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Dear County Agent Guy

by Jerry Nelson



Jerry's new book, "Dear County Agent Guy," is available at Workman.com and at booksellers everywhere.

A Birthday Surprise

I have been present at numerous birthday parties, but up until recently I have never been the present at one. And no, it didn't involve me jumping out of a giant birthday cake. Nobody wants to see that.

It all began with an email from a lady named Jane Vandelanotte. I at first found the email incredible, and not just due to how difficult it is to spell "Vandelanotte."

Jane's email was full of praise for my writing. I found this extremely pleasing, so I printed it out and showed it to my wife.

"How much?" she asked.

"How much what?" I replied.

"How much did you pay the lady to write that?"

"Nothing!" I protested. "I don't even know her!"

This was met with the type of eyeroll that wives all across the globe have perfected.

The main thrust of Jane's email was that her husband, Mark, was turning 65 in the first week of August. Jane said that Mark had always wanted to meet me and that she was wondering if I could "happen" to drop in at a local restaurant where she was planning a small birthday soiree for Mark.

I enjoy participating in surprises, so I said yes. Over the next several weeks, Jane managed to keep this plan a secret from all of her family and friends, no doubt using the kind of clandestine

methods that are often associated with the CIA.

On the day of Mark's party my wife and I drove to Irene's Café, located on the main street of Hendricks, Minnesota. At a prearranged time, I called Jane on her cell phone, which was the signal to put her Top-Secret Birthday Surprise Plan into motion. I felt like James Bond.

Jane led my wife and me into Irene's. A group of about a dozen people were seated at a long table; everyone was covering their eyes with their hands. It looked like they were illustrating the "see no evil" proverb.

"Surprise!" said Jane and everyone looked up. I quickly introduced myself and my wife to Mark. He seemed taken aback; it was abundantly clear that Jane's secret-keeping efforts had been a total success.

We were introduced to the other party guests, including Mark and Jane's daughters, Abby and Bayli, along with Rae and Dana Yost and their son, Luke. Rae and Dana are close friends with Jane and Mark. Dana is a former newspaper editor, so we were able to share some war stories.

Mark, like me, is a recovering dairy farmer. He and his two nephews currently farm about 2,900 acres and feed beef cattle. I asked Mark if reaching this milestone means that he'll retire.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing, so I don't think I'll quit anytime

soon," Mark said. "My nephews have the farming spark and I feel that it's my duty to make sure that the baton gets passed on to the next generation."

Irene's Café is the epitome of a small-town eatery, featuring wholesome, down-home cooking and a friendly staff. On that day, the staff consisted of two people, a very pleasant and motherly waitress and a short order cook. It's easy to feel at home at Irene's.

The homey atmosphere lent itself to copious amounts of gabbing. Before we knew it, nearly three hours had passed. You know that you're having fun when you lose track of time.

Jane had one more surprise up her sleeve. Before we left, she presented my wife and me with a gift bag of goodies. They included homemade chocolate topping, a big pan of Special K bars and a couple of bottles of beer from the Brau Brothers, a local brewery.

Since the chocolate was obviously for my wife, I called dibs on the beer. Everybody wins.

Also in the gift bag was a copy of Dana's book "1940: Journal of a Midwestern Town, Story of an Era."

When I learned that his book is focused on Minneota, Minnesota, I told Dana that my great-great grandfather Jens Johnson, a Norwegian immigrant, had homesteaded at Minneota in 1870. The world is much smaller than we think.

Mark mentioned that his father, Jasper, had immigrated from Belgium in 1948.

"Dad became a U.S. citizen in 1956," Mark said. "He was proud to be an American."

I'm betting that Jasper was also proud of how his children and his grandchildren turned out.

My wife and I went home that afternoon with a bagful of goodies. But an even bigger treat was getting acquainted with some new friends.



Back row are Rae Yost, Julie and Jerry Nelson, Jane Vandelanotte. Seated are Dana Yost and Mark Vandelanotte.



Matt and Alisa Russell custom feed 3,000 head of pigs in a trio of confinement barns they constructed in 2001.

Sesquicentennial Farm -

Russell farm established in 1871

By Canaan Petersen

It's no secret that life doesn't always turn out as you've planned. Robert Bird had already decided that he'd had enough of living on the untamed prairie south of modern day Worthington. He'd stuck it out for almost five years, but he

was ready to move back to Pennsylvania. Six foot Big Bluestem prairie grass, grasshoppers, little to no crops each year had taken its toll and tension with local Native American tribes pushed him to the brink. He would pack up his family and leave like so many

other struggling prairie settlers did in the nineteenth century.

When Robert Bird discussed this plan with his wife Dora, however, she did not entertain the thought whatsoever. Dora grew up in a peasant farm family in Germany. She had the fortitude and was strong enough to convince her husband to "stay the course". Dora felt that she finally had a farm to call her own and she intended to keep it!

The fact Dora insisted on staying delights one of the future owners of the original homestead, Nate Russell greatly. "I admire her determination to stay. Her perseverance and commitment to prosper was amazing. This doesn't happen anymore as she dreamed big, hoped for the best, and had faith in the future."

Nate's younger brother Adam is appreciative as well, "I would definitely thank her for the amazing opportunity it has given the five generations after her and more to come!"

Nate and Adam are certainly well founded in their admiration for her as they plan to be the sixth generation to own the original claim obtained via the Homestead Act in 1871. Both described how few family farms have made it this far as well as how well the farm has been run throughout the years making it into the sesquicentennial farm it is today. They plan to take it over together in the next ten to twenty years.

The future of this family farm looks bright with the boys' plans and the one hundred and fifty year old story of the farm is full of stories that cross over three generations.

Fourth generation owner and current "Grandpa" of the farm, Jim Russell, summarized the early years of the farm in one simple word: tough. He shared another story that challenged Dora. "She said once she smelled smoke, she started plowing. There were three haystacks to feed the live-



Russell farm in the early 2000s with the "little Tornado" pond visible in the back.



The Russell farm in 2013 just before major renovation took place. The farm is split by U.S. 59.



A painting of the Russell farm, dated 1910, shows the original house, which was constructed by Fred and Rudy Bird, sons of the couple who homesteaded the property two miles east of Bigelow.

stock so she hooked up the plow and tilled around all three to try to save them. Two were burned, but one survived, which was just enough to keep the animals alive."

Robert Bird died in 1903. Robert and Dora's sons, Rudy and Fred, built the two story home and moved their mom out of what is believed to be a sod house. Second generation owners Monroe and Margaret Russell and third-generation owners, Harry and Evelyn Russell renovated the home to include indoor plumbing, electricity, and a basement was dug

out. The foundation "blocked" by Harry and Monroe is still there even after another extensive renovation by current fifth-generation owners, Matt and Alisa Russell in 2013. Both of their boys, Nate and Adam, agreed that at least one of them will live in the house when the time comes.

In 1958, Harry and Monroe constructed a four acre stock pond on the west side of the property. The Russell family have enjoyed fishing for bass and perch for gen-

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3 generations of the Russell family - Adam, Nate, Jim, Cindy, Alisa, and Matt Russell.



Matt's note to fisherman so that he's aware of who is on the pond.



Current and surface view of the 4 acre stock pond with a young man fishing on it.



Original block wall Harry Russell put in after he lifted the house and dug out the basement. If you look carefully on the left side, towards the middle, you can see the outline of stairs on the wall.



An aerial view of the Russell farm in the 1950's era shows two of the three houses on the site at that time. The third house is hidden behind the barn and other outbuildings.

Russell Farm

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erations. "I hope the pond lasts generations past my time." Nate noted.

Animals, including cattle, sheep and more recently pigs were raised on the farm throughout the years. Jim shared a story about the Armistice Day blizzard of 1940 where half of the herd of four hundred sheep was lost. Over time, the family sold the sheep who survived and began custom grazing in the 1980s for a nearby sheep farmer. Jim got out of the feeder cattle business a year after taking over the farm for his father Harry in 1976. He then began a "farrow to finish" hog operation that Matt grew up helping with. He still maintains three confinement buildings with three thousand pigs. Nate and Adam plan to continue this operation "until buildings fall apart or new ones are built".

Jim noted, "Things happen in life and you never know what to expect so all you can do is adapt." and he gave two perfect examples: Jim was originally a lineman who never intended to farm. His brother, Jerry dreamed of that. Jim changed his mind when Jerry was killed in Vietnam. Jim also described how his grandfather, Monroe Russell, who was the husband of Margaret Bird, moved back from Montana and continued the family farm after the loss of Margaret's brothers Rudy and Fred.

Matt agreed with the change that has occurred over the generations to own the farm. He began working at the United Co-op Elevator in Bigelow before marrying Alisa in 1996. Matt began his job as a Pioneer seed dealer in 2000 and he plans to work another decade or two. As we walked around the farm, he described how busy he was with his Pioneer work, custom feeding, and farming the now 260 acres. "Without my Dad, I don't think I would have the time to do it all as he still helps with planting and harvesting. He's at the farm daily doing something to help run the operation." Matt said. He continued, "My family all have a place to come to and my sisters still call it home."

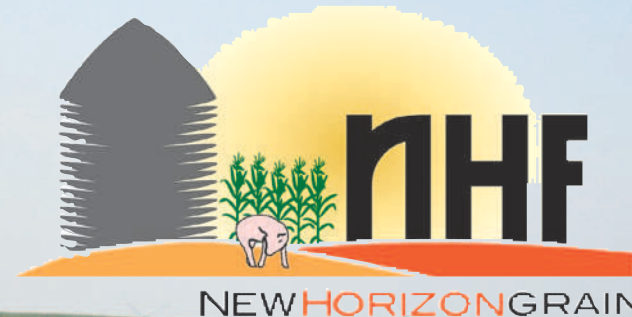
Nate and Adam, both in their early twenties, recognize the need to hold a full-time job just like their dad in order to subsidize the farm operation. "I never plan on just row crop farming as you can't live on just the 260 acres. We would like to expand a little to keep us both busy and keeping full time jobs is part of it." Nate said. Matt and both sons alluded to the increasingly common pressure on family farmers to have outside employment.

Nate worked on a wheat harvesting crew this summer and has been a part of custom spraying and manure spreading operations before which is why he intends to continue the

custom application of some sort in order to subsidize the farming operation. Adam, who just accepted a position with Marmen energy in Brandon, agreed with Nate, "I will more than likely do electrical work here and there." Both are assertive in their determination to maintain this sesquicentennial farm though and plans include not just row crop farming, but also continuing to feed pigs for generations to come.

Adam shared, "My plans for the farm are to work, work with my brother in the future, and hopefully keep the farm in the family for another six generations."

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A little wiser TODAY

by Dr. Ahren LaFollette

John 4:14, "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (ESV)

Got Good Water?

Perhaps you remember seeing western sketches of dry, parched land with a lone water hole with animal skeletons strewn around the perimeter. The picture tells the story of the importance of good water. Western novels written by Louis L'Amour often depict the struggle of finding good water and trouble surrounding bad water. Even today we see the effects of water supply and quality. There is severe drought in many areas of

the country. There is also concern that many aquifers cannot sustain the rate at which water is being pulled out. Many communities, including here in southwest Minnesota, have to be very proactive in protecting their water sources.

It is taken for granted that we will have safe water to drink. But, what about our livestock? Is their water safe?

For years many farms have relied on rural water wells to supply the water. This eliminated the need for shallow farm wells. Shallow wells often have limited amounts of water and tended to have high nitrates, sulfates and bacteria. These affect water quality and palatability. I can remember opening the hydrant over these wells and smelling a not so pleasant odor coming from the bacteria and sulfates and wondering if I was really thirsty enough to take a drink. Yes, I did occasionally partake, driven by thirst and often my digestive tract paid the price the next day.

Today most farms with livestock have had to drill multiple deep wells to provide enough good water. This is because of the limited supply of rural water delivery.

Livestock consume a lot of water, especially during the summer months. As a general rule most animals will consume 1 gallon of water per 100 lbs. of body weight a day. However, this amount can double during hot weather.

