extension Livestock Management Specialist Derrell Peel talks about current trends in feedlot industry over the last 4:38

What Happens to your Farm or Ranch if You Become Disabled?

Preparing for the unexpected on your farm operations starts with a solid estate and transition plan. Nebraska Extension Ag Economist Jessica Groskopf says that is plan normally put together for a death, but she says it ought to have some sort of disability contingency as well. 4:50

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1	HUNTING USE AGREEMENT (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
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	Landowners can rent their land to outdoorsmen during hunting seasons. K-State law professor, Roger McEowen, mentions a few factors landowners should keep in mind when putting together a hunting use agreement. First, he discusses who owns the wildlife and how to handle it if a hunter's wounded animal goes onto another property.	
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES	
5	CALF RECORD KEEPING (fully produced) (Shelby Varner) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	Record keeping for cattle producers provides data that can help them make management decisions. K-State Extension cow-calf specialist, Jason Warner, explains what records give people the ability to make conclusions about their herd. Keeping track of calving dates allows producers to see how their livestock is performing.	
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES	
9	VULTURES IN KANSAS (fully produced) (Alli Nippert) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	People in Kansas could be seeing vultures around their property. Kansas State University wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, shares about the species of vultures that can be found in Kansas. This time of year is when the vultures might be congregating and causing concern for producers.	
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES	
13	WEST NILE VIRUS (fully produced) (Alli Nippert) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
	As the summer season starts to come to a close, West Nile Virus is coming into season and there are many things Kansans should consider about the virus. Kansas animal health commissioner, Justin Smith, explains some concerns livestock producers should have about West Nile Virus. He begins by sharing the current case situation in the state and where West Nile Virus is the most common.	

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES	
17	NET FARM INCOME PROJECTIONS (fully produced) (Shelby Varner) <i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i>	3:00
) A K-State Extension farm management specialist recently released net farm income projections for 2023 and 2024. Gregg Ibendahl explains what changes he has seen for expenses and revenues for Kansas Farm Management Association's grain farms. He discusses how September's projections differ from February.	

October 6, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	WILDFIRE RISK TOOL (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The Kansas Forest Service will soon be releasing a wildfire risk assessment portal to help Kansas landowners understand their fire danger and ways to help mitigate it. Kansas Forest Service geographic information systems analyst, Darci Paull, discusses why she worked on this project and what it can bring to Kansans.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	COOPERATIVES IN KANSAS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Cooperatives are important to many farmers and rural communities. Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center at K-State, Brian Briggeman, discusses cooperatives in Kansas and how they support their town. The quantity of co-ops in Kansas has decreased greatly since the mid-1900s.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	RIPERIAN BUFFER (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Producers have many things to take into consideration when it comes to water quality. K-State fisheries and aquatic Extension specialist, Joe Gerken, discusses how riparian buffers contribute to wildlife and livestock. He first describes what a riparian buffer is and how it improves water quality. Gerken mentions how water quality can economically benefit livestock producers.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	LANDOWNER CONFERENCE (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University is holding a new conference for Kansas landowners who are renting their land out. K-State director of the office of farm and ranch transition, Ashlee Westerhold, discusses the conference that the agricultural economics department is holding at the K-State Alumni Center. She begins by sharing some of the topics that will be covered at the November 10th conference and the chances people will have to network.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	STALK ROT AND LODGING (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	As producers are approaching harvesting their corn, soybeans or grain sorghum there are a few diseases they need to keep in mind as they scout their fields. K-State row crop plant pathologist, Rodrigo Onofre, explains a couple of diseases and what issues they can create in a field.			

