

## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of April 5, 2021**

### **2021 Cash Rental Rates**

Cash rent rates for Ag land have risen slightly throughout the state. Nebraska Extension Ag Economist Jim Jansen says rallying commodities have contributed to the rise in rates. TRT 4:17

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### **Garden Supply and Demand**

Thousands of new gardeners have flooded the market in demand for vegetable and landscape plants. Randy Wolf from Campbell's nursery talks about the pandemic and its effect on supply and demand. TRT 4:38

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### **Range Management During Drought**

Managing ranges during drought conditions can be difficult. Western Nebraska has suffered dry conditions, but Nebraska Extension Specialist Mitch Stephenson says range plants are resilient and can be helped by a good range management plan. TRT 4:14

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### **2021 Garden Trends**

Being creative around your home landscape includes trying new things. Nebraska Extension Specialist Kim Todd talks about garden trends for 2021. TRT 4:40

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### **What Feedyards Should Know about Using Cover Crops**

Feedlot operators need to take a second look at using cover crops in their production system. Nebraska Extension Beef Systems Specialist Mary Drewnoski says the value cover crops can provide a place to receive and grow calves prior to placing them on finishing ration. TRT 4:20

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of April 12, 2021**

### **Spring Turf Tips**

Getting your lawn off to a good start this spring might mean you need to let it be for the time being according to Nebraska Extension Turfgrass Specialist Bill Kreuser. He says patience is the key to a good home lawn in the spring. TRT 4:08

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### **Distillers Grains**

Certain types of distillers grains can affect livestock performance according to Nebraska Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist Elliott Dennis. TRT 4:14

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### **Community Gardens**

Having a piece of ground in your backyard is essential to growing a vegetable garden. But if you live in an apartment or don't have much space in your yard might be a problem. Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter talks about community garden spaces that will allow you to install your own vegetable garden. TRT 4:30

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### **Pre-Emergent Timing Application**

Homeowners this time of year want to know when they can put pre-emergent herbicides down to keep weeds like crabgrass from getting established. UNL Turfgrass Research Manager Matt Sousek talks about proper timing and application techniques. TRT 4:22

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### **Read The Label**

Gardeners headed for the garden center to pick up pesticides and herbicides need to make sure they know what they are applying. It's critical to read and follow all label instructions because it's the law. Nebraska Extension Educator Sarah Browning talks about the importance of following all instructions on chemical pesticide products. TRT 4:09

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of April 19, 2021**

### **Small Grain Grazing**

Grazing your livestock on small grains is a good way to not have to feed them hay for the time being. Nebraska Extension 4-H Educator Todd Whitney says there are a few recommendations to keep in mind when grazing small grains. TRT 4:25

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### **Farm Stat App**

A new app developed by the University of Nebraska can help producers get straightforward answers to complicated questions. Nebraska Extension Ag Technology Educator Laura Thompson says the Farm Stat app allows farmers and agronomists to easily analyze data from their own on-farm research. TRT 4:33

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### **Soybean Cyst Nematode**

The soybean cyst nematode is a microscopic roundworm that attacks roots of soybean plants resulting in low yields. Nebraska Extension Plant Diagnostician Kyle Broderick says producers looking to control soybean cyst nematode should sample their fields and look at genetic resistance when planting this spring. TRT 4:29

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### **Manure App**

Connecting livestock producers with farmers looking to purchase manure is the focus of a new app offered by Nebraska Extension. Leslie Johnson, UNL Manure Management Coordinator says the goal with the app is to enable folks to find a manure applicator, broker, advisor, or resource person in their area. TRT 4:19

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### **Prescribed Burns**

Renewing your pastures and controlling eastern red cedar can be accomplished by a prescribed burn. Nebraska Extension Range Forage Specialist Jerry Volesky says prescribed burns can rejuvenate pasture lands and keep eastern red cedar from taking over. TRT 4:20

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**This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of April 26, 2021**

## Spring Flowering Trees

We all love those trees that burst into color in the spring like crabapple and redbud. Nebraska Extension Landscape Horticulture Specialist Kim Todd says the flowers are beautiful, but you'll need to think about what those trees look like after the flower fades. TRT 4:13

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## Zimmerman Pine Moth

Small, white odd shaped structures on your pines may mean you have an insect problem. Nebraska Extension Assistant Educator Kaitlin Chapman says now is the time for controlling the Zimmerman Pine Moth. TRT 4:04

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## Organic, Non-GMO or Natural. What's on your product label?

Ever get confused as to what words like 'organic,' 'natural,' or 'non-GMO' mean? Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter helps define what these words mean on product labels. TRT 4:15

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## Farms of the Future 1

Emerging technologies are helping cattle ranchers raise the livestock of the future. Nebraska Extension Specialist Travis Mullinicks talks about how new technology is benefitting the cattle industry. TRT 4:42

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## Farms of the Future 2

Managing cost is a big consideration on cattle ranches. Nebraska Extension Specialist Travis Mullinicks talks about how emerging technology helps ranchers make better decisions and save money. TRT 4:35

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of May 3, 2021**

### **Wasps**

With warmer weather comes more insects to our outdoor living space. Nebraska Extension Urban Entomologist Jody Green talks about wasps, how to control them and why they are actually beneficial. TRT 4:23

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### **Mulch**

Mulch provides numerous benefits around the home landscape. Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter talks about why adding mulch around your planting beds, shrubs and trees can significantly keep them vigorous and growing throughout the season. TRT 4:56