Water accessibility is equally just as important as quality. It is important to have multiple sources of fresh water available. Two mistakes I have seen are not having water fountains in a central location and having too small of a fountain.

Pastures can provide more challenges in providing water to livestock. Again, I like to see fresh water available in a central area of a pasture and large enough tanks or fountains to accommodate multiple animals at one time. Fresh water is important even if there is a creek or a dugout water source.

Low areas in pastures or open ponds can hold water that is suspect at best. These low areas are attractive to livestock looking for relief from heat and insects. They will churn the water into a muddy wallow. This water is contaminated with fecal matter, algae, and bacteria.

Water contaminates

Blue-green algae can poison livestock, causing muscle tremors, liver damage, and death.

There are several bacterial

contaminants that often use water and mud as modes of transportation from animal to animal.

•Leptospirosis is spread through urine of carrier animals. This disease often manifests itself as reproductive problems. Problems may range from infertility, to low milk production, to widespread late-term abortion. The organism can survive for extended periods of time in surface waters.

•Fusobacterium infection is more commonly known as "foot-rot." The bacterium is a soil-borne organism found virtually throughout the United States. It is carried on the feet of animals, which then serve to contaminate any body of water they enter. The bacteria then enter through cuts, bruises, or puncture wounds on damaged feet of other animals. Once inside an animal's body, they multiply rapidly and serve to spread the disease. Clinical signs of "foot-rot" are most commonly seen as chronic lameness, often with swelling above the foot.

•Clostridia is another bacteria associated with dirt and muddy water. Clostridial diseases are caused by anaerobic bacteria that are widespread in the environment, particularly in soil, and are often fatal. The bacteria produce spores that can survive in the environment for a very long time.

Clostridial diseases include: tetanus, blackleg, black disease, malignant edema, pulpy kidney and botulism.

Clostridial disease is a major issue for pastures that are flooded. The flood water moves and deposits soil on the grasses including clostridia spores. Likewise these spores can concentrate in mud holes, even in drought years, putting livestock at risk.

Every year I receive calls about sudden deaths of cattle on pasture. These cattle were fine just hours before they were found dead. Usually it is just one or two deaths. But multiple deaths are possible. Necropsy findings are consistent with a clostridial infection.

Typically I will see deaths after pasture flooding or in situations where the soil has been disturbed. I suspect one such exposure was after a new water line was trenched in the ground, and the cattle licked the new mineral-rich soil.

Prevention starts with removing cattle from the suspected area. In one situation there was a depression in a pasture that retained some water. The hot weather caused the cattle to congregate in that area and within 36 hour of being on this pasture there were several acute deaths. Once the cattle were moved off the area, there were no more deaths.

Clostridial vaccination is also a key preventative measure. Be sure to visit with your veterinarian to make sure your livestock are adequately protected.

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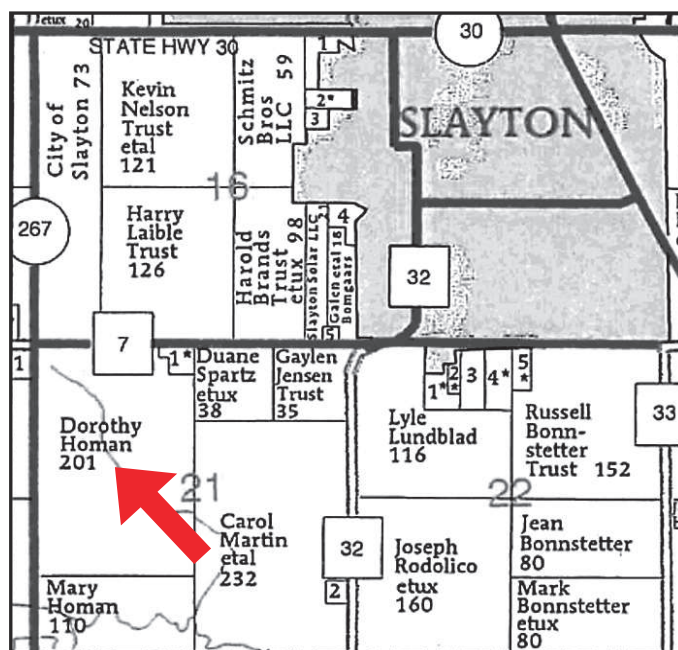
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Remembering the . . . Good Ol' Days

by Jenny Greenhoff



Memories from Ken & Marlys Knuth

Ken Knuth - Sudden Creek Shires

My dad was a conservative, hard working man. If we got done with work by 3:00 on a Saturday that was great. He taught me the telephone business and what it was back then and got me started. He didn't think I should go to college. I did and now I'm a communications consulting engineer. I also own Woodstock Cellular/Communication.

We were living in Ruthton but we couldn't attract any help. My dad was in a bad car accident so I helped him with the telephone business. For those reasons we moved to Slayton. It wasn't a big jump, but it was at least a jump. This was just pasture when we bought our place. We built this house and we moved here in 1975.

I didn't grow up with horses. I remember Verdean Tiedeman's folks (August & Minnie Tiedeman) had a couple of plow horses and we would ride them. When I was a kid, oh I was about 14 or 15, I picked up enough nightcrawlers and sold them and bought a horse. Back then you got a penny a piece for nightcrawlers. His name was Buckshot, he was a really good horse.

But the real reason we got into horses is that our place came with the pasture. When I retired I knew I had to find something to do. One of our friends who's an undertaker retired and rearranged his wife's cupboards. That didn't go over very big so I knew I needed to find something to do. So I started monkeying with horses. Now its been over 20 years. At one time we had 14 or 15 mares. We have pretty much always had our own stallion. Marlys likes the grays, I like the blacks. (So we have more blacks). We've gone through the alphabet 4 times naming horses. Each time a colt was born we would name them according to what letter in the alphabet we were on. Sometimes we had 10 -12 a year. We do give people the option to change the name if we haven't registered them yet.

During the pandemic we were worried, but we sold 18 horses from April 2020 to April 2021. People were crazy for horses while at home. We sell them online on a site named draftsforsale.com. Some clients didn't even see the horse in person before sending the check. Sometimes we meet them, sometimes they pick them up. Sometimes a shipper comes to pick them up. We've sold horses in just about every state!

A woman from Wyoming bought a horse we still have (Oscar). She saw his photos online and read his whole profile. She sent a check. She couldn't come get him right away (I think about 4 months ago). So she sent another check for us to keep him until she could get here. (She's coming in mid-August).

One year we sold a horse to a guy in Maine. Around the same time a woman from New York State bought one too. I gave them each other's email thinking the guy could maybe drop off her horse for her and save her a trip. They came out together! We may have sparked a romance.

One year we had 3 bred and only got one. We've lost a few mares. One died last year from birth complications. We are down to 8 mares. Maybe the Lord is telling us that's enough. But we have 7 bred up for next year. They are pregnant for 11 months - 343 days!

We sell several horses to the man who runs the carriage at the military cemetery near St Louis. He just bought Felicia from us. I think that's 7 or 8 horses he bought from us. He likes our horses, they don't startle easily from the cannons and what not. Jim (Surprenant), my neighbor, does all the training. He can tell which horses will make a good carriage horse.

We raise as good a Shire as anybody in the country. My neighbor kinda got me going on Shires. He found one or two that were grades. Originally Shires were from England. In medieval times, Knights rode the Shires. Eventually they used them in shipyards for delivery and such. They are a gentle, quiet, docile breed of horse. When the tractor became widely used in the US, the breed pretty much died out. A guy in Utah started bringing some in. Now there's about 1500 registered Shires in the US. A lot have been bought in England in the last 20 years and brought over here. We've had some direct English. But most of ours are 1 generation from an English horse, maybe 2. Anything out of Diplomat (a great English Stallion) would be 1 generation. We've gone to a number of American Shire horse board meetings and we used to show our horses. (When we were younger, I'm 81 now) We did show the National Reserve Grand Champion Philly. She was out of Diplomat. She was huge and her name was Sudden Creek Sally. It takes a good 3 months to get a horse ready to show. (You always put your farm name in front of the horse name).

Indy (our stallion) he's as good as most. He's about 5 years old. We do old fashioned breeding most of the time. We have cameras in the nursery to keep track of laboring mares and keep track of babies.

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One month old Beauty, daughter of Victory and Indy.

Let the games begin

I've always loved the Olympics. For some of the sports, the rules are very defined and clear-cut and for others, there are a lot of judgment calls. For some sports I'm not always sure exactly how things are scored or what the penalties are for. To me, a sport like track is often times very defined. Everyone has a starting line, and the gun goes off and everyone runs to a finish line. The timing system tells everyone exactly how long it took to get from point A to point B.

Wouldn't track be crazy if people started all over on the track and then they could stop whenever they wanted to. If they got tired, they could slow down or they could just keep running as long as they wanted to. If someone wanted to join the race after the gun went off, they could and there was not really a set finish line, so people could just kind of decide for themselves when they were done. Some people were running on their own, some people were running in a group, and some were carrying a baton and handing it off to another person.

Sounds like chaos! How could you ever have rules for something like that because nothing would ever seem fair or predictable. So, what did I just describe there? I think I just described farm families. Some are running on their own, some are farming with multiple families or family members. One brother started farming after graduation, another started farming after they came back from the war, another had an off-farm job for 10 years and then came back to the farm, another family member had no interest but married someone who did. Another family member started on the farm, then left, then came back. Someone else had a health issue that forced early retirement. Someone else never retired at all and died with their boots on. Someone else worked seven days a week, while another wanted to quit at 5 and never worked on a weekend. Someone else did all the livestock work their entire career, while another family member drove tractor, and another "just sat in the office". How do you make plans for that and keep that fair?

It doesn't seem right that one brother would start farming, while another starts 10 years later, and gets the exact same deal as soon as they start. Is there no value for those extra 10 years of labor on the front side? Then the one who starts 10 years later grumbles when his brother wants to slow down at age 70. The younger complains that paying the retired brother for 10 years after he quit farming is kind of dead weight to the farm.

What about the value of capital vs. actual work on the farm? What if there are two people involved in the farm and one is providing more capital and one more labor? Is that

a fair exchange? What if there are two families farming together and one family has someone there to take the baton and the other family doesn't have anyone to pass the baton on to.

The reality is that farming is a lot like a game without rules. It's not so simple as a defined 400-meter race where everyone runs the exact same distance in their lane and finishes at the same line. Sometimes life and farming are like a combination of a rowing team, a rugby scrum, high hurdles and free style wrestling. Ideally we all want our farm to look like a good relay team with perfect exchanges and of course it is important to get this done before our flame goes out.



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Emergency haying, grazing of CRP acres available to help weather drought

Agricultural producers impacted by drought can now request haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in certain Minnesota counties, while still receiving their full rental payment for the land.

"Drought is heavily impacting livestock producers in Minnesota and across the country, and emergency haying or grazing of lands enrolled in CRP is one more drought mitigation tool to help producers," said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "While CRP makes annual rental payments for land in conservation, under certain circumstances, FSA can allow the haying and grazing of these lands to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters without a reduction in payments. As part of our climate-smart agriculture efforts, we are working with all stakeholder groups to ensure that supplemental benefits of CRP acres, like emergency haying and grazing, can be accessed in a manner that is more universally beneficial."

Outside of the primary nesting season, emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres may be authorized to provide relief to livestock producers in areas affected by a severe drought or similar natural disaster. The primary nesting season for

Minnesota ended Aug. 1. Counties are approved for emergency haying and grazing due to drought conditions on a county-by-county basis, when a county is designated as level "D2 Drought - Severe" according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. FSA provides a weekly, online update of eligible counties.

Producers can use the CRP acreage under the emergency grazing provisions for their livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage.

Producers interested in emergency haying or grazing of CRP acres must notify their FSA county office before starting any activities. This includes producers accessing CRP acres held by someone else. To maintain contract compliance, producers must have their conservation plan modified by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Emergency CRP Haying and Grazing Option

CRP emergency haying is available as long as the stand is in condition to support such activity. Hay can be cut once between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 and must be removed within 15 calendar days of being baled.

