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Calculate SURE Farm Payments For 2011

North Dakota had its share of production problems in 2011. Approximately 5.6 million acres of cropland were not planted because of wet conditions, and crops that were seeded often suffered lower than normal yields.

Many producers may receive some help through the federal Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program.

SURE is a program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"SURE is a critical part of the safety net for our producers because it provides a good level of protection against shallow losses," says Aaron Krauter, FSA North Dakota executive director. "Even if you manage to go through the year without any major crop losses, lower than expected yields or poor markets can put a big dent in the bottom line and SURE can help you recover from that."

A SURE Calculator program for 2011 is available through North Dakota State University at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/tools>. The program will estimate payments that may be made later this year.

"This can be important to producers when projecting

cash flows," says Andy Swenson, NDSU Extension Service farm management specialist.

"The SURE calculator put together by the NDSU Extension Service is a good tool to use to determine if you might qualify for a SURE payment this fall," Krauter says. "When the signup period is announced by the USDA this fall, make certain to contact your local FSA office for an appointment to make the SURE application."

The program is applicable to nearly all farm situations. It has been revised to handle 23 different crops, the most prevalent crop insurance policy types and larger farms.

The SURE payment calculation is dependent on many factors, but all the necessary information should be known now, except the 2011 national marketing year average crop prices.

The 2011 marketing year is June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012, for wheat and barley. For soybeans, corn and sunflowers, the marketing year is Sept. 1, 2011, through Aug. 31, 2012.

"However, we are far enough into the marketing year to narrow the range of estimates for the final average price,"

Swenson says. "The SURE Calculator contains a list of price estimates that will be updated each month until the final price is known."

SURE is a unique federal farm program because it is based on the financial performance of the entire crop farm. As defined under SURE, a payment is made if "actual farm revenue" falls short of the "farm revenue guarantee". The payment is 60% of the shortfall.

"Because SURE payments are triggered at the whole-farm level, stronger returns on some acreage typically offset losses on other acreage and no payments are made," Swenson says. "However, the production situation in 2011 probably will generate payments for many producers."

There are several eligibility requirements for the SURE program. The producer must carry crop insurance on all crops unless a crop has less than a 5% economic significance to the farm. The farm must be in or adjacent to a county that has a federal disaster declaration (all North Dakota counties qualified in 2011) or else the farm must have had a 50% revenue shortfall. The farm also must have a least one crop with a 10% revenue shortfall.

"Meeting these criteria should not be a problem for most North Dakota farms," Swenson says.



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Improving Efficiency Reduces Carbon Footprints

By Lois Kerr

Experts estimate that by 2050, nine billion people will live on planet Earth. These extra people will require farmers to produce more of everything, including animal products, yet available agricultural land will continue to shrink as developers gobble it up for far less important uses. Farmers will have to produce more using less, which means increasing efficiency and production with each passing year.

For years, farmers and ranchers have done an outstanding job in bettering their production and efficiency, according to Jude Capper, Washington State University assistant professor of dairy science. In spite of this fact, however, livestock producers continue to come under attack by various groups and environmentalists. "The beef industry has done some really good things in the past 50 years," Capper comments, "and we need to continue this. Anti-agriculture and other biased groups call themselves fancy names that sound innocuous but then these groups release slanted reports to the public, claiming their reports are 'science-based'. This is not true. These groups are not impartial and they make livestock look like the carbon footprint culprits."

She continues, "We cannot save the planet by going meatless. People cannot continue to think that making dietary changes will save the planet. This isn't just about meat, as we get tallow, leather, and pharmaceuticals from animal byproducts. What would happen if these products were all replaced with PVCs?"

Capper looks at the total beef industry for her research and has proved that U.S. cattlemen continue to increase in efficiency and can supply more beef with

less input as compared to their counterparts 30 years ago. "I've looked at the whole picture, the total beef industry, and I've proved efficiency has increased and as it increases, the carbon footprint decreases, and we also have more meat," she remarks. "The improved beef yield per animal may be limited, but we can and have improved production all the way through."

Capper cites facts and figures to prove her assertions. "In 1977, it took five animals to produce the same amount of beef as cattlemen produced in 2007 with four animals," she says. "That's one less animal. It took 606 days to get an animal ready for slaughter in '77, and it took 482 days to get that animal ready for slaughter in '07. Cattlemen saved 144 days. In 1977, it took 3000 animal days of land, feed, and water to get an animal to market weight. In 2007, it took 1928 days, so cattlemen saved 1100 days of food and water resources."

The result of course means a decreased carbon footprint. "Feed, land, cattle, fertilizer, fuel all go into growing an animal from birth to slaughter," Capper comments. "In 2007, we had fewer animals, and used less feed, less water, and 33% less land. Cattle also utilize land that can't grow anything else, but we've cut the land usage by one third just by improving productivity and efficiency."

Whether cattlemen choose traditional methods, go organic, or raise grass fed animals, Capper says each system has its place and that all systems can continue to improve in efficiency. "Whether cows are grass fed or grain fed, whether a rancher has a few cattle or a lot, all livestock producers can improve growth rates and efficiencies and can cut the total time it takes to

reach targets," she maintains. "We can cut the losses of death and illness in the system, and we can improve reproduction rates. Eighty-nine percent of cows have a live calf each year. Just improving the percentage of live births increases productivity."

She adds, "We need to continually improve, because these issues of carbon footprints and greenhouse gases will not go away."

The beef industry needs positive publicity, and cattlemen need to practice proactive marketing. "We all need to prove our dedication to reducing carbon footprints," Capper concludes. "Productivity is the key factor in reducing those footprints."



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Brower Hired As New LYIP Manager

By Lois Kerr

The Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) Board of Control has hired James W. Brower, Milton-Freewater, OR, to take over the responsibilities of manager. Brower, who officially began his duties as manager of the irrigation project on Feb. 17, replaces Jerry Nypen, who retired from the manager position effective Feb. 16. Brower unofficially began work Feb. 8 however as he wanted to familiarize himself with all aspects of the Project prior to Nypen's departure so he could gain insights and knowledge about the project before he took full responsibility for LYIP. "I wanted to come a little early while Jerry was still here so I could learn from him and so I can discover the secrets of success," Brower comments.



James W. Brower

Brower applied for the position with LYIP because he and his wife have always admired this part of the country and its way of life. "My family has friends from Montana, we know people in Oregon and Washington from Montana, and we have always been impressed with these people," Brower comments. "We like the way of life and when we came to Sidney for my interview, we were impressed with the friendly people and how neighborly it feels here. People cooperate together to get things done right. My wife is excited to be moving here and we feel we can't get back to Sidney quickly enough."