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### **Rose Pruning**

Mother's day is right around the corner and that means roses. Jeff Culbertson, University of Nebraska Director of Landscape Operations says if you've got some roses in and around your landscape, you'll need to care for them with some simple pruning. TRT 4:30

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### **Containers for Spring Color**

Color in early spring can go a long way to helping you forget the cold dreary winter. Nebraska Extension Educator Terri James says containers are the perfect way to get an early splash of color around your home. TRT 4:21

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### **Pollinator Hotels**

Helping the insects who pollinate our fruits and vegetables has never been more important. Jody Green, Nebraska Extension Urban Entomologist says pollinator hotels are a great way to promote these beneficial insects. TRT 4:10

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of May 10, 2021**

### **Smart Watering**

One of the most basic elements of gardening is proper watering. Assistant Educator Scott Evans talks about good watering practices for your garden. TRT 4:16

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### **Choosing a Breeding Season Length**

Breeding season length can greatly affect the performance of your young calves. Nebraska Extension Range Cow Production Specialist Travis Mulliniks says duration of breeding season is often discussed with two production goals in mind, creating a consistent calf crop and increasing pounds of weaned calf. TRT 4:16

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### **Land Application Recertification**

One of the most important aspects of any cattle operation is manure management. Leslie Johnson, Nebraska Animal Manure Management Project Coordinator says the University is offering land application recertification training in several locations around the state in upcoming weeks. TRT 4:20

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### **Mower Maintenance**

Is there anything more frustrating than a mower that won't start in the spring? Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech talks about keeping your mower in good repair. TRT 4:19

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### **Water and Rumen Development**

Getting your young calves off to the right start is critically important throughout the life of the animal. Nebraska Extension Specialist Karla Wilke talks about the importance of water intake and how that effects rumen development. TRT 4:32

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of May 17, 2021**

### **Pre-Emergents and Spring Turf**

Keeping turf weeds at bay during the spring is a major concern for many homeowners. Nebraska Extension Turfgrass Specialist Bill Kreuser talks about getting your lawn off to the right start. TRT 4:20

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### **Farm Transitions**

Having a set plan and communication between family members is critically important to avoid future conflict. Nebraska Extension Educator Allan Vyhnalek talks about how to avoid serious family problems when retiring. TRT 4:26

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### **Garden Trellising**

Some vining plants in your garden need a little structure to climb on. Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter talks about trellising. TRT 4:19

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### **Insect Repellents**

Warmer weather means bugs like mosquitoes and ticks will start looking for bare skin to feed off on. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Jody Green talks about using repellents to keep you safe from bug bites. TRT 4:41

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### **What to do with Lawn Clippings**

A mulching mower automatically returns the clippings to the law, but what if you bag them? Nebraska Extension Assistant Educator Scott Evans talks about what to do with clippings around your home. TRT 4:29

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**This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

## **Week of May 24, 2021**

### Galls in the Landscape

Peculiar bumps on your tree leaves are usually galls caused by insects, mites or fungus. Nebraska Extension Urban Entomologist Jody Green says you really don't need to worry about them. TRT 4:28

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### Land Link

Matching land seekers with land owners is the focus of a service provided by the University of Nebraska. Allan Vyhnaek, a Nebraska Extension Specialist says 'Land Link' helps new farmers find available ground to work with and land owners keep their operations running. TRT 4:17

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### Soybean Gall Midge Alert Network

A new pest of soybeans is being studied by several states and research findings can quickly be shared with researchers. Nebraska Extension Specialist Justin McMechan says the Soybean Gall Midge Alert Network helps producers, researchers and coops stay ahead of the emergence and spread of the pest. TRT 4:33

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### Beef Quality Assurance

The Beef Quality Assurance program has been a critical element to helping producers and the beef industry produce quality and safe beef for a hungry world. Nebraska's BQA Director Jesse Fulton talks about how important the program is to quality beef. TRT 4:19

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### Strawberries

A home vegetable garden provides plenty of produce throughout the growing season, and it's also a great place to grow something sweet. Nebraska Extension Educator Kathleen Cue talks about growing strawberries. TRT 4:02

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**This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of May 31, 2021**

## Controlling Rabbits

Rabbits around your home garden can be a major annoyance and controlling them can cause a real headache. Nebraska Extension Wildlife Specialist Dennis Ferraro talks about a few strategies to keep the rabbits out of your garden. TRT 4:16

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## How Does Your Cattle Operation Stack Up to the Competition?

A successful cattle operation depends on many things. Nebraska Extension Ag Economics Specialist Matt Stockton talks about how benchmarking can help producers compare their operations with others in similar situations. TRT 4:24

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## Invasive Musk Thistle

Proper identification and quick action are critical to controlling musk thistle. Nebraska Extension Educator Gary Stone talks about getting a head start in keeping this weed from taking over. TRT 4:33

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## Strategies for Minimizing Early Pregnancy Loss

Stress is a serious problem that can affect embryo loss in cows. Nebraska Extension Cattle Reproductive Physiologist Rick Funston talks about minimizing pregnancy loss in cows by reducing stress. TRT 4:44

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## Blister Beetles

Blister beetles can cause serious digestive problems especially in horses. Nebraska Extension Educator Dave Boxler talks about how to identify blister beetles and gives a few tips to controlling them. TRT 4:09

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**This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of June 7, 2021**

## Free Trees for Communities

Community forestry has never been more important, and the Nebraska Forest Service wants to help that by giving communities free trees. Kendall Weyers from the Nebraska Forest Service talks about the Free Trees for Fall Planting program. TRT 4:17