October 13, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	GREGG DOUD (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Agriculture is constantly evolving and adapting and this year's Henry C. Gardiner Global Food systems lecturer at K-State was Gregg Doud and he discussed what he sees for the future of the industry for the country and Kansas. He explains the opportunities that North America has in agriculture and what it has supporting it moving forward.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	WEANING CALVES (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	This time of year, many spring calving cattle producers are working on weaning their calves. K-State Extension beef veterinarian, A.J. Tarpoff, explains a few things they should keep in mind to reduce pressure off the livestock and operator. He shares what he thinks all producers should do first when it comes to weaning. what works best for them and their livestock.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	RURAL VET PROGRAM PART 1 (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine has a program for students interested in working in rural veterinary practices. Director of the Veterinary Training Practice for Rural Kansas, Brad White, shares information about the program. He first explains what led to the creation of the program and what goals they strive towards.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	RURAL VET PROGRAM PART 2 (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Many veterinary students have gone through the Veterinary Training Practice for Rural Kansas program at Kansas State University. Tera Barnhardt completed the program in 2014 and now serves on the advisory committee. She explains why Kansas agriculture needs this rural veterinary program.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	DIGITAL AG INSTITUTE (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The K-State College of Agriculture, College of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences have come together to launch the Institute of Digital Agriculture and Advanced Analytics. Kansas State University precision ag engineer, Ajay Sharda, explains what this new institute is and how it plans to support innovations.			

October 20, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	NANOTECHNOLOGY (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University entomologists have been working with nanotechnology in hopes of finding a way to reduce pesticide use while making it longer-lasting. K-State nano-entomologist, Amie Norton, discusses previous work that has been done with this technology and the process for working with that small of materials. She first describes the size of a nanoparticle with a comparison.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	CROP RESIDUE (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Grazing cattle on crop residue is something producers might have in their management plan. K-State cow-calf Extension specialist, Jason Warner, discusses what producers can keep in mind this grazing season. He says how the crop performed correlates with the nutritional value it has for cattle.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	K-STATE SWINE DAY (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University has hosted a swine day event for many years and it continues this year on November 16. K-State swine Extension specialist, Joel DeRouchey, shares information about this event's program schedule and who the event can benefit.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	ALFALFA PESTS (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Alfalfa producers have many things to take into consideration when it comes to insects in their fields this fall. K-State crop entomologist, Jeff Whitworth, discusses what producers can consider with alfalfa weevils, aphids, and potato leafhoppers. He begins by discussing the most significant pest to the plant and management possibilities.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	KANSAS AGRITOURISM (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Agritourism for producers can be another source of income for their operation. Kansas agritourism program manager, Kelsey Wendling, explains what it can mean to consumers and how the state of Kansas supports agritourism. She discusses the different levels and types of agritourism that take place across Kansas.		

October 27, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	RYE IN FIELDS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	When choosing cover crops cereal rye is something producers might consider. K-State weed specialist, Sarah Lancaster, explains why she likes the crop, but also the issues it can create for producers if they aren't careful. She first discusses the benefits it provides as a cover crop.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	LATE WHEAT PLANTING (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Wheat producers have many things to take into consideration as late fall planting approaches. K-State wheat production specialist, Romulo Lollato, discusses what wheat producers should consider if they are planting wheat later than usual. He begins by explaining the planting conditions in Kansas.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	NITRATE POISONING (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Gregg Hanzlicek, discusses concerns rumen livestock producers should have about nitrate poisoning. He begins by explaining what nitrate poisoning is and how it can happen to an animal.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE TESTING (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Soybean producers may be considering testing for soybean cyst nematodes this fall. K-State row crop plant pathology specialist, Rodrigo Onofre, discusses why producers should consider testing now and what problems soybean cyst nematodes can cause.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	SOIL SAMPLING THIS FALL (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Soil testing can take place many times during the year, but K-State soil fertility specialist says fall is an ideal time to sample because it allows producers time to remedy concerns. Dorivar Ruiz Diaz discusses the different nutrients that can be tested for and how to sample fields.			

November 3, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	WATER CONFERENCE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is taking place in the middle of November in Manhattan, Kansas. Director of K-State's KCARE and KWRI, Susan Metzger, reviews the schedule for the conference as well as a few of the speakers and panel discussions that will be taking place at the event.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	WOODY ENCROACHMENT (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Woody encroachment has become more of a problem for grassland owners in recent years. University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources scientist, Dillon Fogarty, shares management techniques for woody encroachment. He begins by explaining what woody encroachment is and how it contributes to loss of grasslands.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	THIRD TRIMESTER (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Cattle producers with spring-calving herds need to keep in mind the nutritional needs of gestating cattle. K-State Extension beef reproduction specialist, Sandy Johnson, shares information about what producers need to remember about their cattle entering the third trimester. She begins by discussing the importance of starting now.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	CRITTERS IN KANSAS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	There are many species in Kansas that people might be averse to. K-State wildlife specialist, Drew Ricketts, shares information about a few animals Kansans might see in or around their homes. He begins by discussing what type of bats are in Kansas.			