CRP emergency grazing is available as long as it does

not exceed 90 days between October 1, 2020 and Sept. 30, 2021 and must be stopped when the minimum grazing height is reached, as established within the CRP conservation plan or the county is no longer eligible for emergency haying and grazing.

Non-Emergency CRP Haying and Grazing Option

For producers not in an eligible county, there are options available under non-emergency haying/ grazing provisions outside of the primary nesting season, including:

- Haying of all CRP practices, except for CP12 Wildlife Food Plots and several tree practices not more than once every three years for a 25% payment reduction.

- Grazing of CRP acres not more than every other year for a 25% payment reduction.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program Provisions

If Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) triggers in a county for 2021 grazing losses due to drought, the provisions for CRP emergency haying and grazing change. There may be restrictions on grazing carrying capacity and on which CRP practices can be hayed. Minnesota currently has 44 counties where LFP has triggered and where certain CRP emergency grazing restrictions may apply.

Additional Drought Assistance

Other programs are available for livestock producers. Producers who experience livestock deaths and feed losses due to natural disasters may be eligible for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). This program also provides eligible producers with compensation for expenses associated with transporting water to livestock physically located in a county that is designated as level "D3 Drought - Extreme" according to the Drought Monitor.

More information on disaster assistance programs is available on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance At a Glance brochure, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

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Minnesota State Plowing competition to be held near Lake Wilson

By Jill Fennema

On August 27 and 28, the Minnesota State Plowing Association will hold a special event in our area. The plowing will take place at a field along Highway 30, two miles east of Lake Wilson.

There will be four classes of plowing taking place those days. The plowing will be broken up with a couple of classes going the first day and a couple going the second day.

Those interested in participating in the plowing should consider coming to a meeting on Thursday, August 26, at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. During supper, plowers will be able to get acquainted and draw plots. After the meal, the state plowing association will hold their annual business meeting.

For those desiring to plow who are not currently members of the State Plowing Association, they will be asked to pay a \$25 joining fee. There is also a \$25 entry fee for all contestants except for students.

Classes of plowers will be broken down into: Antique tractors (1955 and older), open class (anything goes), small plow (up to four bottoms), and junior class (open to those 18 years old and younger). In the antique class, not only must the tractor be 1955 or older, but they must use a mechanical lift plow and have blacksmith sheers.

The event will be judged by the participants - they will serve as judges for the classes they are not participating in. Each participant will plow a 1/3 or 1/2 acre plot. Judges will be looking at the depth of the furrow and and uniformity of the plowing. Trophies will be handed out for first, second, and third place in each class.

The event planners are hoping that the general public will also come out to watch the plowing. There will not be seating, so if you want to be able to sit, you will need to bring your own lawn chair. There will be a concession stand hosted by the Masonic Lodge out of Lake Wilson.

One of the event planners is Ray Randall. He said to expect plowers from all over the state to be here that weekend. There will be many from Stearns County, which has a lot of plowing interest.

Gene Gruber, a world champion plower, may be at the competition, as well as his daughter Hailey, who was supposed to

compete in this year's World Plower Competition, but the event was not held because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Gene's brother Conrad has also plowed at the world competition. The Gruber family is from Richmond, Minn.

The national plowing competition is currently scheduled to be held in Marshall Town, Iowa, and in 2023 it is supposed to happen in Minnesota, but that is not fully decided yet. Ray said that they would like to have the national competition at Farm Fest next year, but nothing has been officially decided at this point.

If there is rain on either August 27 or 28, the rain date is Sunday, August 29.

Remembering the . . . Good Ol' Days

by Jenny Greenhoff

Memories from Ken & Marlys Knuth

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Two of our mares are related to our stallion so we AI them (Artificially Inseminate) So we get semen from a guy in Nebraska. Sometimes we don't have much time to make the trip and get it done. It's a science. If everything works good, it's routine. But we ultrasound a lot. The follicle has to be about 40 mm. It grows about 3-4 mm a day. Sometimes, we follow all the parameters and get as much set as we can. They do everything right and you still don't get her pregnant. Sometimes the vet is out every other day. You can breed every year. Last year we had 9, this year only 3. When they have a colt on them they are too worried about the colt to focus on much else.

Jim Surprenant

I think I drove horses for the first time when I was 8 years old. My dad had two teams when I was growing up. We did cultivate corn yet. Up until 1960 he planted corn with those teams (they were Belgians). That year he said in the morning when you wake up harness the other team



Oscar is 2 years old and is being trained by Jim. He will be leaving Sudden Creek Shires soon.



1/2 brothers that belong to his wife and daughter.

and bring them and a bag of seed corn. It was right across the road from our place and we switched teams every 2 hours. He planted 40 acres of corn in one day. It took all day with two teams.

We moved here in 1967. There wasn't many years I didn't have horses. I had riding horses too. I remember I was probably 9 years old and I told my dad I wanted to do something with the horses. We had a lot of road ditch. So he said he'd let me mow if I promised to always put the mower out of gear, which I did.

Marlys Knuth (Humphrey)

We named our farm Sudden Creek Shires all because of that little creek in the pasture, it's hardly a creek. Except for when the snow melts in the spring or we get a big rain, then everything runs down and it becomes a raging river.

We got married in 1966. I grew up on a farm near Iona in Fenton Township (Humphrey). There were lots of Catholic high schools in the area we played sports against, held music contests and such.

Sunday afternoon we had a big sit down dinner, that included grandparents. We always had to make homemade butter whenever old Grandma Humphrey came to visit. It was a big, hard job. So finally my dad devised tying it to the agitator in the washing machine and packing it with turkish towels so the glass wouldn't break. Family was important and we would celebrate any birthdays from the week that day too.

Growing up on a farm my dad always said "We may not have had much but we will always have food on the table." We never went hungry and it was always good food.

We got married November 19, 1966 at St. Columba Catholic Church in Iona. We renewed our vows for our 50th anniversary. We got married on the same day at the same time at the same church. We had a big party, over 300 people. The day we got married it was a hot, hot day and windy. When we renewed our vows it was a blizzard the night before.

We had 4 children and made Sunday dinner a big deal for our family too. We would have my parents and his parents. It seemed we had roast beef or chicken or ham.

Kids did 4-H and had jobs to do as kids. They liked reading, were in competitive sports in school. (Ken remembers reading them *Farmer Brown* but he calls it *Father Brown* because they had a priest named Father Brown) They grew up ambitious and all have multiple degrees in varying sciences. We have kids in Boston, Baltimore, Paris, and one near San Francisco.

We get lots of people that want to give fallen apples or carrots to the horses up by the road. We have many people who grew up in the area that want to stop over and see them too. When we are out and about we get lots of questions. People pay attention to how many colts we have and when they start coming. We always say they are the community's horses

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Description Of The Home: The main floor of the home has an entry to the east that leads into a sun room. The main floor of the home has a kitchen with cabinets, dining room with a sun porch to the south with east entry, dining room, bedroom, bath room with sink, stool & bath tub. The gas kitchen range will be included in the sale of the property. The upstairs of the home has 3 bedrooms. The parcel basement of the home has a shower, water softener & hot water heater. The home is serviced by complete electric heat, and has an updated electric breaker box. The property is serviced by a private well and septic system. The propane tank is a rental unit, and is not included in the sale of the property.

Description Of The Outside Premises: The farm structures consist of a pull together livestock shelter, a 2,800 bushel steel grain bin with drying unit and dryer floor, single garage with a lean, 3 wood frame storage sheds with steel roofs, and several farm structures that have reached the end of their useful life.

Legal Description Of The Property: A 6.95 acre acreage located in the Southeast 1/4, Section 16, Vienna Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

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Household Items: kitchen table with 4 chairs; steel kitchen cabinet; dining room table; platform rockers; 4-door wood cabinet; 2 roller chairs; double bed with box spring & mattress; dresser; 4-drawer dresser with mirror; old painted wash stand; storage box.

Antique & Collectable Items: Tinker toys in original box; Lincoln logs; world globe; Child's table with 2 chairs; wood toy box; typewriter; set of world books; old games; collection of Barbie Dolls; wood barrel.

Tractor & Farm Related Items: John Deere 60 tractor; (2) 300 gallon over head gas tanks on stands; 2 hydraulic cylinders; assortment of hand tools & socket sets; grinder on stand; bench vise; drop cords; "John Deere" tractor jack; other items to numerous to mention.

Horse Related items: western full size saddle; bridle, halter, farrier's tool kit; lariat rope.

Lawn, Garden & Yard Items: Troy Bilt rider lawn mower; large assortment of wood lawn decorations; hand sprayer; assortment of shovels & garden tools.

Livestock equipment: Large assortment of livestock gates & stockade panels; 2 rubber 100 gallon water tanks; steel water tank; wood posts; push-in wood posts.

Misc. Items: wood step ladders; aluminum extension ladder; ladies bike; other misc. items to numerous to mention.

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Persistent low water conditions continue to affect boaters

People urged to consider removing watercraft early where water conditions are low

As water levels continue to drop due in many areas to drought, boaters are experiencing significant issues with launching and retrieving boats, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

DNR crews are repairing and extending many boat launch

ramps to provide boating opportunities in these low-water conditions. However, little can be done to fix boat ramps on naturally shallow lakes or in places where power loading has caused holes that are too deep to fix with equipment.

"Boat ramps that were damaged by power loading provide not only a challenge to launching, but can also result in damage to boats, motors and trailers," said Nancy Stewart, DNR's statewide water recreation program lead. "Boaters should always use caution and check the ramp and water levels before launching."

The DNR is encouraging shoreland homeowners who have seasonally docked watercraft to monitor water levels frequently and keep their eye on the available boat removal options for their waterbody. If options are limited, boaters should consider removing their watercraft earlier than usual, before conditions worsen. Assistance may also be available from lake service providers with the capability to remove watercraft using larger commercial equipment.

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By Dana Oberloh, Ag Loan Officer
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As fall fast approaches we now know, or at least with a high probability, we will have grains to harvest. The question on everybody's mind, that is yet to be answered, is how yields will turn out. Will it be another above average year or will it be an average year? I think everyone would agree we can still use some moisture to finish crops and help improve yields.

Questions this time of the year often evolve around marketing plans. How much grain do you still have or will have after harvest? When do I price or sell it? Many may ask the question, why do we need a marketing plan? It is quite simple. A marketing plan is a road map that involves strategies to price your grain. With these strategies' consideration of your financial goals, cash flow needs, price objectives, storage capacity, anticipated production and how much risk you want to take is important. A marketing plan should be proactive, not reactive.

The Center for Farm Management often shows the importance of marketing crops during the first half of the year as prices on average will rise during the first 6 months. This, at times, is difficult to do with the uncertainty of grain farming, but it can pay dividends over the long run.

There are many different aspects included in a Marketing plan. Some of which are pricing targets, decision dates, and tools used for pricing.

Pricing Targets would involve choosing your minimum price threshold and maximum price target for the grain that will be sold. The minimum price threshold is very important in developing a marketing plan whereas the maximum price target or objective is less important. But there still must be a realistic maximum price objective. The minimum price threshold is set from the cost of production based upon the cost of raising the grain in which you are marketing. This minimum price is critical in that you do not want to market grain for less than the cost of production.

Decision dates play an important role in a marketing plan. Dates make it a real plan for action. For example, if your target price is met, above your minimum threshold, you will sell a specified number of bushels on or by that specific date you choose when you put the plan together.

There are a number of pricing tools producers have available to them which allow them to meet pricing objectives within their marketing plan. These pricing tools can be very simple or complex. Producers will need to choose what they are most comfortable with and utilize these pricing methods for example forward contract, futures contract and options to name a few, within their Marketing Plan.

Now is the time to evaluate how much old crop grain you have on hand and what you have marketed for new crop grain. This will lead you back to how your marketing plan is performing and if goals and objectives were met. If you have a marketing plan and simple benchmark goals you have the ability to adapt in a changing environment. We all know our environment is unpredictable.