He adds, "My family is a firm believer in treating people with honesty and respect, and following the Golden Rule. We find that attitude in Sidney as well."

Brower expects to have a smooth transition as he takes over the reins of LYIP. He plans no major shifts in focus or effort in the immediate future. "I will try not to make changes," he remarks. "I was very impressed with the quality of work and the craftsmanship the LYIP crew has demonstrated. Jerry (Nypen) and Bill (Hamburg) are doing things better than the way a lot of irrigation districts in the Washington/Oregon area handle things. The farmers and the board also cooperate together at LYIP a lot better than what we see in Washington and Oregon, and I can see the support LYIP has from the board and from the community. The LYIP crew takes pride in their work and I like this, what I call an old-fashioned hometown work ethic."

Brower will make changes only after consultations and serious thought. "I will do a lot of listening," he comments. "I plan to meet with the users and the irrigators and I will do my best to be fair. I want to get together with the farmers, to be accepted into their groups and meeting places so we can talk freely in a casual atmosphere and discuss the Project and what may be needed."

The new manager brings with him 15 years of experience in engineering irrigation systems. He specializes in irrigation design and problem solving, and installing new irrigation equipment that meets farmers' needs. He enjoys managing projects, working with people and he excels at communications and relationship-building.

Brower, who married his high school sweetheart 23 years ago, has a 19-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter. The family will move to Sidney as soon as possible. Once here, Brower plans to join the volunteer fire department and become involved with the community. "Being a part of the volunteer fire department is important to me," Brower comments. "For me, this is a way of doing something worthwhile to help the community."

Brower invites people to stop in and visit with him. "I'm ready to meet people," he concludes. "I hope that people approach me and introduce themselves. I'm always available to meet with people and I want to get to know the water users and community members as quickly as possible."

The Art Of Farming WIFE Calendar Art Contest Rules

In recognition of National Agriculture week (National Agriculture Day March 8, 2012), WIFE (Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics) invites Montana's school children to express their ideas on farm life by participating in WIFE's 26th statewide calendar art contest. Winning entries grades K-8 will be awarded a cash prize at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place levels in each grade's division. Winners whose pictures are used will also receive a calendar.

All entries are to be done horizontally on 8 ½ x 11" white paper with dark, black lead pencil or black ink. Any aspect of agriculture that is of interest to the students may be drawn. Any depiction of alcohol or tobacco will not be accepted. Student's name, grade, school, address, town and zip code should be clearly printed on the back of their picture.

No entries can be returned, but WIFE may display or use student's artwork for various WIFE projects throughout the state. Entries must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2012. Artwork will be judged on the basis of originality.

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Proactive Steps Can Reduce Potential Of Heat Stress In Animals

By Lois Kerr

If the MonDak experiences a summer as above normal in temperatures as we've enjoyed this winter, hot humid summer days will carry the potential to cause a lot of stress in animals. Heat stress affects performance levels and if left untreated, the stress can lead to death.

Carl Dahlen, NDSU Extension beef specialist, explains that heat stress is caused by an animal's inability to keep its core body temperature at normal levels. "Animals have internal body temperatures, thermo neutral zones that they need to stay warm or cool," Dahlen remarks.

"We're all familiar with cold stress, when we shiver which is the body working to stay warm. In heat, animals sweat or pant and do things to stay cool and to keep the body at optimum temperature. It requires a lot of effort when the body is trying to maintain its core temperature, and after awhile it begins to take a toll on the body. Heat stress occurs when the animal can't keep up with the cooling process any longer."

Dahlen points out that heat bothers some animals more than others, and people need to keep these factors in mind when facing a heat stress situation. "Dark hided animals are more susceptible than light hided ones," he says. "Also, the oldest animals and the youngest animals have the hardest time regulating body temperature, as do the market ready animals."

He continues, "Market ready animals, often your most valuable ones, are the most likely to suffer from heat stress because they've got fat on their body, and fat is a great insulator. Fat is great in the winter, but in summer it keeps the animal insulated and the animal has a harder time getting rid of the excess heat."

Dahlen encourages ranchers to identify times when heat stress may show up in animals. "Hot humid days are a problem, when by 9 a.m. the heat and humidity are already unbearable," he remarks. These are the days that cause problems. Cows and calves can die as their bodies cannot keep up with the process of maintaining core body temperatures."

Dahlen urges ranchers to practice proactive approaches to heat stress and to think about possible issues before the dog days of summer arrive. "Before it even happens, think about your set-up," he comments. "Where are your most susceptible animals? If a heat stress event is forecast, you need to have a game plan already in place."

Two major factors, water and shade, play a critical role



in preventing heat stress. "Water is our salvation in dealing with heat stress," Dahlen remarks. "Large amounts of available water is crucial. In a feedlot, you need additional waterers and on the range you need a large watering hole."

He adds, "Shade is second in importance. Animals need shade as well as a lot of available water. Shaded coulees or other shade areas are important. Make sure your most susceptible animals have plenty of water and shade until the heat event passes."

Dahlen offers a few other tips to deal with heat stress events. "Sometimes we are caught unawares and we notice heat stress in our animals," he remarks. "Last year the heat caught us during breeding season, and it was not a good situation."

He continues, "If animals must be worked, do it early in the morning before daylight, or after the heat of the day. Gather cattle while it is still dark. You also should change feeding times from morning to afternoon or evening, as the process of digesting food raises body temperature. Also, something as simple as bedding with straw for those animals that are confined can make a difference. Putting out straw bedding, which is light, can reflect heat and can change the ground temperature and cool it off as much as 10°."

Ranchers need to remain vigilant all summer long about the possibility of heat stress in their animals. "Typically we know the heat is coming if we pay attention to weather forecasts," Dahlen concludes. "Be careful and think things out. Paying attention can go a long way in preparing for a heat stress event. Err on the side of caution."

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Fencing Demonstration



Todd Hermanson, owner of Hermanson Fencing, talks to and demonstrates before a group of FFA students, advisers, and area adults what kind of work they do on farmers' fences and gates.

By Emily Schaff

Todd Hermanson, owner of Hermanson Fencing, gave a demonstration on fencing materials, tools, and techniques during some down time during the Big Muddy FFA mechanics CDE held in Sidney on February 20. While waiting for awards, an estimated 100 FFA students and advisers from thirteen surrounding towns watched Hermanson show and

explain what he and his employees do at Hermanson Fencing. Hermanson, his son Tel and Donald Johnson, demonstrated the type of work they do on gates and fences, and the tools they use to make their job easier. The presentation, over all, provided FFA members a little bit of background information and helpful hints on making the job of fencing easier.