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17	CLIMATE-SMART 4-D FARM (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University is working on a research project with the University of Georgia to learn more about climate-smart production. University of Georgia engineer, Glen Rains, discusses what the 4-D climate-smart farm is and what they hope it will provide to farmers. He begins by explaining what 4-D stands for.			

November 10, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	PRF INSURANCE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Pasture, Rangeland and Forage insurance is something producers have the option of using. K-State Flinchbaugh Agricultural Policy chair, Jenny Ifft, explains what the program is and what factors are associated with it. She says understanding how it works is important to knowing when those who participate might get paid.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	ANHYDROUS AMMONIA (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	During the fall, certain producers should consider applying anhydrous ammonia. K-State soil fertility specialist, Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, explains why anhydrous ammonia can be useful for future crops. He begins by discussing the benefits producers could see by taking the time to apply it now.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	TAX STRATEGY PROGRAM (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	As the end of the year gets closer, farmers and ranchers should probably be looking at their financial paperwork. K-State agricultural economist, Robin Reid, previews an upcoming tax strategy program, Tax Strategies for Midwestern Farm and Ranch Women. She begins by discussing the dates for the program and who it can benefit.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	A K-State law professor mentions how there have been many scams that have caused farmers to apply for the Employee Retention Credit even though they are likely not eligible. Roger McEowen describes what the ERC is and difficulties that farmers may encounter when buying farmland with a growing crop. He begins by explaining who the ERC program was directed towards.			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	SORGHUM IN MADAGASCAR (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	SORGHUM IN MADAGASCAR (soundbites)			
	Kansas State University and the University of Georgia are working together to address crop needs in Madagascar. Nat Bascom, director of engagement and leadership for K-State's Global Collaboration on Sorghum and Millet, explains this project and what they plan to accomplish. He first describes why this project is taking place.			

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	MEAT DEMAND MONITOR (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Every month, a K-State livestock economist puts together a Meat Demand Monitor which tracks how consumer preferences change. Glynn Tonsor discusses what he saw in the recent monitor. He begins by sharing the stats from people's willingness to pay in grocery stores and restaurants.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
5	MUSTARD WEEDS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	As fall is settling in, producers need to be watching for mustard weeds in their fields. K-State weed specialist, Sarah Lancaster, explains the different species of mustard plants and management techniques. She explains what the weeds are and how to identify them.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
9	REPLACEMENT HEIFERS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Cattle producers may be making management decisions regarding their replacement heifers. K-State cow-calf Extension specialist, Jason Warner, discusses factors that impact a producer's finances and the heifer's rations. Warner begins by explaining what factors make this year unique for managing replacement heifers.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
13	4-H YOUTH (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	4-H is a youth program that supports kids to grow and try new things. K-State 4-H youth development specialist, Amy Sollock, explains what 4-H has to offer and activities children can be involved in. She explains when people can get started and begin participating in 4-H projects.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
17	BURNING GRASSLAND (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Landowners may be making management decisions about burning their grasslands. Oklahoma State University Extension fire ecology specialist, John Weir, explains his philosophy on why burning can be done during many months of the year. He came to K-State as a Kling Anderson lecturer to present on this topic.		

November 24, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	ALTERNATIVE FEEDSTUFFS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
Alternative feedstuffs might be something that cattle producers want to consider using in their rations. K-State beef cattle specialist, Justin Waggoner, discusses what people need to think about before deciding to feed it to their livestock. He explains why knowing what inputs were used with the feedstuff is vital.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	HERD INTRODUCTIONS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
Producers may be making management decisions that involve expanding their herd. K-State beef veterinarian, A.J. Tarpoff, discusses disease concerns with introducing a new animal into the herd. He begins by explaining how diseases can be transmitted through animals.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	POND LEAKS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
During times of drought can be a good opportunity for producers to do maintenance on their ponds. K-State fisheries and aquatics Extension specialist, Joe Gerken, shares information about how ponds could be leaking water and ways people might be able to remedy it. He begins by explaining how a pond may lose water.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	CLIMATE RESILIENT CEREALS LAB (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
The U.S Agency for International Development recently awarded \$22 million to Kansas State University to lead the Feed the Future Climate Resilient Cereals Innovational Lab. Director of the lab, Jagger Harvey, discusses what the team of experts around the world will work to accomplish.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	AG IN THE CLASSROOM (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
Teaching students about agriculture is something that the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is supportive of and provides resources to help do so. Director of marketing and communications for Kansas Ag in the Classroom, Briana Jacobus, explains a few of the materials that have available for people to use when talking with youth about the industry.				