If you have a marketing plan, great, if you do not, look at putting a simple plan together for next year. A simple plan will at least allow you to evaluate your grain marketing and adjust according to your objectives. Keep it simple and have a safe and bountiful harvest.



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FARM PROGRAM

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Key Ag Policy issues discussed at farmfest

Over the past few years, Farmfest has been a major event for discussing key issues affecting farm families, the ag industry and rural communities in Minnesota and the Midwest. Many of these same issues will likely frame the discussions on ag and rural policy issues in Washington, DC in the next few years. Farmfest is held in early August and brings together elected officials and appointed officials together with National and State ag leaders to analyze these key issues and offer perspectives on solutions and future legislation. Following are some of the main issues that were discussed during the 2021 Farmfest forums:

Impacts of the 2021 Drought and Available Resources - Nearly all of the forums at Farmfest centered around the impact of the drought on crop and livestock producers. Based on the "U.S. Drought Monitor" in early August, over 75 percent of Minnesota was categorized to be in either the "ex-

treme drought" (D3) or "severe drought" (D2) category, with only the Southeast quarter of the State being largely spared from these conditions. Nearly all of North and South Dakota were at some level of drought, with over two-thirds of North Dakota and a large area of North Central South Dakota in either "extreme drought" (D3) or "exceptional drought" (D4). Areas that are in extreme or exceptional drought are likely seeing significant crop loss and extremely limited forage production, as well as longer term effects on lakes, rivers, streams, and ground water supplies.

The weekly USDA Crop Report released on August 2 listed the condition rating of the corn in the U.S. at 64 percent "good-to-excellent"; however, the higher-level crop rating in Minnesota was only at 36 percent, which is the lowest in many years. The early August crop report listed 60 percent of the U.S. soybean crop as "good-to-

excellent", with Minnesota again well below that average at only 34 percent in the higher categories. The only major crop producing States with lower "good-to-excellent" ratings for corn and soybeans than Minnesota were North and South Dakota.

Throughout the Summer of 2021, drought conditions have intensified in most of the Northern Plains and Northwest Corn Belt States. Livestock producers in those areas are being especially hard-hit by the extended drought conditions with exhausted pastures and depleted feed supplies. Many beef cattle producers are being forced to reduce their herd sizes due to limited pasture and hay resources. USDA has announced the potential for emergency haying and grazing on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in areas of Minnesota that are the most severe drought. Livestock producers should check with their local FSA office regarding eligibility, enrollment details, and requirements for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres. USDA also has other programs available to assist livestock producers. Eligibility requirements and details on

all USDA drought assistance programs are available at local FSA offices. Details and updates the USDA drought programs can also be found at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

Grain Markets and Rising Input Costs - One of the major discussion items at Farmfest was the trends in the grain and livestock markets in the coming months. Crop production expenses and land rental rates have risen sharply in the past six months, which has some producers and analysts concerned about profit margins as we look ahead to 2022. Prior to 2020, profit margins in crop and livestock production had been quite tight in recent years, which put many farm operations at the brink of financial disaster by the end of 2019. Fortunately, a combination of one-time government aid programs, together with the strongest grain prices in several years, allowed farmers to rebound financially in 2020, which is a trend that has continued into 2021.

Carbon Sequestration and Carbon Credits - Carbon sequestration, carbon credits, and potential legislation to address climate change garnered considerable discussion during the Farmfest forums by elected officials, ag leaders, and experts in the carbon industry. One quote of note was: "the carbon market is like the wild, wild west", meaning there is no clear-cut path as to where the U.S. or the ag industry is headed related to the carbon market. There was considerable discussion regarding opportunities for crop and livestock producers to participate and benefit from carbon credits; however, it was very unclear how those carbon credits will be valued or traded. It was also very uncertain as to what practices will qualify for carbon credits that have value and whether producers that have already adopted carbon-friendly practices will be eligible for any compensation. The "bottom-line" from the Farmfest forums was that it is probably better to "walk before you run" when it comes to make major changes in a farming operation strictly targeted toward gaining value from the emerging carbon market.

U.S. Energy Policy - There was considerable discussion at Farmfest as to how climate change legislative proposals, such as the "Green New Deal" or further implementation of the "California Fuel Standards" might impact agriculture industry and future development of biofuels. On one hand farm organizations and commodity groups point to the climate benefits of expanding the use of biofuels by moving toward E-15 blends of ethanol and higher levels of biodiesel. On the other hand, many special interest groups are calling for reductions or elimination of the federal renewable fuel standards

(RFS) and other measures that would hurt the renewable fuels industry, while calling for additional resources into expanding electric powered vehicles, as well as wind and solar energy. Many States in the Upper Midwest, including Minnesota, have a well-established corn-based ethanol industry, which utilizes over 35 percent of the corn produced each year in the United States. In addition to the direct benefits to farmers, renewable energy plants have become cornerstones in rural communities by providing jobs, adding to the local tax base, and enhancing the overall economic vitality of the communities.

Livestock Related Issues - There were many issues affecting the livestock industry that were surfaced during Farmfest. The pork industry is being challenged by the implementation of "Proposition 12", which would restrict a significant amount of the pork being produced in the Midwest from being sold in California. Pork producers also want to keep export markets open for U.S. pork and are concerned with outbreak of African swine fever disease in the Dominican Republic and ongoing challenges with PRRS disease. Beef producers are very concerned with the worsening drought situation in many cow/calf production areas of the U.S., as well as monitoring the Department of Justice investigations into the beef processing industry. Dairy farmers have seen some improvement in profit levels during the past year; however, the long-term trend in the dairy industry is for continued tight profit margins. This will likely result in a continued trend of smaller dairy producers exiting the industry in the next few years.

Looking Ahead to the Next Farm Bill - The current Farm Bill expires on September 30, 2023, so congressional discussions on the next Farm Bill will likely begin later this year and continue into 2022. It will be interesting how issues like providing an adequate "safety nets" for crop and livestock producers, climate change, and social issues affect the Farm Bill discussion. Some key questions relative to development of the next Farm Bill that surfaced at Farmfest include:

- Will crop insurance continue to be protected as a corner-stone risk management tool for farmers?
- Will crop producers still have farm program choices (PLC and ARC-CO)?
- Will carbon sequestration efforts be linked in the commodity title the next Farm Bill?
- Will there be a move to further expand CRP acres or add set-aside acres for carbon sequestration?
- Will enhanced risk management tools be added for livestock producers?
- What will be the budget allocation and how much will be allocated the Nutrition Title?

There are numerous other issues and programs that impact Greater Minnesota in a variety of ways that were surfaced during the Farmfest forums including rural health care, labor shortages, expansion of broadband coverage, and infrastructure needs. Congress is likely to make some key policy decisions in the coming years.

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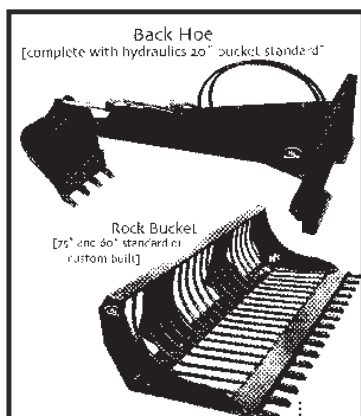
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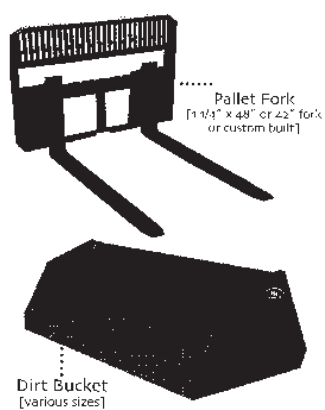
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Real World Economics

By Ed Lotterman

Drought effects vary for farmers and consumers



The entire nation is having a hot summer. For Minnesota and large areas to our west and south, it is also a dry one, very dry. States to the east and south are largely untouched.

How will this affect our economy — both of the nation as a whole and of individual farms, tourist trade and other businesses? What about households, since all buy food?

The answer varies by economic sector and geographic location and may worsen if it remains this dry in the coming weeks. The short answer is that tourism in western states is getting hammered hard right now. We are getting to a point where hydropower production is becoming limited and contractual power shutdowns or brownouts will hurt some industries.

Agriculture, though, will be the primary issue, at least in the short-to medium term, at first for the myriad farmers facing failed crops and eventually to all of us who eat food. Here sharp geographic dividing lines exist between drought and normal produce. The traditional winter wheat belt of the lower Great Plains, Texas, Oklahoma, eastern Colorado and Kansas is in pretty good shape. The spring wheat belt from northwest Minnesota out across Montana is in real trouble.

The classic corn belt states of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are not in drought. Nebraska has little, as does Wisconsin. Iowa is mixed. Until recent decades, most soybeans also were grown in these states or the Deep South. These acreages have not declined, but have burgeoned in North Dakota, displacing wheat.

These are the major field crops, little of which is directly eaten by humans, though we buy flour and cooking oil in supermarkets. We export all of these and the markets from which their prices are deter-

mined are global.

Now take vegetables, fruits and nuts. California predominates. Washington, Oregon and Arizona also play a big role. In California and Arizona, these are nearly all irrigated, but irrigation water is becoming scarcer. And the heat, even more than any lack of rain, ruined large proportions of grapes, both for table and wine, in California, along with cherries and other fruits in the two states to the north.

Will prices go up? Yes for some things, but not much for others. How much and for how long depends on a key micro econ subject, the "elasticity" of supply and demand. This measures how much of a change in price occurs when circumstances change the quantities of the item and vice versa. The more "inelastic" some product is, the greater the percentage jumps in price for a given percentage change in quantity.

Demand for "luxuries" is elastic. We don't need a \$5,000 Peloton bike. Demand for necessities is "inelastic." Few things are more necessary than food.

At the same time, food supply also is often inelastic. It takes years for new cherry or almond trees to produce or even for a new-born heifer calf to produce milk.

Once soybeans or wheat are planted, acreage cannot change until next year. For irrigated radishes, broccoli and lettuce, it may be only weeks, if water is available. But even these lags can lead to "shortages" that spike prices in the short run.

So supermarket prices will yoyo. Given the vast area and duration of this drought in the west, adjustment will take quite some time.

Do understand, however, that just because California produces such huge fractions of vegetables

and fruits, if it turns into a desert, we won't all starve. There are many other places where these all grow well.

New Jersey was called "the Garden State" for good reasons. My Dutch-farm-boy grandfather first came to the United States in 1898 to work producing vegetables on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Baltimore had a vast canning industry, the largest in the nation. And Heinz catsup is based in Pennsylvania because that state had large areas suited to growing tomatoes. But a century ago, these areas lost out to highly-subsidized federal irrigation water in California.

All could produce again, as could many other areas. Michigan could ramp up sour cherry and blueberry production. It has always grown thousands of tons of radishes, beets, carrots, onions, turnips and so forth. Georgia is known for peaches and onions, but could produce a wide range of other goods.

However, you cannot make instantaneous adjustments. The New York Times ran an excellent article on the woes of California processed-tomato producers, who have had to slash acreages. The United States is a substantial net exporter of processed tomatoes, so current cuts won't affect domestic supplies much. But if we are facing what a new climate will be, as I and many others think we are, getting the billions of dollars of processing, packing and shipping infrastructure moved to regions of adequate rainfall areas will take time and money.

The fact that we are such a large net exporter of grains and oilseeds dampens price fluctuations here. When we had an ag economy closed off from trade by a highly overvalued U.S. dollar under the Bretton Woods agreement, a bad crop would all have

to be absorbed here. Tariffs and lack of import infrastructure made bringing food from other countries difficult. But for the last half-century, U.S. agriculture has been a major factor in global markets. A cut in U.S. soy or corn or wheat exports will raise global prices somewhat and that will be reflected back here. But fluctuations will be less than for produce. Effects will show up in meat, dairy and poultry products.