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## 2021 Recipe To Reality Workshop

If you have a food item you'd like to get on the market, you'll want to attend the 2021 Recipe to Reality Workshop. University of Nebraska Lincoln Food Program Coordinator Jill Gifford talks about how you can get started in the food industry by attending the seminar. TRT 4:17

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## Weed Management Field Day

Nebraska Extension is once again offering a Weed Management Field Day coming June 23rd. Nebraska Extension Weed Management Specialist Amit Jhala talks about what producers will learn at the field day. TRT 4:20

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## Forage Production and Herd Liquidation

Forage on pastures can become a major headache during drought conditions. Nebraska Extension Specialist Elliot Dennis talks about the relationship between quality forage pasture availability and how many head of cattle can efficiently feed on that land. TRT 4:19

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## Avoiding Diseases on New Trees

If you're wanting to plant new trees around your home landscape, you'll want to pay particular attention to disease resistant varieties. University of Nebraska Plant Pathology Department Head Loren Gielser talks about planting the right tree. TRT 4:04

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of June 14, 2021**

### **Water for Gardens**

Keeping your vegetable garden well-watered is critical to a good harvest in the fall. Nebraska Extension Educator John Porter talks about good watering practices for your home garden. TRT 4:25

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### **Managing Heat for Cattle**

Hot and humid weather can be a serious problem for cattle. Nebraska Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist Galen Erickson talks about good practices for producers to help keep cattle comfortable during hot weather. TRT 4:47

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### **2021 Palmer Amaranth Field Day**

Managing one of the most difficult and herbicide resistant weeds will be the focus of an upcoming field day offered by Nebraska Extension. Weed Management Specialist Amit Jhala talks about what producers can expect by attending the field day that will focus on palmer amaranth. TRT 4:11

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### **Beef Risk Management Workshops**

"Managing Cattle for Profit in 2021" is a new series of workshops offered by extension in Thedford, North Platte, Alliance, Norfolk and Ainsworth. Jim Jansen, Nebraska Extension Ag Economist says workshops will cover strategies and tools to reduce risk exposure associated with cattle production. TRT 4:29

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### **Haskell Ag Lab Family Fun Day**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Haskell Agricultural Lab will be holding a Science & Ag Family Field Day Wednesday June 30th. University of Nebraska Ag Field days Coordinator Leslie Johnson says, this event is free event and open to the public, and will have activities and presentations for the entire family. TRT 4:11

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of June 21, 2021**

### **Landscape Soil Moisture**

Keeping your home landscape green and growing during the brutal heat can be difficult. Nebraska Extension Educator John Fech talks about proper watering techniques. TRT 4:37

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### **Lightning Bugs**

Lightning bugs are already starting to appear in Nebraska evenings. Extension Entomologist Jody Green talks about why lightning bugs glow and what they look like during the day. TRT 4:25

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### **Market Volatility Preparation**

Farmers need to be prepared for every situation, up; down and everywhere in between. Nebraska Farm Business Director Tina Barrett discusses how operations can be successful during good and bad times. TRT 4:29

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### **Trees and Harsh Weather**

Hot weather has an affect on crops, home landscapes and trees. Chrissy Land from the Nebraska Forest Service says hot weather now isn't good for trees; but unusual weather from last year can also play a role in a tree's vitality. TRT 4:01

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### **Flexible Cash Rents**

Communication is the key to every agreement between landowner and renter. Nebraska Extension Farm/Ranch Succession and Transition Educator Allan Vyhnalek talks about the ups and downs of staying on course with current and future cash rent agreements. TRT 4:22

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## **This Week on Nebraska Extension Almanac**

**Week of June 28, 2021**

### **Blossom End Rot**

One of the most common diseases of home-grown tomatoes is blossom-end rot. Nebraska Extension Educator Amy Timmerman describes what blossom-end rot looks like and some solutions on to how to manage it. TRT 4:15

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### **Control Grasshoppers Now**

Populations of immature grasshoppers are being reported in areas bordering crop fields in several parts of Nebraska. Nebraska Extension Entomologist Bob Wright says control is easier in borders and more successful in the immature stages. TRT 4:19

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### **Managing Bull Fertility Prior to the Breeding Season**

As producers prepare for the breeding season, it's important to think about how they can manage bull fertility. Nebraska Extension Cow Calf Specialist Kacie McCarthy talks about factors that can affect production. TRT 4:31

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### **Safe Meat Grilling**

Summer is a great time to grill food on a backyard barbeque. That's why Nebraska Extension Assistant Nancy Urbanec wants to remind grillers about some basic food safety tips. TRT 4:20

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### **Flexible Grazers**

Drought conditions around the state means producers will have to make some smart decisions when it comes to grazing. Nebraska Extension Range Production Specialist Travis Mulliniks says optimizing a mixed herd of different livestock can offer producers some grazing flexibility. TRT 4:10

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**April 2, 2021**

These features and scripts are also available for download at:



AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	<b>PRE-BREEDING COW HEALTH (fully produced)</b> (Jeff Wichman)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	2:58
	As cow/calf producers gear their breeding herds up for spring breeding, several are several health threats that can be controlled through vaccines. K-State beef veterinarian AJ Tarpoff says now is an important time for producers to be sure females are up to speed for breeding.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	<b>WORK THE REST OF THE HERD (fully produced)</b> (Jeff Wichman)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	2:54
	As cow/calf producers are working their cows ahead of breeding, a K-State beef veterinarian recommends they work the rest of the herd at the same time. AJ Tarpoff says this is a time where producers can utilize their time to get the most efficiency.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	<b>ADDITIONAL CFAP 2 ENROLLMENT (fully produced)</b> (Jeff Wichman)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	As part of the new USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers program, beginning April 5th and continuing for at least 60 days, the Farm Service Agency is re-opening the sign up for CFAP 2 – the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. FSA program specialist Todd Barrows explains what this means for producers.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	<b>OPTIMAL SOIL TEMPERATURE (fully produced)</b> (Jeff Wichman)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	2:58
	During the last week of March, the average weekly soil temperatures at 2 inches among crop reporting districts in Kansas ranged from 43-to-54 degrees. Every summer row crop has an optimal soil temperature for emergence. A minimum for corn is 50 degrees for germination and early growth. K-State cropping systems specialist Ignacio (Ig-naw-see-oh) Ciampitti (see-um-pit-ee) says corn producers, wanting to plant early, won't have to wait much longer.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	<b>PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE UPDATE (fully produced)</b> (Jeff Wichman)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The initiative, Pandemic Assistance for Producers, is a big umbrella program that makes changes to CFAP 1 and 2. K-State agricultural economist Robin Reid says those programs have already provided millions of dollars in assistance to Kansas producers.		



**April 9, 2021**

These features and scripts are also available for download at:

<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
1	<b>FARMLAND VALUE TOOL (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Farmland values change over time, and a new on-line tool from Kansas State University captures those changes on a state-by-state basis, going all the way back to 1950. K-State agricultural economist Terry Griffin was among those responsible for putting together this interactive tool for making farm management decisions based on historical land value trends. It utilized long-running USDA land value data to make calculations.				
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
5	<b>SOYBEAN NEMATODE TESTING (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
The soybean cyst nematode remains a serious detriment to soybean production in this region...meaning it's still important for growers to test their fields for it before planting soybeans this spring, if they haven't done so already. That's according to K-State plant pathologist Rodrigo Onofre (rod-REE-go OWN-oh-fray), who points out why testing for the nematode is simply good management.				
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
9	<b>CATTLE GENETIC DECISIONS (I) (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Cow-calf producers running a spring calving program will soon be moving into the next critical phase of herd management: spring breeding. Genetic trait decisions are being finalized right now, and a K-State beef geneticist weighs in with some advice. Bob Weaber (Weber) says that genetically, each cow herd is unique. That noted, he cites a pitfall or two that producers often encounter.				
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
13	<b>CATTLE GENETIC DECISIONS (II) (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
It's been quite some while since expected progeny difference values, or E-P-Ds, burst onto the scene as a major advance in cattle genetic selection. For one reason or another, E-P-Ds have fallen out of favor with some cow-calf producers. A K-State beef geneticist asks producers not to abandon them altogether. Bob Weaber (Weber) points out that even for the commercial cow-calf operation, E-P-Ds continue to be a highly valuable resource.				
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
17	<b>AG TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
A team of researchers at Kansas State University has been studying how the different generations of farmers approach investments in precision agricultural technology. They'll be presenting some of their discoveries at an upcoming Agricultural Symposium hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in May. K-State agricultural economist Beth Yeager is contributing to that upcoming presentation. Here are some of their talking points.				



**April 16, 2021**

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<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
1	<b>STOCKER CATTLE DECISIONS</b> (fully produced) (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
It's down to last-minute decision-making time for stocker cattle grazers...what stocking rates they'll finally go with on their summer pastures. A K-State beef cattle specialist advises stocker producers to think through all contingencies, and to have a plan in place accordingly. Dale Blasi (BLAAH-see) reminds that the forecast calls for a drier-than-normal summer. And he says that's something producers should take into account before turnout.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>STOCKER MINERAL SUPPLEMENTATION</b> (fully produced) (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Cattle on summer pasture typically require little maintenance...with a few exceptions. One of those is providing mineral supplementation to the herd. And a K-State beef cattle specialist advises stocker producers to pay due attention to that. Dale Blasi (BLAAH-see) understands why producers might not track the consumption of mineral supplements all that closely...but he thinks they should, to the best of their ability.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>SOYBEANS BEFORE CORN</b> (fully produced) (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Typically at spring planting on the average farm, corn goes into the ground before soybeans. This year, a K-State agronomist is finding that some producers are thinking about planting the soybeans first, then corn. Crop production specialist Ignacio Ciampitti (ig-NAW-see-oh SEE-am-PIT-tee) understands why producers might opt for this strategy to benefit early corn growth.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>CATTLE FLY CONTROL</b> (fully produced) (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Cattle producers ought to be finalizing their herd fly control plans for the upcoming summer. A K-State veterinarian offers these observations on means of accomplishing good control. Gregg Hanzlicek (HANZ-el-check) points to the insecticidal ear tag producers as the first line of cattle fly control. He's urging producers to deploy those in a way that doesn't encourage resistance build-up in local fly populations.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
17	<b>CATTLE DEWORMER USE</b> (fully produced) (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Internal parasites, principally worms, are a constant problem for cattle on pasture. Deworming cattle upon turnout is a common practice...but producers need to know a few things about the effectiveness of those dewormer products. That's from K-State veterinarian Gregg Hanzlicek (HANZ-el-check), who shares this information on worm resistance to various types of dewormers.			





