



Grain storage needs outweigh funding

USDA quadruples funding to help farmers with grain storage in wake of unprecedented, disastrous weather events. But even with the increased amount, the program will still not be able to meet the needs of many producers.

Dean Schamore has been the state executive director of the USDA Farm Service Agency since January of 2021.

"So, I missed the tornado, but I was here for the clean-up ..." he says.

And part of that clean-up includes a program enacted by FSA to issue cost-share assistance payments through an Emergency Grain Storage Facility Program. FSA first announced that the program would be backed by \$20 million in funding, to help producers affected by disaster events from Dec. 1, '21 through Aug. 1, '22.

But due to the high volume of applications received, FSA amended the funding amount by quadrupling it – to \$80 million.

He says the "basic gist is to help peo-

ple who not only lost on-farm storage, but also the ability to deliver to a commercial grain storage facility."

Schamore says there was definitely more need than there was money available for the program. "It was oversubscribed – before they added more to it. It's still oversubscribed – there's still more need than funding."

But, he adds, "we got a large portion of that funding to farmers in Kentucky." It's a great program for those with approved applications, he says, and will help change their farming operations.

"This will actually make us more secure in any type of natural disaster, domestic or foreign terrorist events – it's a very positive thing not to have all the grain in one area."

Schamore uses Mayfield Grain Company as an example. "Nothing against them, and we really hope they build back – definitely a needed service," he says. "But one event in that location took out 9.5 million bushels of grain."

But that's all a part of capitalism, he says. "We begin to merge things and we don't have as many locations around the country as we used to, because there are more ways to transport. But now

there's bigger pain points."

These events that wiped out so many grain bins had many having to find

another facility to drive to, probably

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A photo from Mayfield Grain posted on social media shows the destruction left in a 2021 tornado's wake. Although the USDA has upped the support to \$80 million for a federal grain bin storage program to support farmers and producers, it says the program will not be able to meet the needs of many producers who are still experiencing storage deficits due to the disaster events.

Kentucky celebrates Farm to School month

During Farm to School Month, school food services and cafeterias celebrate what they do daily – purchase locally and provide school children with locally sourced meals. October is National Farm to School Month and provides a chance to highlight how schools provide meals from nearby sources rather than across the country and importantly support their local economy.

Tina Garland, coordinator of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Farm to School Program, said the primary goal of the celebration is to increase student awareness that the foods they eat are Ken-

tucky Proud and to try new foods.

She said cafeterias will have a "Local Foods Day" several times during the year when they specifically advertise local foods. She noted children are very receptive to new foods when they know it's from their local farmers.

She cited asparagus as an example.

"Many children have never eaten asparagus. Schools purchase local asparagus and serve it raw with ranch dip. The kids love it and can't wait until it comes in season again."

She said that when children learn the food is local, they want their families to

go to the local farmers' market to purchase more.

Garland created "Kentucky Crunch," a social media campaign to encourage schools to promote their local purchases. Food service directors receive an infographic. When they purchase from a farmer and take photos of the children "crunching" on their locally sourced food, they post the photo, graphic, and hashtags to post on the Kentucky Farm to School social media page. Both the school and the farmer are recognized.

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But doesn't cooking with locally sourced food add extra work to cafeteria staff?

"It shouldn't," Garland said emphatically. She continued that many schools are returning to "scratch" cooking, and farm-to-school fits that bill.

The KDA has resources to help cafeteria staff. Chef Rebecca Shepherd-Smith, of the Chef in Schools program, goes to any school district participating in the National School Lunch Program and works hands-on with the cafeteria staff. She can rework menus, show how to add in local products, and review the serving line as to presentation because, as Garland pointed out, "We eat with our eyes first." The chef also teaches knife skills, slicing, chopping and dicing.

There are also monetary incentives to purchase locally. In 2023, KDA offered school districts the opportunity to participate in the \$3.2 million Local Food For Schools Cooperative agreement. This USDA grant allowed food service



Brightly colored locally sourced food brings bright smiles to Bowling Green Independent School students. Students choose from a variety of foods all grown in Kentucky

directors to establish new relationships with producers and strengthen the relationships already based within their

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further away, Schamore says, meaning more gas costs to farmers as well as more time spent getting the job done.

The Emergency Grain Storage Facility Program was not part of the Farm Bill, so there was no money earmarked for it. "The USDA found the money, but nothing was appropriated. This is all brand new to help with the disasters we've had."

The sign-up period for the program ended on Aug. 7. To be eligible, producers had to be grain producers with a demonstrated need and if they met requirements, they received the cost-

share assistance.

In a USDA news release, it said the unprecedented outbreak of tornadoes affected counties in Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Tennessee. There was significant damage to and destruction of local commercial elevators, which left many grain producers with limited storage capacity for harvested commodities, and with no or limited marketing options.

FSA Administrator Zach Duchenaux also said that the applications received for assistance far exceeded the limited funding available for the program, and that "given the critical need for assis-

tance across the countryside ..." now the \$80 million allocation will be used to fund additional eligible applications that have already been received. But that even with the quadrupled amount – the program will still not be able to meet the needs of many producers.

Any farmers or producers considering a new installation of a grain bin are also reminded to contact their utility providers.

Taylor County RECC posted a notice asking producers to contact its engineering department before installing a grain bin on any property.

The National Electric Safety Code requires varying clearances for grain

bins away from power lines, and utility companies can assist farmers by visiting properties to help determine the safest location, away from power lines, to place grain bins.

"It's very important to note that if you construct a grain bin too close to electric lines, Taylor County RECC will not be able to energize your grain bin and you may be required to pay to have lines moved to meet National Electric Safety Code," the release says.