Reality ProRodeo To Shed Light On Lives Of Contestants

Courtesy of the PRCA

Sankey Rodeo Company will launch a seven-week reality television series March 11 on HRTV which will provide an insider's look at the Cowboy Sport, focusing on the lives of contestants Ryan Jarrett, J.R. Vezain and Sue Smith, along with four Sankey bucking horses.

The 30-minute show, Reality ProRodeo (<http://realityprorodeo.com>), will air each Sunday night at 10 p.m. (ET) from March 11 through April 22. Will Rasmussen is the show's host.

Ike Sankey, a veteran PRCA stock contractor, came up with the concept and hired a company from Missouri to handle the photography and editing.

Filming was done at the Sankey ranches in Joliet, Mont., and Cody, Wyo., and at rodeos in Sheridan, Wyo.; Cody, Wyo.; Spanish Fork, Utah, and Castle Dale, Utah.

"Along the way, each of the contestants tells their personal story," Sankey said. "They talk about their families,

how they became involved in the sport and what they hope to achieve, as we follow them through the season.

"But the show is also focused on our livestock. We feature four horses (Domino Theory, Monopoly, Parlor Games and Sodoku), all out of Dominos. Three have been to the (Wrangler) National Finals Rodeo and the fourth will go. It's a chance to explore breeding programs and genetics.

HRTV is a 24-hour, television-based multimedia network dedicated to horseracing which features racing action from the world's greatest racetracks. HRTV also features other forms of equestrian competition, as well as original programming and award-winning documentaries covering a variety of racing and general equestrian topics. The live stream of HRTV is available on a subscription basis to high-speed Internet users worldwide at www.hrtvlive.com. The HRTV television network is presently available via cable, telco video and satellite in approximately 19 million homes in the United States.



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Eckhoff Appointed Interim Superintendent Of EARC

By Lois Kerr

The Montana State University has appointed agronomist Dr. Joyce Eckhoff as interim superintendent for the Eastern Agricultural Research Center (EARC), Sidney. Eckhoff takes over the position vacated by Dr. Jerry Bergman, who retired from the EARC to accept the position of director at the Williston Research and Extension Center.

Eckhoff's duties include 25% administration, 60% research and 15% outreach activities. Administrative responsibilities include general oversight of new construction or renovations, general operation and management of the existing facility and equipment, budget development and prioritization, and personnel management.

Eckhoff's outreach responsibilities and her duties as

an agronomist will remain the same.

Eckhoff has as part of her overall focus for the EARC the securing of additional funding for the research center system. "The budget gets cut and cut and cut," she remarks. "This is starting to hurt our ability to conduct research. Because of lack of funding, we not only need to reduce the scope of our research, but we also can't hire the help necessary."

She continues, "The need to produce more food for a growing population continues to escalate. The increasing demand for more production, coupled with the decreasing amount of land available for farming, presents serious challenges. We need agricultural research to help our farmers and ranchers survive and to help them become more efficient so they can produce as much as possible."

Eckhoff also hopes that MSU will hire another researcher for the EARC. "We want to hire another scientist," she says. "However, the focus and scope of any new research has not yet been determined."

Eckhoff has served as agronomist at the EARC for the past 26 years. Along with her duties as superintendent, she will continue her research on crop management and on durum breeding.



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DEQ Seeking Comments On 2012 Draft Water Quality Report

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on Montana's 2012 Draft Water Quality Integrated Report. The 2012 draft list update is now available for review and comments will be accepted during a 60-day public comment period that began Jan. 4 and extends through March 3, 2012.

The report includes a list of Montana waterbodies that are impaired and in need of water quality restoration, the sub-set of impaired waters that require specific total maximum daily loads or TMDLs to be developed, known as the 303(d) list, and a summary of state water quality information, known as the 305(b) report.

The Draft 2012 report contains revisions to the list of impaired waters, changes in assessment information for waters already on the list, and the schedule for preparing TMDLs. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant that a waterbody may receive from all sources without exceeding water quality standards.

The Draft 2012 report also identifies 857 waters that are impaired by pollution and/or pollutants in various categories. The DEQ will use comments it receives to prepare the final 2012 Integrated Report that will be submitted to the EPA by April 2012.

DEQ's report submittal to the EPA consists of the report document and appendices, an electronic database, and geo-referenced assessment unit files for mapping. The department provides access to the complete report data and information via its Clean Water Act Information Center web application: www.cwaic.mt.gov. Anyone experiencing problems accessing this site should con-

tact the Montana Integrated Report Coordinator by phone at 406-444-6763.

Comments on the report or 303(d) list should be submitted electronically via the Public Comment page available at www.deq.mt.gov, or mailed to: Integrated Report Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901. The DEQ cannot guarantee that comments received after the March 3 closing date will be considered in developing the final report.

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Tim and Char have leased out their farm and have decided to liquidate all of their machinery on Saturday March 24th and the Guns and Household on March 25th. This will be a large auction so we will start the sale prompt at 9:00 a.m. MST. Most of the big equipment has been kept inside and nearly all the equipment is field ready.
This is a sale you will not want to miss! We will have a separate flyer for the Guns & Household items. We hope to see you there!
Rick

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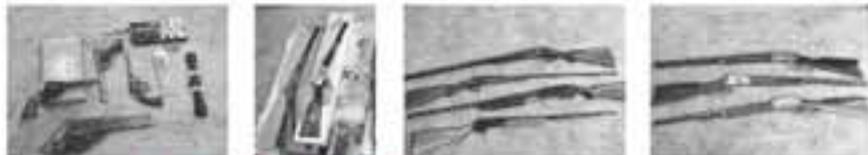


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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:

This is a continuation of the Langwald 2-day Auction. These items will be sold on the 2nd day, SUNDAY, March 25. Tim has a nice selection of guns in this auction. We hope to see you both days March 24th & 25th! Rick

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2.4	72	137	1.39	44	.39	.65



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-7	53	90	-.43	19	.68	.01



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Bergman Guest Of Honor At International Safflower Conference

By Lois Kerr

The International Safflower committee honored Dr. Jerry Bergman, longtime safflower breeder and pioneer in developing new safflower varieties used in a wide variety of products, as the guest of honor at the 8th International Safflower Conference held in Hyderabad, India from Jan. 19-23. The conference, held every three to four years, seeks to gather together safflower breeders from around the world to discuss strategies and share new information.

"I didn't know I was to be the guest of honor until the opening session," Bergman comments. "It was very unexpected and I was embarrassed by all the attention."