In our Upper Midwest, smaller crops mean less storage and

transport of output, fewer semis and train cars, fewer elevator and barge people working late hours, less LP gas used to dry corn. So local businesses will see effects. Drought-hit farmers will buy fewer new pickups or tractors, invest less in facilities, stop going out to have a good steak on Saturday nights and so on. The larger economy, however, will march on.

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Aerial agronomy is 100 years old

Two local crop dusters work out of Pipestone Airport

By Jill Fennema

The first aerial application of pesticide occurred in August 1921 – 100 years ago this month. C.R. Nellie, an entomologist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture came up with the idea of combating crop pests with an airplane.

Under the direction of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Lt. John A. Macready, a U.S. Army pilot, made the first application with a modified Curtiss JN-6 "Super Jenny." Lead arsenate dust was spread on catalpa trees to kill the sphinx moth.

The venture was successful and the following year, Curtiss biplanes were used to dust cotton fields to control boll weevils.

In the early days, aerial applicators were known as "crop dusters" because they worked with dry chemicals. Today, aerial applicators deliver mostly liquid products to control insects, prevent disease, and provide nutrients.

The Pipestone Municipal Airport is one place that local crop dusters fly out of. There are currently two crop dusting businesses operating there: Pro-Aire and R &

R Spraying.

Tony Dykstra owns Pro-Aire. He is in his 8th season of crop dusting and his 18th year as a pilot. He is 31 years old and has been flying since he was a teenager.

Tony's grandfather is Robert Dykstra, the manager of the Pipestone Airport. Robert has taught thousands of people to fly – including his son, Todd, his grandson Tony, and his friend Rick Wenzel. He is still a flight instructor.

Robert's main career was as command chief master sergeant of the 114th Fighter Wing out of the South Dakota Air National Guard. That's where he met Rick Wenzel. In 1999, the two started R & R Spraying together. About five years later, Rick bought out Robert, who was hired to manage the airport. He said he'd manage it for five years. That was 17 years ago.

While his son Todd did acquire a pilot's license, his primary work with airplanes has been as a mechanic. Tony, on the other hand, has loved flying since he first saw his dad and grandpa flying planes off the runway at their acreage by Trosky.

When he was 16 years old, Tony took his first solo flight and actually obtained his pilot's license before

he got his driver's license. After graduating from Pipestone Area Schools in 2009, Tony went on to airplane mechanic school at Thief River Falls, where he and his family lived for a time.

Tony's mom, Dawn, did not want him to just dive into being a crop sprayer. She wanted him to learn to work on planes like his father Todd.

Tony started Pro-Aire in 2013. His work includes crop spraying within a 50-mile radius of Pipestone and airplane maintenance. There are 25 hangers at the Pipestone Airport and they are all full. People from all over store their aircraft there.

Spraying season begins in April with pasture spraying. Landowners hire a crop duster to spray their pastures for noxious weeds like thistle. The busy spraying season kicks off in July and August when it's time to apply pesticides and fungicides.

Both Rick and Tony rely on the local cooperatives and agronomy centers to provide them with the chemicals they spray. They have applicator licenses which they have to keep up on each year. But having the co-ops handle the storage of the chemicals just works better.

A lot of their work is scheduled through the co-ops and agronomy centers, but they also do some work directly for farmers and landowners.

Tony owns a Piper Pawnee, which is a smaller, lighter aircraft. It is known as a "tail dragger" because it has two wheels in the front and one wheel under the tail. He can carry 150 gallons of chemical at a time. Most applications require 2 to 5 gallons of chemicals per acre, which means he can do about 75 acres on a single flight.

Rick flies a 1983 Air Tractor 301A. His plane has a 325 gallon tank, but he never fills it that full. He usually loads it with 275 gallons of chemical. He can do a quarter section with that.

Of course, the weather plays

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Above - Rick Wenzel, owner of R & R Spraying, flies over a soybean field south of Pipestone.

Below: Rick pictured in his 1983 Air Tractor 301A plane.



Aerial spraying

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a factor in what spraying they can do on any given day. If it is too windy, they can't apply because the chemical will drift and that is never desirable. But if it's not too windy, they can spray from sun up to sun down during the busy season.

Tony also plants cover crops from the air. This work keeps him busy from August through October. That was something that kept him especially busy in 2019, when it was so wet that farmers could not get into the field and they needed cover crops to keep their topsoil. Turnips, radishes, and cereal rye are popular cover crop choices. He removes his spray nozzles and equips his airplane with a spreader box to do this work.

What's nice is they can plant the cover crop while the current crop is still in the ground, before harvest. The cover crop can be germinating and starting to grow before the farmer puts the combine in the field.

Over the years, crop dusting and aerial spraying have not changed dramatically. Tony says the biggest changes have come in safety for pilots – including cockpits that are completely sealed. He added that when they added turbine engines in the 1970's that really changed how much an airplane could haul. The other major change has been the addition of GPS technology.

Things slow down at the beginning of November. During the cold months is when he focuses on his mechanic work. Last year he used the winter months to overhaul his plane. He found that the pandemic was not a great time

for that work as he could not get parts very quickly. Items that should have taken a few weeks took months to arrive.

Piloting is not without its dangers. Pipestone County has a few airplane tragedies on record. Robert worked with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for 60 years and that is something that Tony has continued to do as well. In fact, much of his early pilot training took place in

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Tony Dykstra with his two children Henzley and Briggan.

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Aerial spraying

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a CAP plane when he was a CAP cadet.

In addition to educating youth about aviation and leadership, the CAP provides search and rescue for downed airplanes. Tony was called upon to provide this service in July 2015 when Steven Christensen, a local pilot and two passengers were killed in a plane crash south of Holland. Tony piloted the search plane that discovered the down plane in a waterway.

Tony also knew Jim Arnt, a crop sprayer who was killed in rural Pipestone County in August 2016.

Tony had his first forced landing last year. He lost engine power while he was flying at 500 feet northeast of Pipestone. Thankfully, he was able to land on a gravel road. He called his grandpa and Bob came and helped him tow the airplane back to the hanger. Bob has had nine forced landings in his life.

Tony says that meteorological towers are a pilot's worst enemy. They are not all marked and are tough to see. "You can't see them until they are right there. The wind towers are not great either. But you can see them more easily," Tony said.

Tony said that he has never considered being a commercial pilot. Bob laughingly calls those kinds of pilots "glorified bus drivers." Being away from home

all the time has never held any appeal to Tony, who has two children with his partner Ashley Nickelson. They also run a tanning business in Pipestone.

Prior to starting R & R Spraying, Rick spent 38 years in the South Dakota Air National Guard. His

favorite things about flying are that not everybody does it and the feeling of being up in the air, seeing what others cannot see from the ground.

Of flying, Rick says, "There are days it is not fun and there are days you can't beat it."



Tony Dykstra of Pipestone has been flying since he was a teenager. He is pictured here in his Piper Pawnee, a "tail dragger" plane he uses for aerial crop spraying.

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Jeff Kindt items Phone 507-215-1179 1998 Freightliner FL70 business class cab, 105,116 miles, Cat 3126, fuller 9 speed, air ride cab and seats, new batteries, pintle hitch and receiver hitch: 2012 Maurer 24' grain trailer, 58" sides, single axel, spring ride, Shur-loc roll tarp and single hopper: 2011 P&J 22' full tilt trailer w/10,000 lbs. wench and 7,500 lbs. axels: 1998 N.H./Versatile 9282 4WD, Cummings engine, 20.8x38 w/duals, 3,567 Hrs, 4 remotes, new ac compressor, all fluids and filters changed, 12 speed, bare back: JD 4020 diesel 3,695 hrs on O.H., power shift, recent rebuild on transmission, cab, 2 remotes, 540/1,000 PTO, 18.4x34 rubber: 1984 JD 4850 MFWD 13,825 Hrs, w/1,800 Hrs. on transmission, 2,500 Hrs on rebuilt engine, W/ Buhler 2895 loader, quick tach 8' bucket, 18.4x42 rears & duels, 16.9x28 fronts, 15 speed power shift, 3 remotes: JD 7720 Turbo combine, hrs unknown, hydro, chopper/spreader, new upright auger: CIH 690 conser till 5 shank disc ripper w/rear leveling disc gangs: CIH RMX 370 28' cushion gang disc w/3 bar harrow, manual depth control 23" blades: JD 7200 conservation 16r 30" planter w/liquid fert, row cleaners, 3bu. boxes, single disc openers for fert, JD 350 Monitor, corn, bean and sweet corn meters: IH 720 6bt. On-land plow: Donahue 32' planter trailer: Glencoe 8r 30" cult. w/Danish teeth: Parker 2600 400 bu. gravity: JD 4 Bt. Plow: MDS model 4820 2 bale spear w/Hyd. Separator: 2-Parker 350 bu. gravities: Dakon 400bu gravity: M&W 350 bu. gravity: Parker 400bu. gravity w/double doors: 2013 Vermeer R 2800 7 bar V-rake 27'w/ front tedder kit (like new): 2013 N.H. 258 5 bar rake, front dolly wheels, Hyd. Drive, extra teeth (like new): IH 37 12' DISC: Dakon 250 bu. Gravity w/ like new Sudenga brush auger: Dakon 250 bu. gravity: JD 925 25' Bean head, full finger auger, poly skid plates: Unverferth HT 30 30' head mover: IH 4600 24' fld. Cult w/3 bar harrow: CIH 4800 30' fld. Cult, w/3 bar harrow: Westfield 10"x71' w/hyd. Drive wheels on swing hopper: JD 843 8r 30' corn head, oil bath: Shop built head trailer: IH 480 24' Disc w/mulcher: Feterl 8"x 66' auger: Sudenga 8"x42 truck auger PTO drive: Flair box wagon: N.I. 12' stalk chopper: Large Hyd. Press: 12 seed boxes w/seed meters for JD 7000 Planter: misc tractor and implement tires: JD 20/30 series front weight bracket: 3-JD Front weights for 20/30 series: set of 18.4x34 tractor chains: 110 Gal poly tank w/hand pump: poly auger hopper:

Don Voss Estate Items: IH 1456 6,637 Hrs 18.4x38 w/hub duels, serial #011987: IH 400 Diesel 2,114 Hrs: serial # 38041: IH 300 Gas, 4,396 Hrs, Serial#18577: 1973 IH Loadstar 1600 Grain truck, gas engine, with 18' steel box, roll tarp, 4x2 trans, 52,669 miles: 2-J&M model 500 Gravity wagons: Westendorf 350 bu. gravity w/12 ton Westendorf gear: J&M 250 Bu. gravity: Demco 365 w/Demco gear: N.I. 5 Bar side rake: **Steve Loeschen items Phone 712-461-0217** JD 8640 4WD, w/1,000 hrs on new 50 series engine, 8621 hrs on tractor, 3 new remotes, new pivot bushings, new radiator, new clutch, Quad shift, 3Pt. 1,000 PTO, serial#004580R: JD 4630 9,398 Hrs, Quad shift, 1,000 PTO, 2 remotes, front weights, LED lights serial#032702R: JD 3010 Gas, N.F.: new rear tires, syncro shift, tach reads 13,701 hrs: serial#29214: Demco 365 Gravity 11R 22.5 Tires, light kit on 12 ton Demco gear, w /J&M Brush auger: Demco 365 gravity: J&M 350 gravity w/J&M gear: CIH 1820 6rn Flat fold Cult (like new): 1,500 Gal. poly tank w/new transfer pump on IH 330 running gear w/steel bed: Simonsen 6 ton Fertilizer Spreader:

Items from Steve McCuen Phone 507-360-3129 2008 JD 6430 MFWD 1,834 Hrs, premium cab, w/ JD 673 self leveling loader, 7' bucket, and all fluids just changed, serial#576921 2nd owner (Like new): Demco 450 gravity, brakes & lights (like new): Westfield 8"x 31' truck auger PTO drive:

Tractors, Skid loaders, Loaders & Accessories 2017 JD 8245 R MFWD, 5,799 Hrs, 16 speed power shift, 4 remotes, 480/80r/46 w/duals, quick hitch, 1,000 PTO, Auto trac: warranty till Sept 2021, serial#1rw8245rtgp112667: JD 7210R 5,049Hrs, new 480/80r/46 rubber w/duals, new 420/90r/30 fronts w/duals, quick hitch, 4 remotes, 1,000 PTO, E-23 trans, Serial# rw7210rcjs101275, warranty till October 2022: JD 8100 MFWD 10,261 Hrs, rock box, 420/80r/ 42 rear w/duals, 320/85r/34 fronts, quick hitch, 3 remotes, 1,000 PTO, 16 speed, GPS ready w/JD APU steering wheel, serial#rw8100e004864: Ford TW 35 4,636 Hrs, Duals, New cab kit, front and rear weights, new batteries, (very clean tractor): Case 970 5,500 Hrs w/500 Hrs on rebuilt power shift, new rear tires and Artsway loader (NICE): JD 4640 9,720 w/ 2,720 hrs on remanufactured engine, front fenders & weights, 480/80r/42 w/duals, quick hitch, 3 remotes, 1,000 PTO, LED lights, EZ steer, serial#4640p008697r: Case 2590 5,497 Hrs w/ 1,000 hrs on O.H., power shift redone 5 hrs. ago, 18.4x42, new oil and filters serial # 9912249: JD 4555 2wd, 9,353 Hrs, 15 speed power shift, 1,000 PTO, 4 remotes, rear weights, quick hitch, 18.4x46 w/duals, serial#rw4555p004778: IH 1086 9,008 Hrs, serial #60014: Cat Challenger MT 635B MFWD, 429/80R/46 rears, 380/85r/30 fronts, 4 remotes, 1,000 PTO, 3 pt, air ride cab, 4,894 hrs, power shift w/left hand reverser: JD 4020 Gas, serial#snt211r12693r: JD 3020 Gas, 9,883 hrs, serial#srt111r09385r: Case 2090 hrs unknown, 18.4x 38 rubber, 2 remotes, 1,000 PTO, Serial# 9910978: Allis 7030 7,000 hrs w/600 Hrs. on O.H., Power director: Westendorf TA 28 Loader w/7' bucket and JD mounts: N.H. LS 190 Skid loader 2,581 Hrs, hi flow pump, serial #197227, rear weight package: Dual Loader w/Hyd. Bucket: Miller M-12 Loader w/7' bucket, grapple and JD mounts:

Collector Tractors & Implements IH Super "C", N.F. 12 volt: Case 400 Gas, N.F. new pistons and sleeves, new rubber, power steering, repainted, (nice): 1949 Case VAC n.f, rear weights, sold with Case 2 bottom plow: Case 4 bottom model BE mounted plow: 1950 JD "A" 50 hrs. on overhaul serial # 666986: Case wide front off 400: JD "R" Diesel w/pony motor new tires, bored out 65 thousands over, new pistons, new valves and springs, 1 remote, 540 PTO, fenders, repainted 10 years ago, serial#17437 (sharp): Oliver 88 Diesel, Row crop, after market 3pt: Oliver 880 Diesel, fenders, W.F, (nice): 1953 Super "M", fenders, p.s, w/belly mower: IH 185 2 row planter: IH 2 Row cult: M-M 1210 Corn Sheller: IH super "M" new tires, serial # 51749: IH Super "M" serial#20510: IH "M", p.s, w.f, w/ loader and new 8' bucket, rear weights & factor live pump, serial# 282937:

Combine & Combine Heads & Head Trailers: JD 9410 Combine 3,139 engine, 2,168 sep, Ag leader 2000 monitor, chopper/spreader, serial# H09410X675708 (Nice): JD 693 RN Corn head, one owner, serial #H0069X671005 (nice):1997 CIH 2166 combine, 3,621 engine, 2,882 sep, field tracker, AFX rotor, rock trap, chopper/spreader, fore/aft yield monitor, tank ext, (nice): JD 9650 STS combine, 4,387 engine, 2,824 sep, 18.4x42 w/duels, green star ready, chopper/spreader, tank ext, contour master, dial speed, rock trap, auto header control, serial#H09650S685603: JD 9600 Combine, 4,818 engine, 3,314 sep: CIH 2206 6N Corn head, Hyd. Deck plates & Calmer knife rolls, one year on new gathering chains and idler sprockets: CIH 2020 35' Bean head: CIH 1020 30' Bean head, fore/Aft, tracker, 3" cut: CIH 1063 6RN corn head (completely rebuilt): Industries America Model 430 30' Head mover (new): JD 635F 35' Bean Head, single point hookup, full finger auger, Serial#FVA07363999: IH 1084 8r 36" corn head: JD 215 15' Bean

Head: JD 643 6r30" Corn Head: JD 6620 Turbo combine, 4,541 Hrs, hydro, chopper/spreader, rear weights, (nice): JD 920 20' Bean head:

Planters, Sprayers & Drills & Attachments JD 4710 self propelled sprayer, 800 Gal. tank, 90' boom, 20" spacing's on nozzles, foamer, inductor, 100 gal. rinse tank, 3" fill, 4,027 Hrs, w/2,000 hrs on new engine: Century 750 Gal. sprayer w/60' x-fold booms, hyd. Pump, walking tandems, 440 raven controller and 3 ball valves: CIH 900 12RN Planter, row cleaners corn and bean drums, early riser monitor: Hardi Navigator 1000 sprayer w/1,00 gal. tank. Triple nozzles, hyd. Booms, rinse tank, HM 1500 controller:

Tillage Equipment: CIH MRX 690 5 shank disc ripper w/hyd. rear disc levelers: JD 712 11 Shank disc ripper w/ Remlinger rear levelers: Sunflower? 3 section 28" Harrow: Krause 1950 28' tandem disc: Shop Built heavy duty 5 shank V-Ripper: Brookfield 5 sect. drag on hyd. Cart: Wil-Rich 42' Fld. Cult. w/3 bar harrow: IH 5600 25' Chisel Plow: CIH 4300 32' Fld. Cult. w/3 bar harrow: IH 490 30' Disc: DMI Tiger mate 730B 7 Shank disc ripper: JD 1600 3 pt. 10 shank chisel plow: IH 550 5bt. Plow: JD 510 7 shank disc ripper w/rear leveling disc: DMI Tiger Mate 27 ½ fld. Cult. w/3 bar mulcher and CIH 28' crumbler (sold as a unit): DMI coulter champ II 7 shank disc ripper w/ rear leveling disc blades:

Augers, Elevators, Conveyors, Dryers: Sudenga OX 10"x 41' auger (like new): Westfield 13"x81' auger w/ power drive wheels on swing hopper and elect wench lift on swing, new flighting in part of swing hopper: Westfield 10"x71' Auger: Feterl 12"x31' PTO Truck auger: Sudenga 10" portable incline auger: Stanhoist 52' Elev: Sudenga 8"x61 auger w/swing hopper: Behlen Model 380 continuous flow batch dryer: Westfield 10"x71 auger w/swing hopper: Westfield 10"x61' auger w/swing hopper: Sudenga 10"x71 auger w/swing hopper: Sudenga 8"x61 auger w/swing hopper: Sukup Grain screener w/ extra screens:

Hay & Silage Equipment: Industries America Model 625 Bale wagon (new): N.H. 846 Round baler: N.I. 402 5 bar hay rake: N.H. 1495 Haybine 13' head w/rubber crimping rollers, 2,724 hrs, cab, Ford 6 cylinder Engine: Apache 8 bale 5th wheel trailer: N.H. 499 12' Haybine w/2 crimping rollers (nice): JD 640 Rake w/front dolly wheel:

Grain Carts, Wagons & Gears: 2- Brent 757 Gravities w/fenders, lights and brakes and roll tarps (like new): 2002 Brent 976 Grain cart, scale, roll tarp, large and small 1,000 pto shafts (one owner like new): JD 953 gear (like new): Brent 740 Gravity wagon w/brakes & lights: Brent 540 Gravity w/dual compartments, tarp, lights & brakes and Sudenga Hyd. Drive belt conveyor: Triggs 500 Bu. gravity w/double doors: 16' Bale rack on gear: 3- Demco 365 Gravity wagons w/Demco gears: Westendorf 6 ton gear: 6-18' new Bale racks on gears: 2-24' Bale racks on 12 ton gears (new): J&M 350 Bu. gravity: Parker 4800 gravity: Bradford 250 bu. gravity: Parker 400 bu. gravity w/center dump: wood barge box wagon with hoist: H&S 400 bu. gravity: 6 & 8 ton running gears: EZ Flow 300 bu. gravity: Brent 740 gravity: Brent 876 Grain cart: 2-Dakon model 231 250bu. gravities: 2-Kory 250bu. gravities: 2-J&M 250 bu. gravities: J&M 600/14 Grain cart: 10x19 bale rack w/truck frame runners and 10 ton Westendorf gear: 2-Demco 365 gravities w/Demco gears (nice): J&M 500 bu. gravity wagon w/J&M gear, Sudenga brush auger, center divider and roll tarp: 8 Bale bale wagon w/truck frame stringer.

Misc. Farm Equipment: Alloway 20'stall chopper 3pt. and includes hitch to make pull type & 4 transport wheels and 2-1,000 PTO Shafts: 3 section culti packer: Industries America F-10 10' Box scraper (new): Industries America F-12 12' Box scraper: New Idea 324 2rw corn picker w/12row husking bed: Woods 72" rotary mower: IH 80 7' Snow blower: 60 gal. 3pt Sprayer w/10' booms and spray wand: Schwiess 8' snow blower: Feterl 8' snow blower: Buffalo 8r30' stalk chopper: Artsway 240 B 20' stalk chopper on transport:

Trucks & Trailers: 1995 Freightliner, miles unknown, Eaton 10 speed, Alum. Rims, series 6 Detroit 11 liter engine, Air ride: 2003 Wilson Pacesetter 42' Grain trailer w/66" sides ag hoppers, power roll tarp, air ride: 2005 Freightliner, day cab, 10 speed, Cat C-13 engine, good rubber, 963,437 Miles: Chaparral 5th Wheel enclosed tandem axel trailer 34' w/fold down ramp and generator: 1999 Freightliner FL 50 w/16' enclosed box, Tommy lift, Cat 3126 engine, auto trans, new brakes, 207,780 miles: Pacesetter 6 ½ x20 5th wheel livestock trailer: 2008 Timpette 43' grain trailer, 72" sides, elect. roll tarp, air ride, and new tires, elect. hopper openers (salvage title): 2000 Corn Husker 48' grain trailer, roll tarp, air ride, 72" sides, (salvage title): Ford grain truck, 370 gas engine, 135,133 miles, 18' wood box, 5x2 trans, tag axel: Master Tow tilt bed car dolly: 1979 Ford grain truck w/crysteel 20' steel box, Tag axel, 5x2 trans. and 404 gas engine: 2005 Pacesetter 7'x22' 5th wheel livestock trailer w/center gate: 5th wheel truck trailer 12' long with 2' sides:

Livestock Equipment: Vermeer BPX 9000 Bale processor 1,000 PTO: Meyers M350 spreader, w/Hyd. Driven apron, slope gate, tandem axels (nice): BJM model 660T Mixer wagon w/digital scale:

Lawn Mowers, ATV, Snowmobile trailer and ATV Sprayer: JD X739 Garden tractor w/ cab, heat, 4x4, all wheel steer (like new): Troy Built lawn mower: 2011 Polaris Ranger XP 800 12,288 Miles: Yamaha 125 3 wheeler: Yamaha Rhino 660 UTV, 4x4, w/front blade: Floe 20' 4 place trailer w/new floor and rear slid out ramp.

Boom Truck & Fire Truck Tankers 1987 Ford F-600 dually, w/diesel engine, 28' 7" boom reach, 192,160 miles, auto trans: 1974 IH Loadstar 1700 tanker truck, tank leaks and pump needs work, 12,584 miles 5x2 trans: 1956 Ford F-600 Tanker truck 4,700 miles, 4x2 trans.