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BULLS: Medium and Large 1-2: 3 Head, 265#, 188.00; 1 Head, 365#, 221.00. Medium and Large 2-3: 5 Head, 405-440#, 103.00-107.00; 4 Head, 655#, 108.00.

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COWS: Breaker, 75-80%: 21 Head, 1340-1825#, 90.00-99.00; 6 Head, 1400-2010, 100.00-104.00; 4 Head, 1435-1665#, 87.00-89.00. Boner 80-85%: 49 Head, 1060-1690#, 90.00-99.00; 12 Head, 1210-1420#, 100.00-111.00; 17 Head, 1100-1735#, 83.00-89.00; 1 Head, 1630#, 67.00. Lean 85-90%: 33 Head, 895-1815#, 90.00-99.00; 8 Head, 1080-1260#, 100.00-110.00; 73 Head, 830-1770#, 80.00-89.00; 44 Head, 705-1570#, 50.00-79.00.

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In closing, I'll remind our farming friends to take care of themselves both physically and mentally as harvest continues.

Technology is a beautiful and amazing thing. I'm writing this column from my beach chair while watching the wave roll in, and that's a winner for me.

Thinking about technology makes me SOY thankful for all of the data management innovations that are available to farmers. I'm hearing many good reports from the cabs of combines, and - while they're not verified yield contest entries - the number are in real time, and they're usually pretty darn accurate.

As corn harvest wraps up for most and soybean harvest is in high gear, I want to remind Kentucky's soybean farmers to enter our production contest. There is a yield component, sure, but did you know that we also send quality samples to an out of state lab for evaluation for the Quality component of the contest?

This year we will also send a portion of those samples to Dr. Seth Naeve, who aggregates protein and oil content data from across the U.S. Dr. Naeve provides this information back to the farmers whose samples are submitted in addition to utilizing the data (with no farmer information attached) in other ways.

WE know that Kentucky farmers are pretty darn skilled at growing high-protein, high-quality soybeans, but Dr. Naeve's data backs up those claims, which can give farmers here in the Commonwealth a competitive advantage.

Speaking of Dr. Naeve, he's been confirmed as a speaker for our February Intensive Soybean Management Workshops, which will be held in Princeton on Feb. 6th and Elizabethtown on the 7th. Keep an eye out for the Winter Kentucky Soybean Sentinel or watch our social media for details.

In closing, I'll remind our farming friends to take care of themselves both physically and mentally as harvest continues. Long days can lead to shortcuts, and safety shortcuts can lead to tragedy. Drink your water, take a break from time to time, and share the road. Don't be a statistic!

Beef's new range war won't be over grass

The cattle market's future, like the West's wild and rowdy past, will feature sweat, brawls, and blood.

And that's just the meatpacking side because today's fast-thinning cattle numbers, plus the rise of at least eight new, smaller beef packers, promise a bruising fight among the upstarts and Big Meat for enough cattle to keep kill lines at capacity and any packer within a mile of being profitable.

Current beef cattle numbers show just how cutthroat the coming fight will be. Last year's widespread drought forced cattlemen to cull herds. That fire sale pushed U.S. cattle slaughter up a whopping 13 percent over 2021 and dropped this year's cattle inventory to 89 million head, or nearly 3 million less than 2022.

Heavier slaughter weights can make up for lower slaughter numbers. For example, according to a September posting on Farm Journal's AgWeb, this year's cattle slaughter will yield 27 billion pounds of beef, or 3 billion more pounds than 1975's herd of 132 million head.

But the extra weight doesn't solve today's packer problems, said John Nalivka, a market expert. There's just not enough cattle for today's packers to kill, he told Farm Journal, let alone for eight newcomers, too.

"Beef packer capacity utilization," Nalivka explained, "will be about 87% this year and I project it will be about 80% next year without (emphasis added) any additional capacity added. The drop at cow plants"—slaughterhouses that handle lower quality, older mama cows—"will be even greater."

"(P)ackers need capacity utilization to run from 90% to 94% to capture efficiencies of size and maintain profitability," Nalivka added. Next year's steep drop in steer and heifer slaughter will make 2024 an even messier challenge for packers than 2023.

Few in cattle country will lose sleep over Tyson Foods, JBS, Cargill, and National's money-losing woes. The packers, after all, made obscenely fat profits off cowboys and feedlots for nearly a decade so watching them whine, wiggle, and wrangle for slaughter cattle might be more entertaining than attending the local rodeo.

In fact, those obscenely huge profits—especially during the pandemic—helped fuel rancher and feedlot interest to invest in most of today's new, smaller regional slaughter plants. Some, like TruWest Beef in Jerome, ID, promise 500-head daily capacity; others, like Producer-Owned Beef in Amarillo, TX, are aiming for 3,000-head daily kill.

All total, "At least eight (packer) projects that have the potential to add 11,700 head to daily (slaughter) capacity are in various stag-



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es of completion," Farm Journal related.

Given those facts, have these meatpacking newcomers—mostly cow-punching ranchers and boots-on-the-ground feedlot owners—climbed out of their saddles only to walk straight into a deadliest, bloodiest meatpacker shakeout in recent memory?

Maybe, but most hope their smaller size will make them more able to find profitable niches in local and regional markets underserved by the packer elephants. One newbie, Sustainable Beef

of North Platte, NE, is doing just that by hooking up with the elephant of U.S. groceries, giant Walmart.

According to Successful Farming magazine, "Last year, Walmart acquired a minority stake in Sustainable Beef... and promised to buy most of the beef it produces." Large cuts of Sustainable's beef carcasses will be trucked to Walmart's new, \$257 million plant in Olathe, KS, to become "meat case-ready steaks, filets, and more" for Walmart's Midwestern stores.