December 1, 2023

K-State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	WINTER GRAIN MITES (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	As it has cooled down outside, wheat growers could be seeing winter grain mites or their impacts in fields. K-State crop entomologist, Jeff Whitworth, discusses what the mite can do to the crop and if growers should be concerned this time of year. He explains the mite's ideal weather for feeding.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	HOME SALE RULE (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Many producers may have questions about the best way to sell their house and land around it. K-State and Washburn law professor, Roger McEowen, shares information about his article on how much gain on land can be excluded under the home sale rule. He begins by explaining why this topic is important to agricultural producers.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	LICE IN CATTLE (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	There are often many concerns for cattle's well-being in the colder months and one thing that can create discomfort for them is lice. K-State veterinarian, Gregg Hanzlicek, discusses why lice are a concern in cattle. He begins by explaining why this topic is important this time of year and possible management strategies.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	POULTRY LITTER (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Producers may be making management decisions regarding the fertility of their soil. K-State environmental quality specialist, Peter Tomlinson, discusses how poultry manure might be beneficial for an operation. He begins by sharing why adding litter to soil is a good idea.			
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	TOOTHED SPURGE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	The weed toothed spurge is part of the same family as poinsettias and share many characteristics with the holiday plant. K-State weed specialist, Sarah Lancaster, discusses how to identify toothed spurge and control methods for it. She mentions a few tricks that people could use to recognize the plant.			

December 8
K State Radio Network

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Highly pathogenic avian influenza is resurfacing in much of the Midwest. Kansas Department of Agriculture animal health commissioner, Justin Smith, shares information about HPAI. He begins by discussing what the virus is, how it spreads and why producers are seeing it now.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	2024 CHEMICAL WEED GUIDE (fully produced) (Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	2024's Chemical Weed Guide from K-State is now available online. K-State weed specialist, Sarah Lancaster, discusses a few of the changes that people will be seeing. First, she explains a difference in the label on atrazine and how it will change its use.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	AG LABOR SHORTAGES (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Labor shortages is something that many people and businesses in agriculture have experienced. K-State Flinchbaugh agricultural policy chair, Jenny Ifft, shares information about how labor shortages are affecting the agriculture industry. She begins by explaining what a labor shortage is and what has played into it.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	KANSAS WATER INSTITUTE (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Kansas State University recently announced the Kansas Water Institute that is comprised of people across K-State and Kansas. The director of strategic interdisciplinary program development at K-State, Susan Metzger, shares information about the new institute and its goals. She begins by explaining what the Kansas Water Institute is.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	BUSH HONEYSUCKLE (fully produced) (Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	A plant sometimes used in landscaping might be taking over parts of Kansas land. Kansas Forest Service forest health coordinator, Ryan Rastok, shares information about bush honeysuckle and why the plant may be a problem. He begins by describing what the plant looks like and why people should be able to easily identify it this time of year.		

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	COLD STRESS IN CATTLE (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	Producers have many things to worry about in the winter months, one of them being cold stress for their cattle. K-State Extension beef veterinarian, AJ Tarpoff, shares information about cold stress in cattle. He begins by explaining what it is.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
5	WINTER BULL MANAGMENT (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	As we come into the winter months, producers might be needing to put together a different management plan for their bulls. K-State cow-calf Extension specialist, Jason Warner, discusses what producers should be evaluating for their bulls – no matter their age or when they are used for breeding. He begins by explaining what producers should keep in mind for their fall breeding bulls.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
9	COLD WEATHER AND HUMANS (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	As we move into colder months, there are many things people who spend a lot of time outside in the cold need to watch for. Kansas family medicine doctor, Ron Varner, shares information about some impacts cold weather can have on humans. He begins by explaining what frostbite is and how to treat mild cases of it.		
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES		
13	MOVING FIREWOOD (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	As we move into the colder months, many people may be purchasing firewood to heat up their homes. Kansas Forest Service forest health coordinator, Ryan Rastok, shares information on what people should think about when buying firewood and moving it. He begins by explaining why moving firewood over far distances is a bad idea.		