**April 23, 2021**

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**K-State Radio Network**


<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
1	<b>FEEDER CATTLE RISK (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Feeder cattle producers routinely grapple with economic risk in their management decisions. An interactive on-line tool from Kansas State University can clarify which risk management options will pay the greatest dividends to the producer. It's called the K-State Feeder Cattle Risk Management Tool, and K-State livestock economist Glynn Tonsor (TAWN-ser) talks about the price risk alternatives it analyzes.		
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>WHEAT FUNGICIDE RATINGS (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Winter wheat growers in this region will be engaged in crop disease control where necessary in the coming weeks. Right on time for that, Kansas State University has just released its latest foliar fungicide efficacy ratings for wheat disease management. This is an annually-updated guide for producers in selecting a fungicide for springtime applications on wheat. K-State wheat disease specialist Kelsey Andersen tells more about it.		
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>FARMLAND VALUES BOOK (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Agricultural producers and many others are perpetually interested in agricultural land value trends. Toward that end, the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University annually collects and reports land value data. And the latest numbers have just been released. K-State agricultural economist Robin Reid teams up with the Kansas Association of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers to create this Kansas Agricultural Land Values Book...which she says serves an important purpose.		
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>LAND VALUE TRENDS (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	How did Kansas farm and ranch land values in 2020 compare to those of previous years? That's fully captured in K-State's just-released Kansas Agricultural Land Values Book...a well-utilized resource by agricultural producers and many others. K-State agricultural economist Robin Reid assembles this land values summary every year, and she talks about the general trends she observed in the 2020 land sales data.		
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
17	<b>HERBICIDE SHORTAGE CONCERN (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Chalk it up as another unfavorable consequence of the pandemic: some crop herbicide products may be in short supply this spring and summer. That's what a K-State weed management specialist is hearing, and she's giving producers the heads-up about it. Sarah Lancaster describes the situation at hand, saying that local herbicide availability may be tight in the weeks ahead.		



April 30, 2021

	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
1	<b>COLD WEATHER AND HERBICIDES (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Some crop producers are now discovering that the early pre-plant herbicides they applied in mid-April may not be rendering the weed control results they expect. A K-State weed management specialist points to the unusually cold weather during that stretch as a possible culprit. Sarah Lancaster says that cold temperatures can alter herbicide performance, depending on the type of product in question.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>HERBICIDE APPLICATION SURVEY (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Maximizing the performance of one's crop herbicide program involves all sorts of variables...perhaps chief among them, one's herbicide application approach. K-State researchers are interested in identifying current trends in herbicide management by producers, by way of a special survey now being taken. K-State weed management specialist Sarah Lancaster talks about this survey, and what she and colleagues hope to accomplish with it.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>CROP NUTRIENT UPTAKE (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Row crop producers looking for cues on fertilizer management on a given field should include the nutrient uptake of the previous crop among those. That's according to a K-State crop nutrient specialist who says that's a key component of nutrient availability in the soil. Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz (DOOR-ah-var roo-EEZ DEE-az) talks about why that nutrient uptake factor matters.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>FEEDING SITE CLEANUP (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	There's a lot going on, on the farm or ranch right now. Acknowledging that, a K-State animal scientist advises producers to set aside some time to clean up their winter cattle feeding sites...as a major step toward summer fly control. Joel DeRouchey (dee-ROO-she) reminds that flies are more than just an irritant to cattle in the summer. They can definitely impede performance...and they often originate at those feeding sites.			

	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
17	<b>RURAL VETERINARIAN SURVEY (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	It's been a long-running concern for livestock producers in certain parts of Kansas: a shortage of food animal veterinary services, especially in more remote locations. This has given rise to a new Rural Veterinarian Workforce Development Task Force. K-State veterinarian Brad White is the director of the Beef Cattle Institute at K-State, and a member of this task force. He outlines the issue that it is addressing.			

	<b>K State Radio Network Features</b> Week of May 7, 2021			
These				
				
1	<b>HEIFER BREEDING PLAN (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>For cow-calf operators running a spring calving program, the cycle begins again, as spring breeding season is here. There's merit in keeping the heifer breeding season as short as possible, as a K-State beef reproduction specialist reminds us. A condensed breeding season usually means a shortened calving season in the late winter and early spring, which plays to the advantage of the producer, according to Sandy Johnson.</p>			

	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>GRAIN MARKETING STRATEGY (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>The grain markets are in lofty territory right now...but subject to extremely volatile swings from trading day to trading day. And grain producers are left to figure out how to make the best marketing decisions out of this. A Kansas State University grain market economist offers some advice on making the most of current price trends. Dan O'Brien says that common marketing mechanisms like options may not be all that beneficial right now.</p>			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>GRASS PRODUCTIVITY FORECAST (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>As another summer grazing season unfolds, worries about drought are already taking root in the High Plains region. Having a drought grazing management plan in place now is a wise move, according to a K-State pasture management specialist. And he touts a new on-line tool to help with that. The experimental tool can help a producer predict grass productivity and peak standing biomass for summer pasture, as Walt Fick explains.</p>			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	<b>PASTURE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b><i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i></b>	3:00
	<p>Signs are pointing so far to a dry summer in the High Plains region. It's wise for producers with cattle out on summer grass to have a drought management plan in place...which should be built around some basic elements. K-State range and pasture management specialist Walt Fick says that cattle graziers should account for as many contingencies as possible in their drought plan.</p>			

AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	<b>DIAGNOSING CATTLE LAMENESS (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b><i>Q...K-State Radio Network.</i></b>	3:00
	<p>As cattle are out on summer pasture now, producers need to be on alert for lameness in individual animals. That lameness can take many forms, according to a K-State beef veterinarian. He says an accurate diagnosis is imperative when it comes to treatment. Of course, the first sign of lameness is an animal favoring a leg or hoof. A.J. Tarpoff (TAR-poff) urges producers to then take a closer look.</p>			



**May 14, 2021**

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<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
1	<b>GENERIC CATTLE ANTIBIOTICS (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Cattle producers may be noticing a steady stream of new generic antibiotic treatments for cattle arriving on the market. The first question about those that often comes up...are these generic products on a par with the original antibiotics in their efficacy? A K-State veterinarian who specializes in antibiotic stewardship offers his thoughts. Brian Lubbers talks about the emergence of generic cattle antibiotics, and why they're generating interest among producers.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>CANOLA TRAIT IMPROVEMENTS (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
The canola crop in Kansas is in good shape so far, according to a canola agronomist at Kansas State University. A generally cool spring with ample moisture has set the crop up for high yields. And he hopes that the new advances in canola genetic traits will lend even more momentum to this alternative crop. K-State's Mike Stamm (STAHM) thinks canola has several things going for it now...not the least of which, the huge surge in canola prices.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>FARM INCOME REPORT (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Based on the records from its over 2200 farms and ranches in Kansas, the Kansas Farm Management Association at Kansas State University just released its 2020 Kansas Net Farm Income Report. This annual summary is considered a leading indicator of the state of the Kansas agricultural economy. K-State's Kevin Herbel (HER-bell) is the executive director of the association. He talks in general about the economic fortunes of agriculture operations in the state this past year.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>FARM INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
In general, 2020 was a very sound year economically for Kansas farmers. That's indicated in the just-released Kansas Net Farm Income Report out of the Kansas Farm Management Association at K-State. This analysis says that the average net farm income for Kansas farms last year was \$167,000. The association's executive director, Kevin Herbel (HER-bell), says that many producers took advantage of those good returns by investing in new assets.			
17	<b>FARM FAMILY EXPENSES (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	
In its just-finished analysis of Kansas net farm income in 2020, the Kansas Farm Management Association at Kansas State University posted an average net farm income figure that looks impressive. The 2200 farms and ranches that make up the association averaged over \$167,000 in net income last year. While that's a healthy number, it should be kept in mind that farm family living expenses take a pretty big bite out of that. That's according to the executive director of the K-F-M-A, K-State's Kevin Herbel (HER-bell), who says those expenses shouldn't go overlooked.			

**May 21, 2021**

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
1	<b>BEEF PACKER MARGINS</b> (fully produced)	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
The wide gap between cash fed cattle prices and boxed beef prices has caused quite a stir in the cattle industry of late. A Kansas State University livestock economist says he fully understands why producers would be disgruntled about large packer margins while cattle prices remain flat. But he says it's largely about the beef processing logistics. Glynn Tonsor (TAWN-ser) outlines what's going on with those margins.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
5	<b>SUMMER FORAGE PRODUCTION</b> (fully produced)	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
Warm-season forages planted in the spring can serve well as a livestock feedstuff. Last year, a K-State beef systems specialist evaluated 17 forage types and combinations for their biomass production, when utilized for grazing, as hay or as silage. And what she found was a consistency in that biomass output. Jaymelynn Farney talks more about her study, listing the forages she evaluated.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
9	<b>SUMMER FORAGE COSTS</b> (fully produced)	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
The results are in on a unique new study of warm season annual forages for livestock feeding, conducted by a Kansas State University beef systems specialist. She evaluated 17 different forage types and forage blends, not only for their typical biomass productivity, but for their production costs as well. Jaymelynn Farney looked at three angles, including the costs of grazing cattle on these forages.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
13	<b>AG RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE</b> (fully produced)	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
This is a watershed point in time for agricultural research at land-grant universities across the country, according to the dean of the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. Research facilities at 97 institutions are in serious disrepair, which they say is jeopardizing the future of public-funded agricultural research. K-State's Ernie Minton has joined his peers across the nation in taking the message to stakeholders about this concern.				
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES				
17	<b>CROP NUTRIENT RELEASE</b> (fully produced)	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
As it decomposes, crop residue from the previous growing season releases nutrients, particularly nitrogen, into the soil. That can then be utilized by the following crop...however, the speed at which all that happens varies by residue type. K-State crop nutrient specialist Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz (DOOR-ah-var roo-EEZ DEE-az) says this is an important aspect of crop nutrient management.				