Bergman, who has worked on developing new and improved safflower varieties and safflower production research for the past 38 years, served as lead speaker and presented a total of three papers during the conference. Safflower acres are currently not increasing worldwide, but Bergman's opening paper discussed the global strategies to increase both the worldwide production and safflower products and value. "I gave the lead lecture that focused on global strategies for advancing safflower," Bergman remarks. "I also discussed the vision for safflower and how to double yields over the next decade. We can accomplish this through genetic advances, management practices, and genetic engineering for value added traits. The Centennial variety of safflower that I developed is currently used for genetic transformation and regeneration by private genetic engineering companies, and one new product is a safflower capable of producing on 100,000 acres enough insulin to meet worldwide demand for a one year period."

He adds, "Safflower is an excellent host species for value added GMO traits. Australian researchers are using genetically engineered safflower to produce unique and specialized industrial oils."

In the MonDak region, safflower growers do very well with yields, a fact that does not apply to Indian safflower



Dr. Jerry Bergman with Dr. V.J. Singh, India safflower breeder.

growers. "Alternaria leaf spot is the most important disease limiting safflower world-wide, so controlling this disease is important to expanding safflower production globally," Bergman says. "In our Northern Great Plains area, with improved varieties for resistance to Alternaria leaf spot and with our available fungicides to control the disease, grower yields have increased by 30% in the past five years. In India, yields are much lower. Indian farmers grow 1.25 million acres of safflower but yields are only one-third of the yield of our northern plains area yields."

Bergman believes safflower will become increasingly popular as a crop due to its diversity and multiple uses, which include high quality cooking oil low in unsaturated fat, its medicinal possibilities, use in cosmetics, and its potential for value-added proteins such as insulin and novel GMO developed industrial oils. "Safflower will grow in importance world-wide by coupling the traditional bred safflower with genetically engineered value added products," Bergman predicts. "The crop holds a lot of unexploited potential in all types of farming, from organic to traditional to GMO farming systems. Organic specialty markets exist

because of the high quality oil that non-GMO safflower produces as it is higher in monounsaturated fat and much lower in saturated fat than olive oil.”

Although Bergman appreciated the opportunity to attend this conference in India, he was appalled at the standard of living conditions in Hyderabad, which troubled him. ‘I enjoyed the conference and the opportunity to exchange information with the Indian scientists, and I appreciated their great hospitality,’ he says. “But seeing how people live in India made me appreciate how well we have it in the USA. Everyone in the USA should visit other less developed countries to get a greater appreciation for our high standard of living here in the United States.”

Bergman sits on the international safflower research and development committee which works to promote safflower products and research world-wide.

The 9th International Safflower Conference will be held in Sonora, Mexico in April 2016.

Right: Dr. Jerry Bergman, center, with two Indian colleagues at the 8th International Safflower Conference held in Hyderabad, India in January.



We think MonDak roads are crowded. Indian roads in Hyderabad all teem with vehicles.

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1:05 p.m. 50th ISBI Anniversary Recognition

1:15 p.m. 'NAFTA Sugar Markets: Status & Outlook'

Owen Wagner

Senior Economist, North America LMC International, Washington, D.C.

2:00 p.m. View Exhibits

5:00 p.m. Doors Close

THURSDAY — March 15

9:00 a.m. Doors Open

10:00 a.m. 50th ISBI Anniversary Recognition

10:10 a.m. 'Weather & Climate Trends & Patterns, 2012'

Leon Osborne

President, Meridian Environmental Technology, Grand Forks

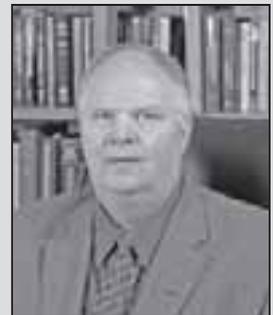
10:55 a.m. View Exhibits

Mid-Afternoon Doors Close



LMC International is an agribusiness consultancy headquartered in Oxford, England, with offices in New York City and Washington, D.C., among other locations. Owen Wagner is lead analyst for LMC's sugar and oil seeds research for the U.S., Canada and Mexico. In addition, he specializes in competitiveness benchmarking of ag industries and feasibility studies for capital investment projects in agribusiness.

Leon Osborne has more than 30 years of atmospheric science experience in academia, research and industry. He has been on the UND Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences faculty since 1979, also serving as director of the UND Regional Weather Information Center. He is involved in research and technology transfer that applies weather technology to the solving of everyday problems, including those relating to agriculture systems.



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Skunks: Friends Or Foes?

By Lois Kerr

Very few occurrences upset our daily routine more than when the family dog tangles with a skunk and comes home reeking unbearably. The hideous odor skunks emit, which does contain sulfuric acid as part of the odiferous stench, lingers for days, takes quite some work to eradicate from a dog's coat sufficiently so that we can stand to have the animal around, and of course the risk of rabies always exists with skunk encounters.

However, skunks really do serve a good purpose. They eat whatever they can scrounge, which includes insects, plant materials such as wild fruits, mice, and the eggs of birds that nest on the ground. Unfortunately, a skunk in the hen house will wreak havoc, and people who have garbage strewn around can expect

skunks to help themselves to the feast.

Skunks, amiable mild-mannered critters, want to avoid us as much as we want to avoid them. These placid creatures prefer solitude and try to stay out of harm's way. They don't seek to start fights, and they spray that nauseous scent only as a last resort. Some researchers claim that skunks can't stand their own malodorous scent which is why they do wait as long as possible before squirting those who get too close, but I'm not sure how anyone can make a statement like that, since I don't know of any skunk that actually mentioned this little fact to a scientist (or to anyone else for that matter.)

Skunks do not hibernate. They will den up during the coldest months of the year, but on warm days in January it isn't unusual to get a telltale whiff that announces in no uncertain terms that a skunk or skunks are on the prowl.

Skunks generally breed in late winter or early spring, with the litter arriving 60-75 days later, usually in May or June. Litters range from three to ten youngsters.

Although skunks have easy-going temperaments and try to avoid trouble at all costs, the animals also unfortunately carry rabies. Skunks are nocturnal animals, so the sight of a skunk wandering around during daylight hours can signal that the skunk is rabid, particularly if it seems disoriented, partially paralyzed, walks in circles, or acts aggressively.

Those who have problems with skunks can generally solve the problem with only a little effort, as skunks quickly get the hint when they are mildly harassed and will move elsewhere. Eliminate sites where skunks can live, and make sure dog food and garbage are out of reach. Skunks like elevated sheds, openings under porches, and available space beneath houses or out-buildings, so closing off these entrances also discourages skunks from moving in. Skunks also dislike ammonia, so ammonia soaked rags placed by or in suspected dens will encourage the skunks to pack their bags and find a less offensive spot in which to live.