The Sustainable/Walmart pairing is just the most recent example of Big

Food finding another way to capitalize on rural America's increasing need for alternative—and often less-than-ideal—routes around heavily concentrated, deeply uncompetitive markets like today's Big Agbiz-dominated dairy, beef, pork, and poultry markets.

Will these small packer-giant retailer partnerships work? For "the chosen few," Kansas rancher and private meatpacker Mike Callicrate, told Successful Farming.

"They might be rewarded," but since no one has tackled the underlying issues of "concentration, consolidation,

and captive supply," he adds, it won't be long before the market will become even "less competitive."

History confirms Callicrate's clear-eyed forecast; Big Meat, after all, has the bankroll to ride out market storms. The start-ups, on the other hand, mostly have just hope.

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KFB names 2023 Farmer of the Year finalists

Each year, Kentucky Farm Bureau recognizes an individual whose efforts not only strengthen the state's agriculture industry, but also show service and leadership both on and off the farm.

This year's finalists are Jed Clark of Graves County, Tom Folz of Christian County, and Brenda Paul of Bourbon County. Each finalist is a fitting example of the thousands of Kentucky farm families across the state committed to the agriculture industry, efficient in their farm practices, sound in their fiscal management, and leaders in their communities.

Jed Clark of Graves County

Clark has been farming in Mayfield since he graduated high school in 1998. He raises corn, soybeans, wheat, and tobacco across nearly three thousand acres in west Kentucky. He also owns Seed Smart LLC., a seed and crop protectant dealership. He and his wife, Chrissy, have three children they are raising on the farm.

Like all farmers, Clark has faced challenges. In 2021 following the devastating tornadoes that tore through the Mayfield community, Mayfield Grain, the number one purchaser of grain in the area, was destroyed. Due to Mayfield Grain no longer operating, the distance his grain must travel during harvest has become longer and waits at riverports have become common. Nevertheless, Clark and his family have persevered, diversified, and continue to farm.

"Being a successful farmer goes beyond working fourteen-hour days and producing a high yield crop," said Clark. "It is supporting the younger

generation of farmers, taking time to educate consumers, and dedicating your time to ensure the future of agriculture. I am always honored to get to share our farming story.

Tom Folz of Christian County

Tom Folz and his family raise corn, soybeans, wheat, and tobacco plants on more than 4,500 acres in western Kentucky. In addition to his farming operation, he runs a Beck's Hybrids dealership which is an integral part of his business.

Folz considers sustainability to be an important part of his farming. He implements no till and minimum till practices to gain the benefits of airing out the ground and evening residue all while avoiding any challenge brought on by full-till farming. He soil samples regularly and can use data to create variable rate seed and fertilizer prescriptions. He uses moisture probes under irrigation pivots to maximize water efficiency, and not

overuse a scarce resource.

"Farming is in our blood and we could not imagine doing anything else," said Folz. "To plant our crops and to watch God take care of them as they grow is so satisfying. I am blessed to see my children have interest in the farm, and want to follow in my footsteps, which is such a blessing."

Brenda Paul of Bourbon County

Brenda Paul and her family raise cattle, alfalfa, hay, sorghum, and soybeans on her nearly 6,000-acre farm. She is a graduate of Purdue University and she and her husband have been farming their land in Bourbon County for the past 30 years.

Paul has been adopting more on-farm technology such as ultrasound equipment, precision pasture seeding, and spraying utilizing tractor guidance and

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communities. There were 89 recipients statewide.

Three years ago, the Kentucky Department of Education offered the Kentucky Vegetable Incentive Program, which provided 50 cents for every dollar spent on locally sourced fruits and vegetables. While the funds are no longer available, the funds were an incentive, and many schools continued local purchases.

If food service directors are determining how to start purchasing locally or farmers are unsure how to navigate the many regulations to become a food service vendor, the Kentucky Farm to School Network Hub has the answers.

A current opportunity for farm to school funding is the USDA FNS Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant 2024

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=350548>.

The Kentucky Farm to School Hub at (kyfarmtoschool.com) is a free statewide website that increases the amount of Kentucky-grown and produced food on school lunch trays.

Just as the name implies, it is a “hub” of information to help food service directors and farmers connect with one another and serves as a reliable information source for producers and school food service purchasers.

Farmers can post profiles of their operation and, likewise, food service directors can post their food needs. The hub also offers a wide range of resources for both entities to help in all areas of procurement.

The Farm to School Network is another source for farmers, food service directors, and even foodies to glean

information about farm-to-school. The network hosts the Kentucky Farm to School Challenge to encourage schools and classrooms to “Taste, Learn and Grow.” (kyf2snetwork.com)

Bowling Green Independent Schools has been a leader in using locally sourced products. Food Service Director Dalla Emerson “inherited” a vibrant food service using locally sourced food. Emerson’s predecessor, Kim Simpson, strongly advocated for supporting local farmers. Simpson started purchasing locally in 2008 and said Emerson’s job was to keep the ball rolling.

Bowling Green Independent Schools has an enrollment of 4500 students, with some eating three meals daily.

Emerson admitted she had a bit of a learning curve to purchase locally but soon realized its importance. School menus started offering entree salads,

and it became obvious they could take local products to the next level.

“So as we grow, so does the farm to school - it is a fixed entity, not an afterthought.” She said they don’t plan menus and then think of the farmer, they plan with what the local farmers provide.

“We base our menus based on our partnerships with our local farmers; they produce what they produce, and we incorporate that into our menus.”

She noted that the food service uses Pro Team Advisors, a company that takes its menu and ensures it meets all the federal government requirements.

How is Bowling Green Independent Schools celebrating Farm to School Month? “We celebrate every day,” Emerson said enthusiastically.