May 28, 2021

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	<b>HAY HARVEST TIMING (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	No one knows for sure what cow herd feed costs for next winter will be...but there's a real chance that those will be hefty. In looking to keep those costs in check, a producer might want to think about when they're harvesting their native hay this summer. K-State beef cattle nutritionist Dale Blasi (BLAH-see) notes that deciding when to cut prairie hay is always a balancing act between quality and tonnage.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	<b>WHEAT WEED CONTROL (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Around much of Kansas, conditions are ripe for a late burst of broadleaf weed growth in maturing wheat fields. And pre-harvest weed control in wheat is all about timely herbicide treatment. Moist soils from recent rainfall will likely prompt a large flush of weeds, according to K-State weed management specialist Sarah Lancaster...weeds which can cause multiple problems, such as slowing field cutting and sometimes creating foreign material in the harvested grain.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	<b>WINDMILLGRASS CONTROL CHALLENGE (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	What has been a prominent grassy weed problem for farmers in the western half of Kansas is now turning up elsewhere in the state, and it has the attention of a K-State weed management specialist. It's commonly known as windmillgrass, and it presents a control challenge for crop producers. Sarah Lancaster talks about this expanding concern with windmillgrass.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	<b>FARM FAMILY EXPENSES (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	The Kansas Farm Management Association at Kansas State University recently released its 2020 Kansas Net Farm Income summary, which provides a wealth of information on the costs and returns to agricultural production in the state. One K-State farm management economist has extracted from that report numbers on Kansas farm family living expenses last year. Gregg Ibendahl (EYE-ben-doll) says that family living costs are a key indicator that often goes overlooked.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	<b>WHEAT INSECT CONCERN (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	As harvest time approaches, wheat growers should be on the alert for a late-arriving insect which will go right after the grain itself. A K-State crop entomologist is already hearing from producers about the presence of the wheat head armyworm, and he points out that it can potentially lead to discounts upon delivery to the elevator. Jeff Whitworth talks more about this damaging wheat pest.		



<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
These	<b>K State Radio Network</b> <b>Week of June 4, 2021</b>			
				
1	<b>CALF DIETARY ILLNESS (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Kansas State University has received an unusually high number of reports from cow-calf producers lately about young calf illnesses. And it appears that the cause of these has to do with excessive milk intake. K-State veterinarian Gregg Hanzlicek (HANZ-el-check) talks about this condition, which is actually leading to calf losses.</p>			

<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
5	<b>ENERGY IMPACT STUDY (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>The expansion of energy development, especially in the form of renewable energy, has been quite evident across rural areas in Kansas and elsewhere for several years. A Kansas State University agricultural policy specialist wondered if that energy growth impacts the economic decisions of farmers and ranchers on whose land those sources reside. Jenny Ifft talks about her goal with this analysis.</p>			

<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
9	<b>BEEF PACKING DISRUPTION (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	<p>The beef cattle industry was shaken once again recently, when a leading meatpacker, JBS, was forced to temporarily close several beef plants because of a cyberattack. Those plants have since come back on line, but the uncertainty created in the cattle markets was unsettling to producers...and has now become part of the dialogue about packer concentration. Kansas State University livestock economist Glynn Tonsor says that the good news about the JBS incident was that it was short-lived.</p>			

<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>FARM INCOME FORECAST (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>
	<p>Making predictions on the economic returns to farming in the current market environment may seem to be a chancy proposition. Nonetheless, a K-State farm management economist has just forwarded his updated forecast on 2021 average net farm income in Kansas, as well as his new projection on 2022 income. Gregg Ibendahl (EYE-ben-doll) uses Kansas Farm Management Association data in his model of the expected costs and returns of grain production in particular. He talks about the last two years as his baseline.</p>		
			3:00

<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
17	<b>4-H PROJECT EXHIBITS (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>
	<p>County fairs are fast approaching, and 4-H project exhibits are a standard feature of fair activities. K-State 4-H and youth development specialist Amy Sollock (SAW-lick) shares what a 4-H project is about, and what it may mean to a 4-Her and the different projects they may choose to exhibit.</p>		
			3:00



**June 11, 2021**

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<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
1	<b>MEAT DEMAND SIGNALS (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Every month, a Kansas State University livestock economist polls consumers nationwide on their meat consumption patterns...a project he calls the Meat Demand Monitor. And the new numbers from it suggest that consumers are, in fact, getting out and dining more on meat dishes of late. K-State's Glynn Tonsor says that the Monitor survey for the month of May spoke favorably for beef and other meat consumption.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
5	<b>LATE SOYBEAN HERBICIDES (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	A significant amount of acreage is being late-planted to soybeans, or has been already. Some plantings were delayed by wet field conditions, and others will go into wheat stubble following harvest. In either case, post-emergence weed control for those stands can be tricky. K-State weed management specialist Sarah Lancaster says there's been considerable interest in planting dicamba-tolerant soybean varieties late. She reminds that there is a June 30 <sup>th</sup> deadline for those dicamba treatments.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
9	<b>BLUE-GREEN ALGAE (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Blue-green algae in farm ponds can form when the proper nutrients are available and become a deadly concern for livestock producers. Livestock agent Jody Holthaus (HOLT-house) and watershed specialist Will Boyer of Kansas State University have been studying ways of dealing with that algae. Holthaus talks about how to test for it in a farm pond.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
13	<b>KANSAS FFA STAR FARMER (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	The 93 <sup>rd</sup> Kansas FFA State Convention was recently conducted and featured the recognition of several FFA members. Included in that was the naming of the State Star Farmer for 2021. It was awarded to Wesley Denton a Valley Heights FFA member. He began his Supervised Agricultural Experience at the beginning of high school. However, he got started in cattle from a young age.			
<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>				
17	<b>FOOD SAFETY DAY (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Food safety is important all around the world and Food Safety Day was recently celebrated on June 7 <sup>th</sup> . Kansas State University food scientist Randy Phebus (FEE-bus) talks about why food safety efforts are important and their impact on people around the globe. him, but also impacts consumers across the world.			