For those unfortunate enough to come in contact with skunk spray, or who have a dog that gets a little too close to a skunk, forget the tomato juice. It doesn't work, as the acid in tomato juice will not neutralize the odor. Rather try a mixture of a quart of hydrogen peroxide, ¼ c. baking soda, and 2 Tbsp. of any liquid dish soap. This mixture works as well as anything else you can mix or buy.

Remember, skunks aren't bad animals. They smell terrible, and they can carry rabies, but they do help hold down the rodent population and they will do their best to stay out of the way of any other animal or human.



Skunks are generally mild mannered, solitary creatures that only want to stay out of everyone else's way.

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"Take A Break"

By Lois Kerr

LOOP-A-WORD About Cattle

The following words are found within the diagram. Words read forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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U	E	I	S	H	I	P	U	T	N	A	N	I	M	U	R
P	S	L	I	M	O	U	S	I	N	U	N	A	E	W	E

Angus	Gelbvieh	pasture	Salers	wormer
brand	hamburger	pellet	Simmental	
bull	heifer	pens	sirloin	
calve	herd	polled	spring sale	
cattle	(hired) help	ranch	stock	
carcass	Hereford	range	syringe	
Charolais	hoof	rib roast	t-bone	
cubes	lariat	rope	trailer	
eartag	Limousin	roundup	veterinarian	
feedlot	Longhorn	ruminant	wean	
graze	native grass	ship	weight	

KEYWORD: To find the keyword, fill in the blanks 1 to 10 with the correct missing letter. Transfer these letters to the correspondingly numbered squares in the diagram. Be careful. More than one letter will complete each word.

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| 2. BL__ND | 7. SLI__E |
| 3. S__ASH | 8. SPOR__ |
| 4. __IGHT | 9. CHAI__ |
| 5. B__INK | |

CRYPTO-LIST

Crypto list is a list of related words in code. The same code is used throughout. When you have identified a word, use the known letters to decode the other words in the list.

Cuts of Meat

ex: t-bone

YGVHJ GVR

FLKPEVPA GVR

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Baja Farms planted Betaseed's 4521R sugarbeet variety in a 70-acre field that averaged 78.71 tons per acre, with 15.89% sugar content. Overall, Abatti's crop produced 25,014 lbs. of sugar per acre, breaking the old record by 500 lbs. Knowing the land and matching it to a variety that works, is key in growing a top crop.

"I have used various Betaseed varieties for the past ten years, using the 4521R variety for the past four years. I conduct my own in-house trials before planting large acres of any variety. I chose this variety of seed because it outperformed all other varieties under varying conditions," said Ben Abatti, Jr., Baja Farms.

Betaseed's research and development team plants several trials per market so that approved varieties of sugarbeet seed are available at planting time. Growers using these varieties have experienced strong emergence and high-yielding harvests throughout the years.

"4521R is just a great workhorse that does well, yielding tremendous tonnage and sugar content. I would strongly recommend this variety to anyone wanting to increase their bottom line. From the strong vigor shown at emergence to the high tonnage harvested at the end. This plant produces results! It is truly an honor to hold this world record," said Ben Abatti, Jr. with his family by his side as he received the award.

World record sugarbeet crops are not new to Betaseed. In 2002, Betaseed variety 4430R yielded over 20,773 lbs. of sugar per acre to set the world record that stood for many years.

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John Anderson

John Anderson Set To Replace Uncle Kracker At 2012 Richland County Fair & Rodeo

Uncle Kracker's upcoming performance at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo on Aug. 4, has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

John Anderson has been contracted to replace Uncle Kracker, and to open for Joe Nichols.

It's been over a quarter century since John Anderson changed country music the first time. That was back in the '80s when that jaw-dropping country voice combined with huge hits like "Wild And Blue" and "Swingin'" to pave the way for the decade's neo-traditional movement. In the early '90s, he did it again with "Seminole Wind", a bona fide classic that reignited his career and helped fan the flames of the coming country explosion with hits like "Straight Tequila Night" and the album's unforgettable title track. Well, it's 2012 and Anderson's back to reestablish himself as a country music icon and as a contemporary musical force to be reckoned with.

For more information on John Anderson, visit: www.johnanderson.com.

For more information regarding the Richland County Fair, visit: <http://www.richlandcountyfairandrodeo.org>.

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NDSU Partner In \$1 Million Energy Beet Development Project

A project that will develop an advanced biofuel from energy beets and provide growers across North Dakota with a new industrial crop is taking another important step forward, fueled by a significant two-year North Dakota Renewable Energy Council grant.

"This project truly is a public-private partnership with the Green Vision Group (GVG), Fargo, and Heartland Renewable Energy, Muscatine IA, plus research by North Dakota State University, to develop the energy beet biofuels industry in North Dakota," says Cole Gustafson, NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics chair.

The NDSU Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and the Carrington Research Extension Center will continue to provide research for the project.

The \$1 million phase II project includes \$500,000 in funds from the North Dakota Renewable Energy Council, with approval from the North Dakota Industrial Commission, plus cash-match funds from industry partners Betaseed and Syngenta, and other in-kind contributions.

The project seeks to establish a U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency multiperil crop insurance program for energy beets; engineer and evaluate new front-end energy beet processing methods; expand regional energy beet research trials; scale up whole-energy beet and juice storage technology to enable year-round processing; and inform producers, community developers and the biofuel industry of the emerging opportunity.

"We envision developing at least 12 sustainable ethanol facilities across North Dakota," says Maynard Helgaas, GVG president, "Each plant will use energy beets grown within a 20-mile radius and support job creation in rural communities. This grant will help us make significant progress toward that vision and help develop North Dakota's energy beet biofuel industry."

GVG is in the process of selecting the location for its first processing facility, which is expected to produce 20 million gallons of ethanol per year once complete.

The first phase of the energy beet project focused on research, including yield trials, storage research and commercially testing the use of a coproduct to provide processing heat. Current yield trials are in Dazey/

Hannaford, Turtle Lake, Langdon, Minot, Williston, Carrington and Oakes. In 2012, trial plots will be expanded to include Jamestown, Harvey, Litchville and Colgate. The yield trials will continue to be sponsored by Betaseed and Syngenta.

The plot trial research results in phase 1 exceeded expectations, according to Blaine Schatz, Carrington REC director.

"So far, our research shows that energy beets can be grown successfully outside of the Red River Valley in a variety of soil types and conditions," Schatz says. "The beets actually help growers improve soil health and give them greater farm income."