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Field Reporter



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Tangy Dipping Sauce:

- **1 cup** plain low-fat yogurt
- **3 tablespoons** mayonnaise
- **1 tablespoon** dried parsley
- **2 teaspoons** dried dill
- **1 teaspoon** garlic powder
- **1 teaspoon** onion powder
- **1/2 teaspoon** salt

Wash hands with warm water and soap, **scrubbing** for at least 20 seconds. **Cut** the ends off the okra. **Cut** the okra into 2-inch (tater tot sized) chunks. In a large bowl, **place** the cut okra, olive oil, and seasoning. **Toss** to coat. **Add** to the basket of your air fryer in a single layer. Depending on the size of your air fryer, you may need to cook in batches so the okra is in a single layer, which allows air to circulate and okra to be crispy. **Cook** at 350 degrees F for 10 minutes or until crispy, tossing halfway through. While the okra cooks, **prepare** the sauce by **mixing** all of the ingredients in a small bowl. **Refrigerate** the sauce until ready to serve. **Serve** okra tots with tangy dipping sauce. **Store** leftovers in the refrigerator within two hours.

Yield: 5 servings. **Serving Size:** 1/5 of recipe. **Nutrition Analysis for Okra Tots with Tangy Dipping Sauce:** 170 calories, 13g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 10mg cholesterol, 330mg sodium, 14g total carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 4g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 4g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 10% DV calcium, 6% DV iron, 8% DV potassium. **Nutrition Analysis for Okra Tots (no sauce):** 70 calories, 6g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 0mg sodium, 10g total carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 1g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 1g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 4% DV calcium, 0% DV iron, 6% DV potassium.

Twice-Baked Acorn Squash

- **2 medium** acorn squash (1 - 1 1/2 pounds)
- Nonstick cooking spray
- **2 cups** fresh spinach, chopped
- **4 strips** turkey bacon, cooked and crumbled
- **1/2 cup** grated parmesan cheese
- **1** thinly sliced green onion
- **1 tablespoon** olive oil
- **2 teaspoons** garlic powder
- **1/2 teaspoon** salt
- **1/4 teaspoon** black pepper
- **1/4 teaspoon** nutmeg

Wash hands with warm water and soap, **scrubbing** for at least 20 seconds. **Preheat** oven to 350 degrees F. **Cut** squash in half; **discard** seeds. **Place** squash flesh side down on a baking sheet **coated** with nonstick cooking spray. **Bake** for 50 to 55 minutes or until tender. **Carefully scoop out** squash, leaving a 1/4-inch-thick shell. In a large bowl, **combine** the squash pulp with the remaining ingredients. **Spoon into** shells. **Bake** at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through and top is golden brown. **Store** leftovers in the refrigerator within two hours.

Yield: 4 servings.
Serving size: 1/2 of an acorn squash.

Nutrition Analysis: 210 calories, 9g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 25mg cholesterol, 710mg sodium, 27g total carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 1g total sugars, 0g added sugars, 9g protein, 0% DV vitamin D, 15% DV calcium, 15% DV iron, 20% DV potassium.

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Do you love him?

When three women went to the tomb where Jesus was buried as reported in Mark 16, they saw that the stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. They entered the tomb and saw a “young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side.”

He was an angel, and he told the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus had risen. He says, “go and tell his disciples, including Peter.”

Why did the angel say, “including Peter?” Had Peter, in his sorrow and embarrassment, withdrawn from the others? Did he no longer consider himself to be a disciple because he had denied knowing Jesus, just as Jesus said he would.

All of the disciples betrayed Jesus; Peter was not alone in this. But his betrayal – his denial – is recorded in detail.

Peter is one of my favorite people in the Bible, because I can relate to his failures. He was so in love with Jesus and so eager to follow the Lord, but he just kept messing up. He let his flesh – and his mouth – get in the way. I think he was so devastated by what he did that he walked away from the other disciples, feeling ashamed and unworthy. He had professed his loyalty – no matter what the others did – and then he fell. He did not believe he deserved mercy. He probably planned to spend the rest of his life punishing himself for his failure.

But that was not God's plan. God's messenger said, “including Peter.” He wanted Peter to know that Jesus was fully aware of what he did, but the call on his life had not changed.

Peter goes on to become a powerful man of God, so much so that even his shadow had the power to heal the sick (Acts 5:15). Before Jesus left earth to sit at God's right hand, he had a special talk with Peter. I doubt we fully understand that conversation, but it was a healing one for Peter. I can only imagine the love and emotion that came from that conversation as Jesus asked Peter if he loved him three times (the same number of times that Peter denied Jesus). Talk about reaching down into your very soul and pulling out your deepest truths!

That's what Jesus wants from all of us. Do you love him? Truly, deep down, love him? Peter shows us that we must face our greatest failures and come back to the throne of grace if we want to truly become the person God wants us to be. Not because we are worthy, but because Jesus paid the greatest price he could pay, and he did it because he loves us.

S/Sharon

Proposed fuel economy standards will impact corn growers

Corn grower organizations across the nation, including leaders in Kentucky, are asking producers to voice their concerns about a federal proposal that would have a dramatic impact on the use of ethanol.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a proposal to increase fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks that corn growers say are unattainable and economically unsound.

One option in the proposal calls for a 2 percent per year increase in fuel efficiency for passenger cars and 4 percent for light trucks beginning with the model year 2027. By 2032, the average fuel economy of 66.4 mpg for cars would be expected. Light trucks and SUVs would be required to meet an average of 54.4 mpg.

The proposal largely mirrors the EPA's even stricter proposed rule on tailpipe emissions that corn growers and advocates have expressed concern over.