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.
	The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is still in effect but will expire at the end of 2025 if it is not extended. K-State law professor, Roger McEowen, explains what would take place without an extension. He mentions what class of people are going to feel the biggest impact if it ends.		

December 22, 2023

K-State Radio Network

	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	INTERNATIONAL GRAIN IMPACTS (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Recent events and decisions internationally have or likely will impact the grain market. The senior economist at the IGP Institute at K-State, Guy Allen, discusses how Argentina's government has changed and how the drought has impacted the Panama Canal. He explains how Argentina may influence the market.			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	SWINE INDUSTRY IN 2023 (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Many producers in the swine industry have experienced unfavorable times. K-State swine specialist, Mike Tokach, (toe-CASH) recaps hardships that have taken place for people raising pigs this year. He discusses what financially many involved in the pork market have endured in 2023.			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	PREPARING FOR CALVING (fully produced)	(Alli Nippert)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Cattle producers have many things to worry about as we move into the new year, one of them being their spring calving herds. K-State beef veterinarian, AJ Tarpoff, discusses what producers should do to prepare for calving. He begins by sharing what supplies are needed before the first animal is born.			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	A LOOK AT K-STATE AGRICULTURE (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	Many exciting things happened at Kansas State University this year for K-State Research and Extension and the College of Agriculture. Director of K-State Research and Extension and College of Agriculture Dean, Ernie Minton, discusses facility changes that started and how they plan to continue to elevate Extension. He comments on a groundbreaking that took place in 2023.			
	AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	K-STATE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (fully produced)	(Shelby Varner)	Q...K-State Radio Network.	3:00
	K-State continues to spend time researching topics important to Kansas and agriculture producers. Director of research for K-State Research and Extension, Jane Schuh, (shoe) discusses a bit of the work that has been done at Kansas State University. She talks about the value of collaboration in research for the university and Kansans.			

KRFS AM/FM ISSUES OF RELEVANCE

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

DAILY PROGRAMMING FEATURING TOPICS THAT AFFECT THE KRFS LISTENING AREA:

NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION
GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWS CONFERENCE

October 9, 2PM (60 MINUTES)
November 6, 2PM (60 MINUTES)
December 11, 2PM (60 MINUTES)

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

TUESDAYS, 12:40PM (5 MIN.)
WEDNESDAYS, 12:40PM
FRIDAY, 12:25PM (5 MIN.)
MON-FRI, 12:30PM
MON-FRI, 12:50PM

While coronavirus cases have declined somewhat, it remains an issue in the listening area. KRFS is continuing daily updates on cases, where to get tested, where individuals can get vaccinations, and public notices on safety and prevention. Weekly interviews with staff at area hospitals including Brodstone Memorial Hospital include talks with doctors, nurses, and administration. KRFS also is working with the South Heartland District Health Department in getting information to the public. Public Health Solutions District Health Department also has been instrumental in releasing data for Fillmore and Thayer Counties in the KRFS listening area.

Brodstone Healthcare's 2023 gala was held in October. The goal was to raise \$50,000 to help with regional health care aspects. KRFS donated \$1000.00 to help reach the milestone. Cory Kopsa, owner of KRFS AM/FM, was the emcee of the event for the 5th consecutive year. We also interviewed members of the committee about the goals and preparations of the event, including Heather Erickson and Maddie Peterson.

The Superior Chamber of Commerce held their annual Superior Bucks promotion throughout December. KRFS has always been a part of the activities including broadcasting from the "Once Upon A Christmas" event on December 8th, and assisting with drawings for Superior Bucks every Monday Morning in December.

Fall harvest in 2023 brought mixed results for farmers around the area. Drought conditions stunted yields in many areas. Every year, we interview grain handlers and marketers from both Aurora Coop and Agrex to get their thoughts on how harvest is progressing and predictions for the upcoming year.

Superior High School's National Honor Society hosts a breakfast every year for Veteran's and invites them to participate in a special Veteran's Day program. We visited with students who are involved and get their take on what the day means to them and the veterans who participate.

October is National 4H Month. KRFS provides airtime and studio facilities for the youngsters from a variety of 4H clubs around the area. The spots they record air throughout the month and are highlighted in special interviews with the kids in October.