"Ethanol produced from energy beets can be sold at a premium," Gustafson says. "We expect that energy beet ethanol will produce 50-60% less greenhouse gas emissions than petroleum-based fuels, which will designate it as an advanced biofuel. We are working to finalize the life-cycle analysis of energy beets through a formal Environmental Protection Agency application. Securing EPA approval of energy beets as an advanced biofuel will mean a significant premium for producers and processors in the sugar-based ethanol market."

The life-cycle analysis research is funded in part by a separate grant from the North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission and community donations.

"North Dakota farmers, processors and rural communities should see positive financial returns by growing and processing energy beets for biofuel," Gustafson says.

March Puzzle Answers

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Proclaimed A Success

By Warren Froelich
NDSU Extension Agent
Williams County

The 59th National Hard Spring Wheat Show is history. Being heavily involved, along with over 20 other farm producers, agri-businesses and NDSU co-workers, I may be a bit biased in proclaiming the event a total success starting with the Bread Fair which focused on teaching area 5th grade students how to make bread. The instruction started by showing the students where the flour comes from and some of the steps in processing wheat into white and whole wheat flours. At first, it appeared a daunting task to get the attention of nearly 350 5th graders. I soon realized that Heather Wisness, NDSU Family Nutrition agent, serving Williams and McKenzie counties, has a special skill-set that captivates the eyes and ears of young people.

Through the use of special audio and visual materials, this very large group of energetic youth, was able to witness, step-by-step, how flour, yeast, water, honey, dry milk and salt were mixed to form the dough. Each had an opportunity to learn how the dough was kneaded. After the nearly two-hour learning experience, everyone took home a pan of dough for baking.

This was the 29th consecutive year for the Bread Fair. Using a conservative annual participation of 300 we can accurately say over 8,700 students from this area have not only learned the basics of bread making, but are also aware of why wheat is important and how flour is made.

Healthy Soil

All of the educational sessions during the Wheat Show were well attended but Jim Hoorman, Ohio State

University, served to captivate the audience with his presentations on soil health. He started by telling us healthy and sick soils each have things in common. He described healthy soils as having: 1) live plants growing year around to absorb energy and 2) healthy microbial populations which process 90% of the energy in soils whereas sick soils tend to have compaction problems, high bulk density, poor water infiltration, poor water holding capacity, bare soils and low organic matter.

Hoorman stressed the importance of roots and their contribution to organic matter. They are crucial for moisture and nutrient uptake for the plant and are the pipeline of life for both the plant and microorganisms in the soil. He stated that the majority of organic matter comes from roots. But, to achieve root growth we must promote vegetative (above ground) growth. This can be accomplished by mimicking natural vegetation through continuous cropping and the use of cover crops.

Hoorman cited a comparison of organic matter content of conventionally tilled and long term no-till soils in Ohio. He showed conventionally tilled soils in Ohio as having 1-3% organic matter with a plow layer of 8-10 inches and microbial life dominated by bacteria. I found the organic matter level to be quite similar if not a little high in comparison to soil samples area growers submitted to NDSU for nutrient testing. My office no longer receives a copy of the NDSU test results so I cannot make a modern-day comparison since we have shifted to continuous cropping systems. Back in the '80s and early '90s almost all of the soil test reports showed organic matter to be in the 1.5 to 2.5% range on cropland.

Soil organic matter levels on long-term no-till soils in Ohio is now reported to be at the 4-6% levels. This is approaching levels which we find in North Dakota native soils. Hoorman reports other benefits on these soils including high residue on the surface, macropores throughout the soil profile, and the microbial life is no longer dominated by bacteria but now includes plenty of fungi.

There is much more to Hoorman's recipe to increasing soil health. For more details go to our website at www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension. On the left side of the page, click 59th Annual Hard Spring Wheat Show and scroll to the bottom of the page for direct links to Hoorman's publications.

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Oil Pipeline Planned To Cross Lake Sakakawea

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Map from North Dakota Pipeline Authority



By Jodi McPherson

Major pipeline company, Enbridge, recently announced plans to build a Bakken oil pipeline crossing from one side of Lake Sakakawea to the other, but will need an environmental go ahead from several federal agencies before it can be built.

Enbridge, a Canadian pipeline company, is already a major transporter of North Dakota oil. The pipeline would be built 36 miles east of Watford City, boring under the lake, to a point 9 miles southeast of Tioga. From there oil would go into a second east-west pipeline Enbridge is building alongside its original line over to Berthold and eventually to a distribution hub point in Clearwater, MN.

The request will be considered by state and federal regulators. If approved, Enbridge would like to have the pipeline operating by the end of 2013. It would cost \$136 million to build, and would be capable of carrying up to 100,000 barrels of oil a day.

Before they can build the line across the lake, the company must clear an Environmental Assessment being conducted now by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

About three miles of federal land are involved in the proposal therefore BLM will have a large part in the permitting of the pipeline.

The U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with the environmental document and pipeline permitting process.

The Enbridge line is similar to a recently commissioned Four Bears line, which is expected to remove a great amount of trucks traveling every day on North Dakota Highways 22 and 85. Pipelines would potentially help to make roadways safer by decreasing truck traffic.

Lake crossings are a controversial proposal so the agencies will need to determine if they are a good idea. Newer engineering methods have improved the safety of pipelines in water and wetlands.

The BLM will look at the potential for oil spills, the effect of drilling under Lake Sakakawea, impact on plants, wildlife, cultural and historic sites, and how the construction will affect the local communities.

There are currently a few pipelines across Lake Sakakawea. Tesoro and Enbridge, at the far west end of its east-west line, cross with crude oil lines; WBI and Northern Border cross with natural gas lines; and Dakota Gasification Co. crosses with carbon dioxide.

BLM is taking public comments on Enbridge's proposed Sanish line until Feb. 29. Lowell Hassler is the BLM's project manager in its Dickinson office. <http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en.html>.

Containment Ponds Require Routine Inspections

By Lois Kerr

Some ranchers, as well as those who operate feedlots, often use containment ponds to prevent excessive nutrient laden water waste from contaminating streams, ditches, or surface water. Chris Augustin, NDSU Extension area nutrient management specialist, explains that with last year's wet weather, those with containment ponds need to check them for possible erosion and to repair any damage now, before the pond collapses.

"Most containment ponds are designed for evaporation," says Augustin. "Last year, many ponds overfilled due to excessive moisture, but with this year's dry winter ponds aren't on people's radar. However, ponds need to be checked routinely. A little erosion is OK, but then if we get a lot of rain it can hurt the structural integrity of the pond."

If a pond collapses, the cost can be enormous to repair. Augustin advises people to check for leaks and make repairs now rather than have to fix the entire system. "It's like the straw that broke the camel's back,"

Augustin explains. "It is difficult to fix the entire pond. Plug the leak now rather than wait and have to fix the entire structure."