The National Corn Growers Association says the rule would force car manufacturers to overlook viable solutions such as biofuels and race toward electrifying their fleets.

"As proposed, the rule would minimize the role of biofuels in the clean energy market and their ability to play a role in emissions reduction," the National Corn Growers Association said in a statement. Consumers would face significant price hikes, they added.

A number of Republican lawmakers agree.

"At a time when prices for new vehicles are at all-time highs, NHTSA's new fuel economy standards will add even

more to the price tag, depriving people of safe, affordable vehicles," House Energy and Commerce Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., said in a statement. "These new penalties put an additional burden on manufacturers as well, which will ultimately be passed along to the hardworking people of this country."

NHTSA said in a statement that the proposal would save Americans hundreds of dollars at the pump, while making America more energy secure and less reliant on foreign oil.

NHTSA said it would coordinate with the EPA to optimize the effectiveness of its standards.

The proposed rule sets targets that are consistent with Congress' environmental policies, with NHTSA saying it supports the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NHTSA said it does not take electric and other alternative fuels into account in setting the standards (it is prohibited to do so) and manufacturers may use all available technologies – including advanced internal combustion engines, hybrid technologies and electric vehicles – for compliance.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has passed a bill that would stop EPA from finalizing the tailpipe emissions rules. U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said the proposal was the Biden Administration's way to escalate their war on affordable, gas-powered vehicles, "taking a page from California's 'Green New Deal' playbook."

To submit a comment or learn more about the proposal, go online to kycorn.org.

KFB names 2023 Kentucky Farmer of the Year Finalists

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section control. All cattle have an electronic identification tag in their ear for improved record keeping, health, and weight history. Individual weights are recorded each time an animal moves through the chute to better track growth throughout the year. With ever-changing technological advances, she is

always looking to improve her ability to make decisions using data analysis.

"As a first-generation farm operation, I hope my agricultural experiences offer encouragement to younger farmers building their own farm businesses," said Paul. "I enjoy sharing my farming story with consumers and speak from the perspective of both a beef producer and a mother."



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Conference explores yak production in Kentucky

Kentuckians are becoming more familiar with a livestock species dubbed an alternative to beef—the domestic yak. The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and Morehead State University will offer a Yak Husbandry and Research Update on Oct. 28.

UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences professor Jeff Lehmkuhler is part of the joint project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education producer grant. He said yaks are gentle, yield lean meat, have high-quality fiber and generally have a low environmental impact.

"Yaks are traditionally found in the Northern Plains states such as Montana, Colorado and Wyoming," he said. "We are evaluating how yaks perform in the Southeast. We are also studying ways to improve genetic diversity by refining artificial insemination implementation."

The free, one-day conference will

begin at 8:30 a.m. EDT at the Morehead State University Farm. Topics include artificial insemination, grazing performance, fiber characteristics and a meat-cutting demonstration. Lunch is included. The day will end with an open discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Lehmkuhler said there needs to be more standardized information about yak husbandry in the United States.

"We want to develop science-based information that will help Kentucky producers get started with yak," he said. "We are studying ways to improve herds, understand yak economics and how yak perform in our rich, forage-based system."

To register for the conference, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yakconference>.

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Cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity – Do you know the difference?

The Forage Doctor



By Jimmy Henning

Some aspects of forage management are just confusing enough that the same questions come up every year. Take the forage disorders, cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity, for example. Questions on these disorders come up anytime forages from the sorghum family (which includes johnsongrass) are grazed.

Questions arise especially often in the fall as we begin to experience light frosts. This article gives a quick reminder about these two forage disorders of cattle. (Cyanide toxicity is also called prussic acid toxicity or poisoning).

But first, you have to take a test. What follows is taken from an exam given to juniors, seniors and graduate students who take the UK Forage Management and Utilization class. Ready? Okay, here you go:

Please indicate whether the description below is true of cyanide or nitrate toxicity. In some cases either choice will

be correct. (Answers below the 'quiz').

- _____ Dissipates in hay
- _____ A problem when leaves of freshly frosted johnsongrass or young tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed
- _____ Causes suffocation
- _____ Never a problem with pearl millet
- _____ Usually detoxified by the ensiling process
- _____ Can be avoided by waiting until sorghums are 24 inches tall before grazing
- _____ High rates of nitrogen and drought

So what do you think? Easy? Hard? My students had a bit of a problem with it the first time (just might have been the instructor, I am afraid). Here are the answers and some explanations.

Dissipates in hay: Cyanide. Cyanide is released as a gas as sorghums (sudan-grass or sorghum sudangrass or johnsongrass) dry out during haymaking.

A problem when leaves of frosted johnsongrass or tender regrowth of sorghums is grazed: Cyanide. In both cases

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Will this plant kill cattle? Frosted johnsongrass is of concern to cattle producers every fall. Tender regrowth of johnsongrass can be very toxic to cattle if grazed in quantity. Often confused with nitrate toxicity, cyanide toxicity is a potential problem with all sorghum species, including johnsongrass.

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UK Land-Grant Engagement invites requests for funding proposals

The University of Kentucky Office of Land-grant Engagement is seeking request-for-funding proposals from faculty and staff. These grant funds, first announced at the UK Engagement Academy in September, support innovative projects to provide Kentuckians with knowledge and skills they can use to improve their lives and communities. Engagement funding will expand collaborative efforts between the university and partners across the commonwealth while addressing important public needs.

"We are excited to launch this process," said Nancy Cox, vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "After a successful Engagement Academy and seeing the partnership ideas emerge from that, we know the proposals we receive will be impactful."

The competitive grant program is an idea born out of the UK Engage visioning process, which identified strategies and goals for land-grant engagement in 2022 and early 2023. Those interested in submitting a proposal can read the full guidelines and submit proposals here. The program will help expand collaborative relationships between the university and Kentucky communities.