June 18, 2021

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AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
1	<b>FORAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM (fully produced)</b> (Shellby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Weather is a major component in forage production for you livestock producers. Unfortunately, you are unable to control what the weather is going to do. K-State agricultural policy specialist Jenny Ifft shares information on different insurance plans of how you can protect your forage.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
5	<b>WHEAT HEAD SCAB (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Excessive moisture at flowering time can open the door for Fusarium head blight disease to develop in maturing wheat heads. That's what numerous wheat growers are seeing in their fields on the eve of harvest, especially in locations where it's never been a problem before. K-State wheat disease specialist Kelsey Onofre (oh-NO-fray) notes that this disease, also known as head scab, reduces yields and cause a toxin that can adversely affect livestock when consumed...all leading to discounts at the elevator.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
9	<b>CATTLE GENETIC TESTING (fully produced)</b> (Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Genetic testing allows for producers to take a more genetically in-depth look at their cattle. K-State beef geneticist Jennifer Bormann shares about the importance of record keeping to make genetic testing more valuable.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
13	<b>CATTLE HEAT STRESS (1) (fully produced)</b> (Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Consistently hot temperatures over just a few days' time create a dangerous heat load on cattle in confinement. Pen managers can do several things to take the edge off of that heat stress, as promoted by a Kansas State University beef veterinarian. One thing that many producers don't realize is that the floor of a cattle pen heats up significantly in hot weather. K-State's A.J. Tarpoff (TAR-poff) talks about addressing that.		
AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES			
17	<b>CATTLE HEAT STRESS (2) (fully produced)</b> (Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	The summer heat has arrived, and taking appropriate steps to help keep cattle cool can make a big difference. K-State beef veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff (TAR-poff) shares a few things producers can do to lessen the heat stress on cattle during hot days.		

**K State Radio Network Week of June 25, 2021**

	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
1	<b>ALFALFA LEAFHOPPER THREAT (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	As alfalfa haying season is underway, producers need to be aware of the potato leafhopper. Generally, they will arrive following the first cutting and can cause significant damage. K-State crop entomologist Jeff Whitworth is here to share how to eliminate these bugs and how to identify the potato leafhopper.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
5	<b>SOYBEAN BEETLE CONTROL (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Bean leaf beetles are likely the number one insect pest for soybeans. Crop entomologist from K-State, Jeff Whitworth shares information on when producers will possibly see bean leaf beetles and how to recognize their eating pattern.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
9	<b>WEED MANAGEMENT AND HEAT (fully produced)</b>	(Shelby Varner)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Recent hot temperatures can impact the performance of herbicide treatments and producers should be mindful as they are applying herbicides. A weed management specialist from K-State, Sarah Lancaster, shares how the weather this year has impacted weed growth.			

	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
13	<b>FARM FINANCIAL BENCHMARKING (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Kansas State University offers a helpful means for farmers and ranchers to compare the economic performance of their operation to that of their peers in Kansas. It's an on-line financial benchmarking tool which has just been updated with new numbers from the Kansas Farm Management Association. K-State agricultural economist Robin Reid says that this tool can generate customized comparisons...an example of which she shares here.			
	<b>AGRICULTURE TODAY FEATURES</b>			
17	<b>FARM DEBT STRUCTURE (fully produced)</b>	(Eric Atkinson)	<b>Q...K-State Radio Network.</b>	3:00
	Farm financial ratios can be helpful pieces of information for producers in comparing their operations to others of their kind. An on-line tool provided by K-State agricultural economics features 11 such ratios. This financial benchmarking tool was just updated with new numbers from the Kansas Farm Management Association. K-State agricultural economist Robin Reid highlights two of the more important indicators in it.			

## KRFS AM/FM ISSUES OF RELEVANCE

April/May/June 2021

DAILY PROGRAMMING FEATURING TOPICS THAT AFFECT THE KRFS LISTENING AREA:

NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION	
GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWS CONFERENCE	April 12, 2PM (60 MINUTES) May 10, 2PM (60 MINUTES) June 14, 2PM (60 MINUTES)
YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE	TUESDAYS, 12:40PM (5 MIN.)
WILDCAT REPORT (SUPERIOR SCHOOL)	WEDNESDAYS, 12:40PM
NATURAL RESOURCES AND FSA REPORTS	FRIDAY, 12:25PM (5 MIN.)
UNL EXTENSION REPORTS	MON-FRI, 12:30PM
K-STATE EXTENSION REPORTS	MON-FRI, 12:50PM

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, KRFS has been focusing on that particular subject since the start of the concern. We have been providing public service announcements and information from businesses and entities that would be of interest to listeners. KRFS is conducting weekly (and sometimes daily) interviews with personnel at Brodstone Memorial Hospital plus a variety of discussions on-air with leaders of area schools, local health departments, and city workers. We are also providing information from listening area chambers of commerce regarding protocols for businesses in their respective towns/cities.

With vaccinations for Covid-19 now taking place, KRFS is airing updates from local hospitals, medical clinics, and pharmacies regarding eligibility, availability, and timing for those who choose to get a shot.

KRFS is focusing on the 30x30 program from the White House which is targeting farmers with a potential land grab by the government. Tanya Storer, a Cherry County Commissioner, was interviewed regarding a meeting in Clay Center June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This 2 part interview focused on both the government's and landowners point of view. KRFS attended the meeting as well and interviewed various farmers and ranchers to get their opinions on the issue could force landowners to lose acres due to government actions.

As schools became more open to activities and general admittance from Covid 19, KRFS interviewed school superintendents regarding how they will be handling graduations around the area. Many schools were lifting some of the restrictions while others maintained the status quo until the end of the school year.

Superior's Victorian Festival was held after a one-year hiatus over Memorial Weekend. KRFS assisted with the Grill Games competition and broadcast from the event. Live broadcasts also took place throughout the day Saturday featuring the many activities in the city.