Problems generally arise with the spring melt and rains. "People usually experience problems in April or May when the snow melts and we then get rain," Augustin comments. "The biggest thing is management. If a pond overfills you need to apply that runoff before it becomes a problem. If you have to pump the pond, apply the waste on level slopes and away from surface water. Spread it as thinly as possible. Keep soil texture in mind. Clay will hold more water than sand."

He adds, "Excessive runoff can contaminate surface water. The nutrients in the runoff, if it hits streams or lakes, can cause algae blooms which create problems."

Under normal conditions, Augustin says to spread the pond waste over the summer. "Apply this in July or August when there is the least chance of runoff," he concludes.

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Repair Work Continues All Winter At LYIP



Repairing structural damage requires a lot of manpower and expertise.

By Lois Kerr

The last of the water may leave the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project (LYIP) main canal at the finish of the irrigation season, but this does not signify the end of the work for LYIP employees. In fact, many major repairs and a lot of maintenance work must wait for winter's arrival as crews need dry ditches to move dirt, repair banks, and replace or improve structures and underground pipes within the system.

LYIP employees spend a lot of time during the winter making these repairs. One such fix occurred in January when crews replaced a structure that had blown out on the main canal last July but could not be properly remedied until winter.

"After operations began last summer, a concrete conduit failed. This conduit allowed water in Antelope Coulee to pass below the main canal," says Jerry Nypen, former LYIP manager. "The buried concrete conduit had been there for a hundred plus years and it finally reached its yield point. The failure allowed about 90 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water to flow down the coulee. It caused some tense moments as it did some minor flooding on the highway and at Howard Harmon's residence about a mile south of Crane."

With the main canal full at the time of the collapse, equipment operators could not permanently fix the problem, so they made temporary repairs and hoped it would last until fall. "We tried to locate the collapse," Nypen says. "We then put some graded material in and around the leak to slow the flow. Luckily we managed to reduce the flow to 5-6 cfs. The material held up the rest of the summer without any more collapsing or unraveling. It could have been worse had we had to shut down the canal at that time for repairs, as this would have resulted in major crop stress."

After the canal emptied this fall, crews located the collapse. Bill Hamburg, LYIP assistant manager, and his construction crew went to work.

"We replaced the failed conduit with a new 48-inch concrete pipe," Nypen remarks. "A complete section of the main canal bank was emptied, then a pipe trench excavated, and the pipe was installed and backfilled. The backfill is tightly compacted so we don't lose the canal when it is put back into service."

It takes approximately three weeks for a fix like this one. Nypen points out that his employees spend each winter completing such repairs all along the approximate 400

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miles of ditches in the Project.

"The culvert replacement at Antelope Coulee is typical of how we spend our time between water seasons," Nypen concludes. "There are numerous conduits, flumes, siphons,

checks, turnouts and spillways within the Project boundaries in addition to ditch relocations and drain installations and closures that have to be kept in service. Winter construction is always slower, but it never ends."

Operators needed to move an enormous amount of dirt from the canal and then replace it to fix the blowout on Antelope Coulee.



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grazing issues, bull breeding soundness exams, dealing with flooded pastures, use and storage of coproducts, forage harvesting options, cattle market outlooks, early pregnancy checking, maximizing the calf crop and feed supplementation.

In addition, the Ranch Hand contains information on upcoming events and profiles of NDSU's Research Extension Centers.

"Today, beef cattle production is a complex business," says Dahlen, Ranch Hand's editor. "The Ranch Hand can be a valuable source of information for anyone wanting to succeed in the beef cattle industry."

To subscribe to the newsletter, email Dahlen at carl.dahlen@ndsu.edu. The Ranch Hand also just became available online at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/cattledocs/ranch-hand-newsletter.ndsu.edu>.

Farm Bureau Urges Compliance With EPA Regulations On Fuel Storage

The Montana Farm Bureau is urging anyone with on-farm fuel storage to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's new regulations under the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) program. The SPCC is a program working to prevent oil spills from reaching the waters and adjoining shorelines of the United States.

"Farmers and ranchers need to be diligent in ensuring they have properly developed a spill plan that complies with the regulations specified in the law," notes MFBF Vice President of Governmental Relations John Youngberg. "The EPA has posted a self-certify program on their website, and other information is also available. Montana Farm Bureau can certainly help our members should they have questions, but there are some basics to know."

Youngberg explains if your on-farm fuel storage is less than 1320 gallons, you do not require a spill plan and are exempt from this rule. "However, it's still a wise idea to make sure your tanks are secure and are lo-

cated in an area where in the rare case of a spill, the spill can't flow into a drainage," he notes.

Part of the rule allows for self-certification. "If you have less than 10,000-gallons of capacity at each facility you are eligible to self certify. There are three types of spill plan you can qualify for; Tier 1, Tier 2 or a Professionally Engineered (PE) plan. If you have more than 10,000 gallons, you must hire an engineer to develop an SPCC plan."

Farmers and ranchers are not required to file a spill prevention plan with the EPA; however, if they should ever be inspected or experience a spill, they will be required to show proof of their plan to the EPA.

He adds that if you were farming or ranching before Aug. 16, 2002, you are currently out of compliance. There was an extension given to producers who began farming/ranching after Aug. 16, 2002.

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in the evaluation of raw materials (wheat, semolina, flour) and finished products will be demonstrated.

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"The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool to reach underserved farmers and ranchers who are not currently enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs," said Russell Snedigar, Richland County FSA county executive director. "The Register is a shared outreach list that will help USDA, community-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions to communicate with minority farmers and ranchers."

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions, USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register.

Individuals wishing to join the Register must sign and

date a form that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location will be voluntary, although the additional information increases the producer's opportunities for receiving timely assistance.

The Register pamphlet with the registration form is available at the Richland County USDA Service Center or from approved USDA outreach partners. Completed forms may be mailed to: USDA Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250. FSA and USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach are jointly administering the Register. Registration forms are available in Spanish (AD-2035SP) and English (AD-2035) on the FSA website (www.fsa.usda.gov) under "Forms".

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Meadow Muffins . . . Illegitimate Profit

By Ken Overcast

Sexual indiscretion has been known to get folks into real trouble. But with hormones bein' what they are I suppose that it's inevitable that it will happen on occasion, and our outfit isn't any exception.

I don't think he was really to blame. After all, she'd bat the long lashes on those big liquid eyes of hers and flash the most seductive looks his way until self control was entirely out of the question. That's not even to mention her alluring auburn hair glowing in the dim light of evening, or the enchantment he felt when the shadow of her shapely feminine form cast its spell on the hillside strewn with wild flowers, hopelessly entangling his heart.