Specifically, the grants align with priority areas identified by the UK Engage visioning committee. Those priorities include industry and workforce devel-

opment, health and wellness, community vitality and economic development, youth leadership and service, community areas, and the land-grant university partnership. Organizers encourage applicants to think creatively and develop proposals with actionable ideas that address public needs.

"Engagement funds create more opportunities to leverage our individual and collective strengths as we work across the enterprise toward a common goal. Our state looks to us to answer the most complex questions, and we have the experts and leaders to answer the call," said Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky president. "We are proud to be home to remarkable innovators and educators who are dedicated to advancing our commonwealth. I look forward to what we will make possible for communities in all 120 Kentucky counties through the engagement funds."

The Office of Land-grant Engagement will accept funding requests of up to \$20,000 per proposal will be accepted for review. Projects should include partnerships with collaborators like UK Cooperative Extension and community partners and organizers encourage proposals that identify matching funds as part of their application.

A panel of independent university reviewers will score proposals. Applicants should submit proposals no later than Nov. 10. The panel expects to announce awards mid-January.

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Cyanide poisoning and nitrate toxicity – Do you know the difference?

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these forages will have high levels of cyanide-producing compounds in their leaves. When consumed by ruminants, cyanide is released in the rumen. Please note that cyanide risk can be several times greater in johnsongrass than the sorghums; some estimate it to be three to five times as toxic. Toxicity with johnsongrass is most frequent in freshly frosted forage, and especially in the new growth that may start after a non-killing frost, similar to the photo above.

Causes suffocation: Cyanide and nitrate. Both of these toxic chemicals react with the oxygen transport in the blood. Blood from ruminants exposed to high nitrates will be brown. Cyanide toxicity causes the blood to be bright red.

Never a problem with pearl millet: Cyanide. Pearl millet does not contain

cyanide-generating compounds like the sorghums. For this reason, many prefer pearl millet over the sorghums for supplemental grazing.

Usually detoxified by the ensiling process: Both cyanide and nitrate. Significant amounts of cyanide and nitrate are either evolved as a gas (cyanide) or metabolized during ensiling (nitrates). Generally, the ensiling process will detoxify forage that would be harmful if consumed fresh. If nitrate toxicity is a concern, collect a sample after a month of ensiling and test for nitrate concentrations. Although nitrate toxicities are infrequent, it always pays to be prudent and test.

Can be avoided by grazing sorghums after they reach 24 inches: Cyanide. Young plants of the sorghums have high concentrations of the cyanide-generating compound dhuririn. Concentrations of this compound are diluted as sor-

ghums grow to 24 inches.

High rates of nitrogen and drought: Nitrate. When heavily fertilized with nitrogen (usually above 80 lb N/A) and under drought stress, the sorghums AND pearl millet (and many other plants) can accumulate toxic levels of nitrate in their stems. The concentration of nitrate is higher near the soil and gets lower as you move up the stem. UK ag agents have access to test strips that can indicate if high levels of nitrate are present in stems. If this quick test is positive for nitrate, submit a sample for analysis to measure actual concentrations present.

How did you do? Pretty well I hope. As you might imagine, there is much more information available on the production of summer annuals, and toxicities of cyanide and nitrate. To learn more, please see UK publications AGR 229 “Warm Season Annual Grasses in

Kentucky”, ID 220 “Cyanide Poisoning in Ruminants” and ID 217 “Forage-related Cattle Disorders: Nitrate Poisoning.”

Please mark your calendars for the 2023 Kentucky Grazing Conference (Oct. 31 Elizabethtown, Nov. 1 Lexington) which focuses ‘Reducing livestock stress in grazing systems.’ We are very pleased to feature our special guest speakers Curt Pate (Curt Pate Stockmanship) and Greg Bran (Retired NRCS Grazing Specialist), Lewis Sapp (Stay Tuff Fence) and Chris McBurney (McBurney Livestock Equipment). Go to the Events page of our UKY Forage web page to sign up (<https://forages.ca.uky.edu/events>). Pre-registration is \$45 and \$60 at the door. Registration starts at 7:30 AM local time with the program beginning at 8:30.

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Kentucky fencing schools showcase the basics and new innovations



Photo by Steve Patton

Kentucky producers and agricultural professionals will have two opportunities this fall to learn about farm fencing basics and new innovations. The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, with the Kentucky Forage and

Grassland Council, Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, Kentucky State University and Kentucky Beef Network will offer the 2023 Fall Fencing School Nov. 7 at the Scott County Cooperative Extension office and Nov. 9 at the Kentucky Soybean Board office in

Princeton.

"Fencing is vitally important on the farm," said Chris Teutsch, associate professor for the UK Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, stationed at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. "Good fences keep our livestock safe and our animals from getting out and disturbing our neighbors."

The schools will begin at 7:30 a.m. local time and address fencing types and costs, construction basics, electric fencing, innovations in technologies and an overview of Kentucky fence laws—all before lunch.