Misc. Items 500 Gal. propane tank w/30% left in it: 5" I-beam 12' long: 4 chevy 16" pickup rims: 100- 2x12's 18' long: 40-2x12's 14' long: 2- Golden Harvest seed signs: 3-Dekalb whether veins: Dekalb seed bags, large assortment of hand tools, Old oil cans: Pickup box trailer w/300 gal. fuel tank w/hand pump: 300 gal. fuel barrel on stand, steel posts: 7 ½ Hp. air compressor w/100 gal. tank: 1,500 gal. poly tank w/inductor: 20'X14' Insulated shop door w/opener: 22-3 gal. pails of roofing tar: 13'x14' machine shed door: Misc. truck tires:40' ext. ladder: 6-12' REA poles: Nurse tank hitch, Hawes cushion bumper hitch: PLUS NUMEROUS OTHER ITEMS!!!

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Reducing fire risk on the farm

By Emily Krekelberg,
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Farms present many fire risks, and especially during drought it is critical to pay attention to these risks and take steps to mitigate them. An awareness of potential fire hazards on your farm as well as a plan to address them are key components in protecting your farm and your people. While these tips are particularly useful in times of drought (and increased fire risk), it's also helpful to keep them in mind all year and in all weather patterns.

Fire Risk: People

The people in and around your farm—and their actions—may put your farm at risk for a fire. Make sure any tasks being performed that involve open flame, high heat, or flying sparks are completed by people who have experience with the task. In addition, ensure they are doing their work away from flammable materials, in a safe, well-ventilated area, and with a fire extinguisher nearby. Lastly, smoking around the farm should be discouraged, especially in areas with flammable materials and/or a lot of dust.

Fire Risk: Equipment

Farm equipment presents various fire risks. Improperly maintained equipment may send out sparks, overheat, or have an electrical malfunction. Properly maintaining equipment and having a fire extinguisher in every tractor and combine will help reduce fire risk. Additionally, be mindful of the conditions you are working in; dry field material can easily ignite from heavy friction and/or high heat. Also be aware of situations with heavy dust, which is also at risk of igniting.

Fire Risk: Facilities

The various buildings, barns, and bins around the farm can also pose fire risks. Like with equipment, proper and regular maintenance are crucial in reducing fire risk. In older buildings especially, electrical wiring and hookups should be checked, and necessary fixes and replacements made. Storage areas for flammable materials should be kept cool and well-ventilated. Facilities should also be cleaned regularly to decrease dust and other dry residue that may catch fire easily. Fire extinguishers should be kept nearby at several locations around the farm.

Mitigating Fire Risk

As stated above, fire extinguishers are critical on the farm to reduce fire risk. Being able to respond to fire situation quickly is key to preventing spread of the flames, especially in very dry conditions. Speaking of response, having an action plan in place should a fire occur is also crucial. Action plans should include emergency shut-off procedures, evacuation plans, and strategies for protecting livestock. Having a clear plan will allow you to respond quickly, should a fire occur on your farm. Lastly, being a responsible manager of your people, equipment, and facilities will keep your fire risk low.

ESTATE LAND AUCTION

+/- 228.29 Acres in 2 Excellent High Producing Rock & Pipestone County Minnesota Farms Located Near Edgerton, MN - Including FARM #1 - +/- 148.29 Surveyed Acres in Osborne Twp., Pipestone County, MN and FARM #2 - +/- 80 Acres in Battle Plain Twp. of Rock County, MN

We will offer the following Land at public auction "On Site" at the SE Corner of FARM #1 (Jct. of 1st St. & 180th Ave.); Located from C&B John Deere in Edgerton, MN (Jct. of Co. Hwy. #18/175th Ave. & 16th St.) – 1 1/2 miles south on Co. Hwy. #18 (175th Ave.) to the SW Corner of the land (Jct. of Co. Hwy. #18/175th Ave. & 1st St. – The Pipestone-Rock County Line), then 1/2 mile east on 1st St. to the sale site - both farms to be offered simultaneously at the Farm #1 Sale Site.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021**SALE TIME: 10:00 AM**

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Due to the recent death of Anna Jean Beckering and in order to settle her estate, her heirs have made the decision to offer this Choice Pipestone & Rock County, MN land at public auction. This auction presents the opportunity to purchase parcels of land that have been in the Beckering Family for many years, both of the parcels have excellent eye appeal and are inclusive of some very productive high percentage tillable cropland, each with superb soils and enhanced with existing drain tile in place. If you are in the market for a parcel or parcels of productive Pipestone and Rock County MN Land to add to an area row crop farming operation or as an investment, then make plans to inspect these properties and be in attendance at this auction!

FARM #1 – +/- 148.29 Surveyed Acres – ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESC.: The SE1/4, Less Exclusions in the NW Corner, Sec. 34, T. 105N., R. 44W., (Osborne Twp.), Pipestone County, MN

FARM #1 consists of +/-148.29 Acres of Productive & Relatively High Percentage Tillable Land situated in Osborne Twp., of Pipestone County, MN and located just 1 1/4 miles south of Edgerton MN.

This +/-148.29 acre parcel of land will be offered as an individual parcel. This farm has very good eye appeal and has a level to nearly level topography and has high quality soils. According to FSA information this +/-148.29 acre farm has approx. 141.41 acres of cropland, with the non-tillable acres comprised of roads that are adjacent to 3 sides of the property and a small triangle shaped parcel in the SW corner of the farm that lies west of the curve on Co. Hwy. #18; with an FSA 101.46 acre corn base with a 109 bu. PLC yield and an 18.95 acre soybean base with a 37 bu. PLC yield; for the USDA farm program currently the corn acres are enrolled under the Price Loss Coverage election and the soybeans are enrolled under the ARC County election. This land has some excellent soils as according to the Pipestone County Assessor this farm has a CER of 71.45 and information obtained from Surety Agri-Data indicates this land has an extremely high weighted soil rating of 88.1, with the predominate soils comprised of primarily Class I & II soils. The farmability of this land has been enhanced by the installation of approx. 26,459 feet of drain tile in 2016 (25,009' of 5" & 1,450' of 6"), plus some older drain tile in sectors of this land, according to the 2016 tile map and documentation provided by the owners. The sellers represent that there are no wells on the property. This property has been surveyed at the expense of the sellers and will be sold in accordance with the surveyed acres. The Non-Homestead RE taxes payable in 2021 on this land were \$4,880.00.

FARM #2 - +/-80 Acres – LEGAL DESC.: The N1/2 SW1/4 of Sec. 11, T. 104N., R. 44W., (Battle Plain Twp.), Rock County, MN. - Located from C&B John Deere in Edgerton, MN – 2 1/2 miles south, then 1 mile east on Hwy. #10 (241st St.) and 1/2 mile south on 190th Ave.; from Kenneth, MN – 1 mile north to the Curve, 1 mile west on Hwy. #7 (201st St.) and 3 1/4 miles north on 190th Ave.; or from the SW Corner of Farm #1 at the Pipestone/Rock County Line on Hwy. #18 – 1 mile south, 1 mile east on 241st and 1/2 mile south on 190th Ave.

FARM #2 consists of +/-80 acre parcel of Battle Plain Township, Rock County, MN Land with a very high percentage tillable and a significant amount of pattern tile.

This +/- 80 acre parcel of land will be offered as an individual parcel. This farm has very good eye appeal and has an extremely high percentage tillable, a level to nearly level topography and has excellent high quality soils. According to FSA information this +/-80 acre farm has approx. 79.99 acres of cropland with an FSA 57.37 acre corn base with a 109 bu. PLC yield and a 10.72 acre soybean base with a 37 bu. PLC yield; for the USDA farm program currently the corn acres are enrolled under the Price Loss Coverage election and the soybeans are enrolled under the ARC County election. This land has some excellent soils as according to the Rock County Assessor this farm has a CER of 86.13 and information obtained from Surety Agri-Data indicates this land has an extremely high weighted soil rating of 95.4, with the predominate soils comprised of primarily Class I & II soils. The farmability of this land has been enhanced by the installation of a significant amount of pattern tile throughout the farm, with a detailed colored map available and a statement from SAS Farms, Inc. indicating that there was approx. 41,485' of tile installed in this land consisting of 37,640' of 5" tile and 3,845' of 6" tile, at a total cost of over \$60,000.00 based on information as provided by the owners. The sellers represent that there are no wells on the property. This property will be sold as an 80 acre parcel based on the acres as stated on the county tax records. The Non-Homestead RE taxes payable in 2021 on this land were \$2,100.00.

TERMS: Cash - A 10% nonrefundable earnest money payment sale day and the balance on or before Oct. 29, 2021, with full possession subsequent to the harvest of the 2021 standing crops and the rights of the existing tenants subject to the terms of their existing farm leases which expire subsequent to the harvest of the 2021 crops. Marketable Title will be conveyed and abstracts of title continued to date will be provided to the buyer for examination prior to closing. All of the RE taxes payable in 2021 will be paid by the sellers with the buyer(s) to be responsible for payment of all of the RE taxes due & payable in 2022. The sellers do not warranty or guarantee that existing fences lie on the true boundary and any new fencing, if any, will be the responsibility of the purchaser pursuant to MN statutes. FSA cropland acres, yields, bases & other information are estimated and subject to County Committee approval. Farm #1 will be sold based on surveyed acres and Farm #2 will be sold based on the acres as stated on the County Tax Records, with the acres understood to be "more or less". This land is sold subject to existing easements, restrictions, reservations or highways of record, if any, as well as any or all applicable county zoning ordinances. Information contained herein is deemed to be correct, but is not guaranteed. The RE licensees/auctioneers in this transaction stipulate that they are acting as agents for the sellers. Sold subject to confirmation of the owners.

Each of these farms would make excellent additions to area row crop farming operations and/or as investment properties, as each have high caliber soils and high percentages tillable and are located in an excellent agricultural area near Edgerton, MN. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this auction, or if you are unable to attend and need to make arrangements to bid by phone, then contact the auctioneers prior to sale day to make arrangements. To View FSA Maps, Soils, Tile Maps or additional information, see www.suttonauction.com or contact the auctioneers.

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From the archives of the *On The Farm*

The following appeared in the August 26, 1983 issue of the *On The Farm*.

Row crops continue under heat stress

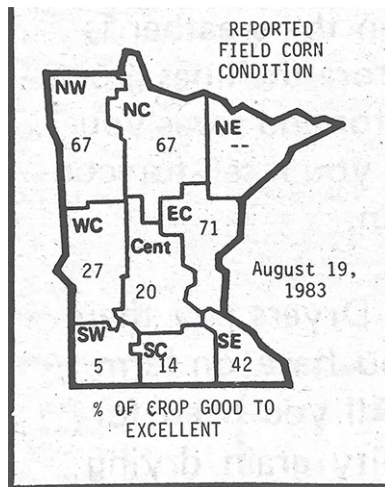
Hot weather with very sparse rainfall continued to stress row crops in large areas of the state, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Good rains replenished topsoil moisture supplies in the northeast and east central districts, and in an east-west band cutting across the west central and central district. The southern half of the state remained mostly short of topsoil moisture, including a large area of very short moisture. Some localities in the south central area have had barely an inch of rain for the past 6 weeks; large cracks in the ground are reported. Much of the northwest corner of the state has been favorably dry for the small grain harvest; only a small area of very short soil moisture is reported in that part of the state. Topsoil moisture as of August 19 was rated 36% very short, 39% short, and 25% adequate.

The dryness has helped the small grain harvest toward its earliest completion in several years. Row crops have been pushed rapidly toward maturity, but condition has suffered from

the heat and dryness. Incomplete development of soybean pods and corn ears is reported from southern areas. Yield potential has already been cut considerably for many southern area growers. Crops are in relatively good shape in the east central and much of the central and west central districts, where timely rains have kept stress to a minimum. Sweet corn yields are reported well below last year in southern Minnesota. An average of 6 days were suitable for fieldwork during the week.