He'd been around. Some might even say, "A man of the world." There had been many short term relationships in his

jaded past, and he almost instinctively knew that he was probably not the first love in her life, but that didn't matter. All that really mattered now was the moment. He must seize this moment, and cherish it forever. Over the fence he went to properly consummate the passion he felt in his heart.

It was the best thing that ever happened around here, that's for sure. The female in this little story was a Hereford cow that belonged to our son TJ, and her impassioned lover was a Limousine bull that belonged to the neighbors. The ill-fated relationship didn't last; they seldom do. They have a way of being short term by nature, but the product of that little tryst was a heifer calf that grew into the best cow we've ever owned. In fact I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say she was the best cow in the State.

Now, I'm sure I've got ever' cowman for 500 miles in every direction mad as the dickens and just itchin' to prove that they've got the best one, so I'd better explain a few of the reasons I believe she qualifies for that designation and then let everyone make up their own minds.

We called her TJ... much to our son's dismay. Just imagine the humiliation of a young fella in puberty when his friends discover he has a cow named after him. Well, it WAS TJ's cow and she carried his initials on the brand on her hip, so the name stuck. When he left home to strike out on his own, we somehow traded him out of her. What ever it was that we wound up giving him for her, it probably wasn't enough. (I sure hope he doesn't read this.)

She was marked like a red-necked Hereford and weighed in at over fifteen hundred pounds when she matured. The Limousine blood in her veins certainly didn't hurt her milk production, that's for sure. She was the best doggone milker on the place.

The first couple of years TJ was in production were fairly normal. She was just a regular part of the herd around here, and as a young cow, brought in a couple of nice big calves. It was the year she was four years old that she really began to prove her worth.

I don't know how other cow outfits work, but around here if there's an orphan calf or one that needs a little extra attention, the cook is the one that takes care of it. I like to think that because of her natural maternal instincts, she's just more suited for that kind of thing. She's certainly got

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By Jerry Palen



"Oh look, Marge!
The layered look is back!"

more patience with a dummy that's too sick or dumb to suck than I do that's for sure, but if the truth were known, I don't think she'd let me do it anyway. In her opinion, I'd more than likely just screw things up.

The spring TJ was four years old, we had a bum calf that needed a Mom for some reason, and because we didn't have an extra cow, I went to the pasture and just picked up the cow with the most milk. That'd be TJ. She was a joy to work with, and wound up raising both calves.

That was the beginning of a long and profitable relationship. As a matter of fact, she was so easy to put extra calves on that it became a regular practice around here to pull calves from old or sick cows and just give them to TJ in the spring. There was only one more year (the summer that she was 17 and was so old that we felt sorry for her) that she only raised her own calf. She always had at least two and many times three or four.

She did have one itty-bitty strange quirk. My tiny little cook could go out into a pasture and put her hand on the old girl's hip and she'd stand perfectly still for a little orphan to nurse, but she didn't like getting milked. That was a no-no.

"Yea, right," says I, the undaunted hero of ranch womanhood. "You mean to tell me you can't get me a bottle of milk from that gentle old cow?"

"Nope, she doesn't like to be milked. She kicks like a Government mule."

Not being one to take no for an answer, I proceeded to show the little woman the proper method and technique for milking a gentle nurse cow. I hate to admit it, but she DIDN'T like to be milked. She stood about fifteen hands high, and calmly placed one of her five foot long hind legs up by her ear and then let it fly in the opposite direction, sending me across the calvin' shed on my keester. She had a real Jekyll & Hyde personality, that cow.

TJ's crowning accomplishment came the summer she was 18 years old. For some reason we wound up with more than our normal run of bum calves and she miraculously acquired three additional ones as well as her own. It was supposed to be a temporary situation, but that's not how things worked out. She nursed all four of them that summer with no extra feed at all.

Our steer calves weighed about 650 pounds that fall and three of her calves fit right into the bunch with the little one that didn't make the cut weighing about 500 or so. I sure wish I'd have gotten a picture of that.

If her record doesn't qualify her for *The World's Most Profitable Cow Award*, then I don't know what it would take. Please consider these facts:

She had a calf every spring for seventeen consecutive years.

She raised more than one calf every year for fourteen of those years.

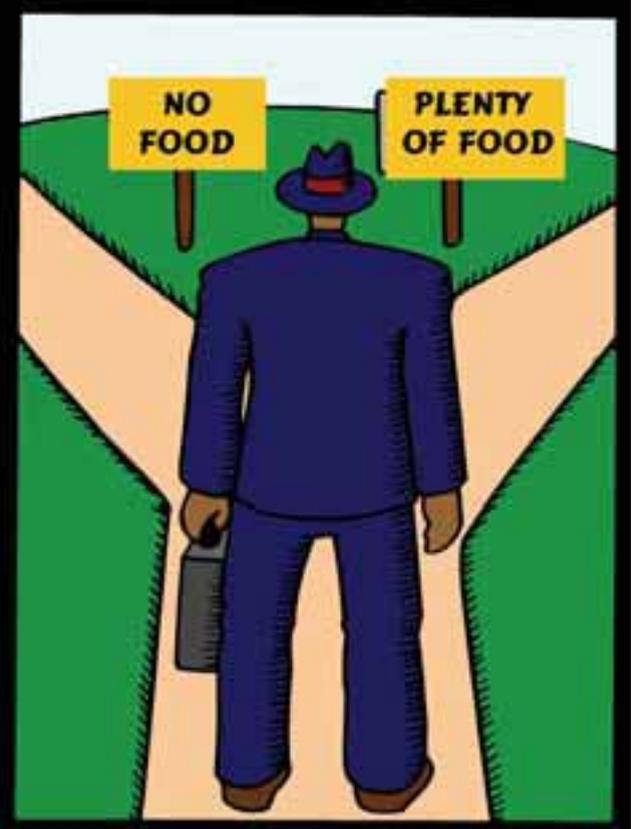
It's our best estimation that she weaned at least 40 head of calves. With a conservative weaning weight of 550 pounds, that places her production at approximately 22,000 pounds of beef at weaning time.

She finally turned twenty one spring, and I guess all good things must end. The old girl ran into a few problems and her baby didn't make it full term. We turned her out by herself and we reluctantly rounded her up and hauled her into the sale barn in August. It was like losing a member of the family. But even in her departure she made us proud. Twenty years old, she weighed 1450 pounds and grossed \$754.

Not a bad end for the illegitimate by-product of an illicit relationship. Who said that foolin' around doesn't pay?

Keep Smilin'....and don't forget to check yer cinch.

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