The afternoon session is a hands-on fence-building session where participants put their knowledge and skills to work. The demonstration includes:

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Events at both locations conclude with questions and a survey at 4:30 p.m. Participants should pre-register at least one week prior to the event. Advance registration is \$35 per person and includes notebook, safety glasses, hearing protection, refreshments and a catered lunch. Use the following links to register:

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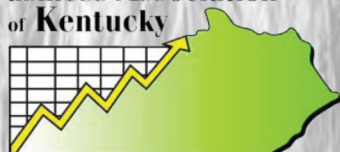
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Russell County Stockyards Russell Springs, KY Sept.27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 30 hd. 636# 248.25 blk-bwf 20 hd. 657# 250.00 blk-bwf 28 hd. 765# 240.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 596# 215.00 blk-bwf 30 hd. 701# 229.50 blk-bwf 59 hd. 777# 230.25 blk-bwf 67 hd. 786# 229.85 blk-bwf	Farmers Livestock Flemingsburg, KY Sept 26, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 71 hd. 731# 249.85 blk-charx	Mid-KY Livestock Market Upton, KY Sept. 26, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 414# 256.00 mixed Feeder Bulls: Medium & Large 1-2 21 hd. 469# 230.00 blk 24 hd. 572# 225.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 24 hd. 455# 235.50 blk 37 hd. 515# 236.75 blk	Blue Grass of Albany Albany, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 551# 254.00 blk 42 hd. 654# 265.00 blk 69 hd. 802# 236.50 blk 67 hd. 896# 231.00 charx-red Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 40 hd. 560# 225.50 mixed 40 hd. 595# 235.00 blk
Kentuckiana Livestock Market Owensboro, KY Sept 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 22 hd. 711# 241.00 blk-bwf Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 25 hd. 534# 226.00 blk 25 hd. 693# 230.00 blk-bwf	Lake Cumberland Livestock Somerset, KY. Sept. 30, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 36 hd. 468# 265.00 blk-charx 61 hd. 888# 232.00 mixed 61 hd. 909# 232.50 blk-bwf 49 hd.1116#205.00 blk-bwf 48 hd.1130#195.50 blk-red Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 23 hd. 450# 249.00 blk-charx 35 hd. 476# 247.00 mixed	Christian Co. Livestock Auction Hopkinsville, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 34 hd. 661# 230.00 blk-charx 22 hd. 773# 227.50 blk	
Blue Grass of Campbellsville Campbellsville, KY Sept. 27 & 30, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 31 hd. 812# 239.40 blk-bwf Holstein Steers: Large 3 23 hd. 684# 185.50	United Producers Harned Harned, Ky Sept. 25, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 31 hd. 554# 261.00 blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 32 hd. 480# 243.50 blk	United Producers Owenton Owenton, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 61 hd. 870# 230.00 mixed Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 39 hd. 581# 228.00 mixed 70 hd. 704# 240.35 blk 86 hd. 707# 240.25 blk	Blue Grass East Mt. Sterling, KY Sept. 27, 2023 Feeder Steers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 565# 242.00 charx-blk Feeder Heifers: Medium & Large 1-2 20 hd. 470# 223.50 charx-blk 65 hd. 712# 237.25 blk 66 hd. 828# 223.75 blk

USDA ESTIMATED DAILY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER				
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Fri.9/29/2023 (est)	96,000	1,000	473,000	5,000
Week Ago (est)	114,000	1,000	478,000	4,000
Year Ago (act)	117,000	2,000	449,000	4,000
Week to Date (est)	601,000	5,000	2,396,000	33,000
Same Pd Lt Week (est)	612,000	5,000	2,416,000	32,000
Same Pd Lt Yr (act)	624,000	7,000	2,373,000	34,000

National Daily Direct Slaughter Cattle		
Negotiated Purchases 9/29/2023		
Live Bids FOB- weighed average weights & prices		
Steers:		
80%-up Choice:	1490.0 lbs	184.00
Heifers		
80%-up Choice:	1352.6 lbs	183.92

9/29/2023 USDA Carlot Meat Summary , Compared to Previous Day Prices in dollars per hundred weight: Boxed beef cutout prices were trending down on Choice and Select carcasses.
NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTOUT Estimated composite cutout value of Choice 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.73 at 300.78; Select 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.40 at 276.04; based on 76 loads of choice cuts, 26 loads of select cuts, 12 loads of trim-mings, and 17 loads of ground beef. Choice/Select Spread 24.74.
CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE NW_LS410https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls410.txt. Estimated car-cass price equivalent value of Choice 600-900 lbs carcasses down 0.75 at 283.22; Select 600-900 lbs carcasses down 1.08 at 259.77.
Current index reflects the equivalent of 112,928 head of cattle.

Weekly Kentucky Cattle and Grain Summary
Frankfort, KY
For Week Ending:
Receipts: 23,535

Monday, October 2, 2023
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Last Week: 23,132
Last Year: 20,981

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Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold mostly 2.00 to 5.00 lower with moderate to good demand. Yearling steers and heifers were mostly steady with good demand. Weaned preconditioned packages of calves were still bringing a premium with fleshy new crop calves facing discounts. Slaughter cows were mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower and slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 lower with moderate to good demand.

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STATE AVERAGES

Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
350-400 lbs	253.32	263.89	187.70
400-450 lbs	250.75	252.08	177.78
450-500 lbs	247.84	254.34	177.81
500-550 lbs	245.65	251.36	173.83
550-600 lbs	241.41	246.49	170.96
600-650 lbs	235.20	237.87	161.77
650-700 lbs	234.11	236.10	161.35
700-750 lbs	227.75	234.83	156.31
750-800 lbs	225.11	233.31	154.94
800-850 lbs	234.70	234.38	160.27
850-900 lbs	229.52	233.03	153.04
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	222.78	228.64	154.27
350-400 lbs	228.11	232.35	153.51
400-450 lbs	226.23	231.07	153.47
450-500 lbs	226.92	231.48	151.39
500-550 lbs	219.60	225.85	149.81
550-600 lbs	220.12	224.58	147.22
600-650 lbs	215.28	223.03	144.34
650-700 lbs	215.98	219.55	143.22
700-750 lbs	205.60	211.07	136.95
750-800 lbs	204.88	211.39	136.16

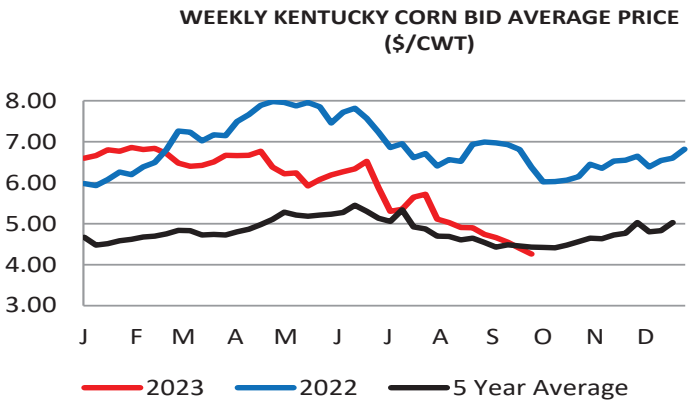
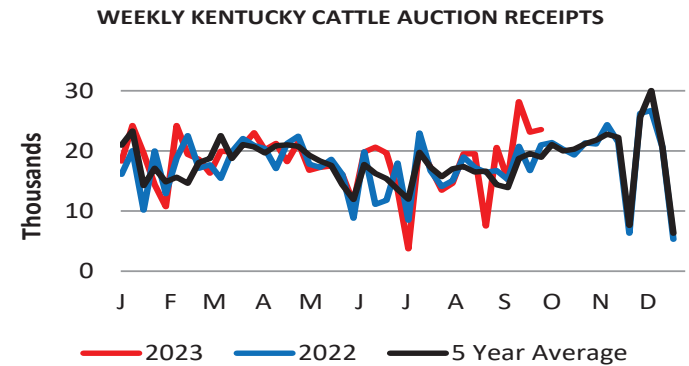
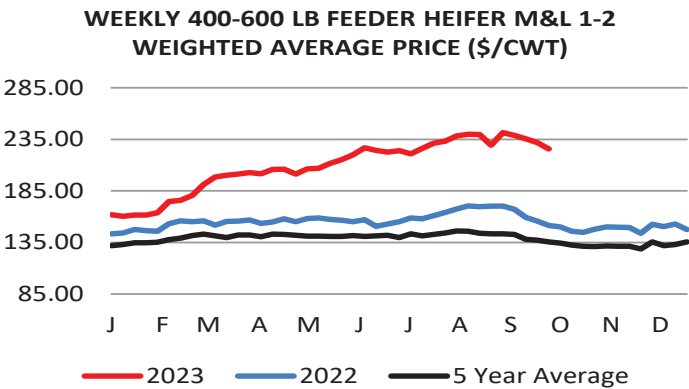
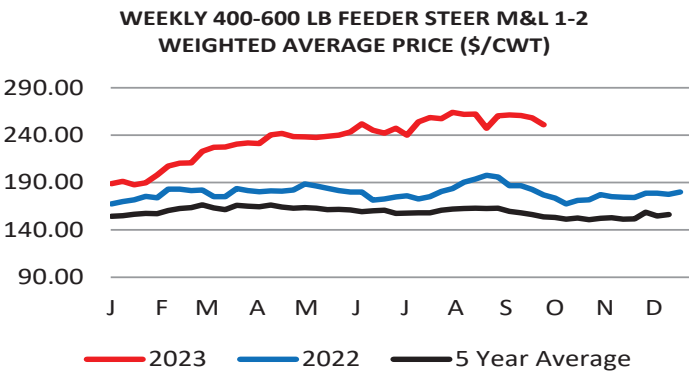
WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	80.00-108.50	91.50-119.00	75.00-99.50
Boners	75.00-104.50	90.00-119.00	60.00-95.00
Lean	57.00-99.00	77.00-127.50	40.00-89.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1&2	107.00-129.50	118.00-144.00	82.00-119.00

September 28, 2023
SLAUGHTER GOATS: 190
Kids Selection 1-2 59 lbs 222.50; 71 lbs 222.50. **Selection 2** 45 lbs 177.50; 54 lbs 215.00; 64-68 lbs 192.50-222.50; 84 lbs 210.00; 111 lbs 170.00. **Selection 2-3** 53 lbs 122.50-192.50; 66 lbs 200.00; 73 lbs 170.00; 110-125 lbs 122.50-150.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 408
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 1-2 56 lbs 272.50; 71-72 lbs 170.00-177.50; 87 lbs 157.50;92 lbs 147.50; 112-137 lbs 112.50-127.50. Choice 2 54 lbs 242.50; 70 lbs 180.00; 90 lbs 142.50. Woolled Choice & Prime 1-2 155 lbs 127.50. [View Full Report](#)

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GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	3.82-4.65	4.10-4.82	5.48-6.93
Soybeans	11.31-12.73	12.16-13.35	12.30-14.51
Red Winter Wheat	5.09-6.19	5.26-6.34	8.18-8.92



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	4.09-4.29	4.27-4.47 5.07	4.12	4.12	4.32	4.24
	11.31	11.85	11.90	11.80	11.85	12.21
	4.32	4.57-4.67	NA	NA	NA	4.91
New Crop Delivery Contract Corn #2 Yellow Corn #2 White Soybeans #1 Y Wheat #2 SRW Barley	4.09-4.22	4.27-4.47 5.07	4.12	4.12	4.32	4.24
	11.31	11.85-12.05	12.25	NA	11.85	12.91
	5.09	5.22	NA	NA	5.27	5.94

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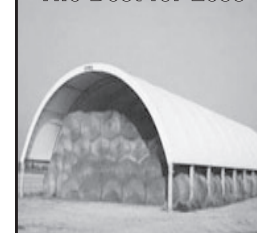
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