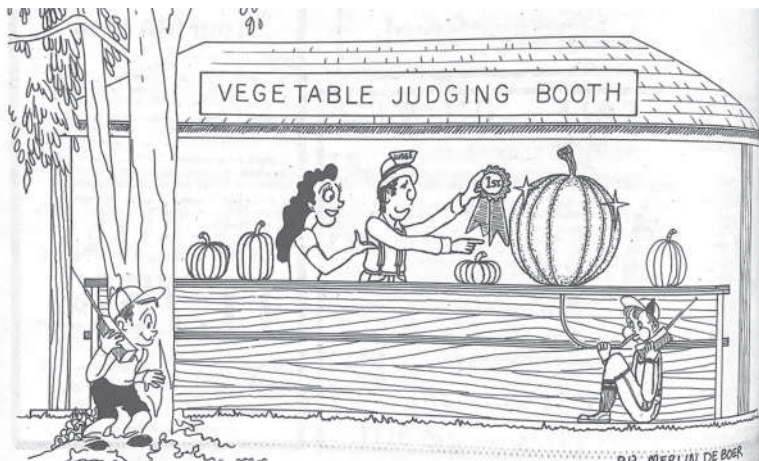
Field corn is estimated at 93% in the milk stage or beyond compared with 87% last year and 90% for the 5-year average. An estimated 50% of the corn has reached dough stage versus 38% a year ago and 43% for the 5-year average. Corn denting stands at 8%, equalling 1982 and the 5-year average.

Soybeans are 93% setting pods or beyond, compared with 92% last year and 91% for the 5-year average. An estimated 2% of the acreage is yellowing versus 3% a year ago and 4% for the 5-year average.



From the August 26, 1983 issue of the *On The Farm*
In the "Caring & Sharing" column written by Hildred Olivier

As of now, it is still very hot and dry here. Our gardens and flower beds are kept alive by watering. Most of us have stopped sprinkling lawns with hopes that the rains will come soon. It's strange how soon even a little rain will turn the grass green again.



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ESTATE LAND AUCTION

**+/- 400 Acres of Pipestone County Minnesota Land Located Near Woodstock, MN
- Including FARM #1 - +/- 320 Acres of Productive High Percentage Tillable Land with
an Existing Acreage Site/Farmstead Situated in Burke Twp. in Pipestone County
and FARM #2 - +/- 80 Acres with a Combination of Cropland and Prospects for Excavation of Gravel & Other
Aggregates Situated in Rock Twp. in Pipestone County, MN**

We will offer the following Land at public auction “On Site” – with FARMS #1 & #2 to both be offered simultaneously at the Sale Site at the location Farm #1 located at 1615 111th Street, Woodstock, MN;
located from Woodstock, MN – 1 mile west to the Northeast corner of the land at the Jct. of 170th Ave. and 111th St.; or from Pipestone, MN (McDonald’s Corner) - 8 miles east on Hwy. #30 and 1/4 mile north on 160th Ave. to the southwest corner of the land.

Thursday, September 9, 2021 • 10:00 am

**FARM #1 – +/- 320 Acres in Burke Twp., Pipestone Co., MN Land - To be Offered as 4 Individual Tracts, Combinations of Tracts or as a 320 Acre Unit
FARM #2 – +/-80 Acres of Rock Twp., Pipestone Co., MN Land w/Crop & Gravel Excavation Opportunities – To Be Offered as an Individual Parcel**

AUCTIONEER’S NOTE: The heirs of Delbert and Delores Feyereisen have made the decision to offer this Pipestone County, MN land at public auction. This auction presents the opportunity to purchase parcels of land that have been in the Feyereisen Family for many decades, with Farm #1 being inclusive of some Choice Productive High Percentage Tillable Cropland, with added income from an existing wind tower and wind rights on this farm; Farm #2 has a mixture of crop production and potential income from mining of gravel and other aggregates, while also having some prospects for hunting and recreational habitat. These are two diversely different properties that have amenities to suit the needs of a variety of buyers, thus if you are in the market for Pipestone County, MN land with a variety of desirable amenities to add to a row crop farming operation, land with gravel prospects or as an investment, then make plans to inspect these properties and be in attendance at this auction!

FARM #1 – 320 Acres in Burke Twp., Pipestone County, MN – LEGAL DESC.: The NW1/4, the N1/2 SW1/4 and the N1/2 NE1/4, all in Sec. 9, T. 106N., R. 44W., (Burke Twp.), Pipestone County, MN
Farm #1 will be offered as Tr. #1- N1/2 NW1/4 - +/-80 Acres Improved; Tr. #2 – S 1/2 NW 1/4 - 80 Acres Unimproved; Tr. #3 – N1/2 SW1/4 - 80 Acres Unimproved with an Existing Wind Tower; Tr. #4 – N1/2 NE1/4 - 80 Acres Unimproved or as Tracts #1 & #2 Combined – 160 Acres Improved; Tracts 2 & 3 Combined – 160 Acres Unimproved w/Wind Tower; Tracts 1 & 4 Combined – 160 Acres w/Farmstead; Tracts #1, #2 & #3 Combined – 240 Acres w/Farmstead & Wind Tower or Tracts #1, #2, #3 & #4 Combined the 320 Acre Unit.

The improvements on FARM #1 which are Located within Tract #1A include - a 1 1/2 story 3 bedroom home with the main level comprised of a south entry to a kitchen-dining area, a living room w/west entryway, a bedroom w/closet and a full bath; the 2nd story has 2 bedrooms with a common closet and has some built-in storage and dormer storage area; the home has a basement with a poured concrete foundation and includes a laundry area, Lennox LP gas furnace, 100 amp breaker electrical service and storage area. Other improvements include a 2 stall unattached garage, a wooden hog house/stg. bldg., a wooden granary utilized for equipment storage and a +/-10,000 bu. steel grain bin. The property is serviced by a private well and by a septic system which is assumed to be non-compliant to Pipestone County, MN standards. This +/- 320 acre parcel of land will be offered as 4 individual tracts, combinations of tracts or as a 320 acre unit. This farm has very good eye appeal and has a level to gently rolling topography with high quality productive soils. According to FSA information this +/-320 acre farm has approx. 297.52 total acres of cropland, with the non-tillable acres comprised of the building site, wind tower site, small waterway and roads that are adjacent to 3 sides of the property; the FSA cropland, bases and yields are broken out as follows – FSA Tr. 5192 - the N1/2 NW1/4 has approx. 72.75 acres of Cropland (excluding the non-tillable acres comprised of 4.35 acres in the acreage site, a waterway & roads) with an FSA 36.1 acre corn base with a 138 bu. PLC yield and a 36.3 acre soybean base with a 36 bu. PLC yield; FSA Tr. 13938 – the S1/2 NW1/4 and the N1/2 SW1/4 has approx. 156.48 acres of cropland (excluding the non-tillable acres comprised of 1.20 acres in the wind tower site and road) with an FSA 74.05 acre corn base with a 157 bu. PLC yield and a 73.13 acre soybean base with a 42 bu. PLC yield; and FSA Tr. 240 – the N1/2 NE1/4 has approx. 76.01 acres (excluding the non-tillable acres comprised of a .64 acre waterway and roads) with an FSA 37.8 acre corn base with a 138 bu. PLC yield and a 38.2 acre soybean base with a 36 bu. PLC yield; with all of property currently enrolled under the ARC County election of the USDA farm program for both corn and soybeans. This land has some excellent soils as according to the Pipestone County Assessor the NE1/4 has a CER of 67.84, the N1/2 SE1/4 has a CER of 65.8 and the N1/2 NE1/4 has a CER of 66.8, furthermore information obtained from Surety Agri-Data indicates this land as a 320 acre unit has an extremely high weighted soil rating of 86.9, with the predominate soils comprised of primarily Class I & II soils. There is an existing wind turbine and wind easement in place on this property with EDF Renewable Energy as part of the Stoneray Wind Project, which has wind rights and 1 wind turbine in place on Tract #3 of Farm #1 – which will be assigned to the buyer(s) of these parcels, the payment on the property in its entirety including the combination of the wind turbine payment and wind rights payment a 2021 generated a total annual payment of approx. \$12,725.00, with quarterly operating payments that have been scheduled to be paid, in arrears, 60 days after the end of each Calendar Quarter, unless such date falls on a weekend or holiday, in which case it shall be due the next business day. A portion of the payment is subject to a small escalation amount – the manner in which this contract is drafted prorates the payment equally between the 320 acres included in this agreement and currently the payments are directed to be paid quarterly. Subsequent to closing the new purchaser will be obligated to execute necessary transfer documents for assignment of the seller’s rights to the respective purchasers in order to receive subsequent payments in 2022 and thereafter for the remaining term of the contract which appears to be scheduled to run to 2050. The RE taxes payable in 2021 on this land were – NW1/4 - \$5,154.00; N1/2 SW1/4 - \$2,594.00; & N1/2 NE1/4 - \$1,888.00.

FARM #2 - +/-80 Acres – Located from the Northwest Corner of Farm #1 – 1 mile west on 111th St. and 1 mile north on 150th Ave. to the SE Corner of the Land at the Jct. of 121st St. and 150th Ave.; from Woodstock, MN – 3 miles west on 111th St. and 1 mile north on 150th Ave.; from Pipestone, MN – (McDonald’s Corner) – 7 miles east on Hwy. #30 and 2 miles north on 150th Ave.; or from Holland , MN (Hwy. #30 & 140th Ave.) 3 1/2 miles south on 140th Ave. (Co. Hwy #16), 1 mile east on 131st St. and 1/2 mile south on 150th Ave.
ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESC.: The E1/2 SE1/4, less exceptions, all in Sec. 31, T. 107N., R. 44W., (Rock Twp.), Pipestone County, MN.

Farm #2 is a multifaceted parcel of land which may have potential for excavation of gravel and other aggregates, while also presenting some crop production acres and some hunting and recreational habitat that is accentuated by the location of this property lying adjacent to the Pheasant Terrace State Wildlife Management Area 1 land owned by the State of Minnesota. According to FSA information this land has been broken into two Farms/Tracts which combined has a total of 55.82 acres classified as cropland – which recently has been certified by FSA to only have approx. 28.64 total acres under cultivation; with the southern portion is Tract 5806 of Farm 6701 which is indicated to have 48.58 acres of Farmland with 27.18 acres of cropland with an FSA 12.77 acre corn base with a 134 bu. PLC yield and a 12.61 acre soybean base with a 35 bu. PLC yield; the northern portion is Tract 5807 of Farm 6702 and has approx. 28.64 acres of cropland with a 13.45 acre corn base with a 134 bu. PLC yield and a 13.29 acre soybean base with a 35 bu. PLC yield. The nontillable portion of this property consists of acres previously excavated for gravel and other materials and some acres that provide some hunting and recreational opportunities. The RE taxes payable in 2021 on this land were – \$1,176.00.

TERMS: Cash - A 10% nonrefundable earnest money payment on the day of the sale and the balance on or before October 30, 2021, with landlord’s possession, with full possession and Fall tillage privileges subsequent to the harvest of the 2021 standing crops and the rights of the existing tenants subject to the terms of their existing farm lease. Marketable Title will be conveyed and abstracts of title continued to date will be provided to the buyer for examination prior to closing. Tract #3 of Farm #1 has a previously executed wind turbine & wind rights agreement/easement, to which the buyer will be obligated to assume and comply with all remaining terms and provisions, the sellers retaining the payment made in 2021 along with any previous payments and the buyer(s) to receive the payments in 2022 and in the future in accordance with the term of the agreement. All of the RE taxes payable in 2021 will be paid by the sellers with the buyer(s) to be responsible for payment of all of the RE taxes due & payable in 2022. The sellers do not warranty or guarantee that existing fences lie on the true boundary and any new fencing, if any, will be the responsibility of the purchaser pursuant to MN statutes. FSA cropland acres, yields, bases & other information is estimated and subject to FSA County Committee approval. IF FARM #1 is sold as a 320 Acre Unit and for FARM #2 - the acres sold will be based on the acres as stated on the County Tax Records; although if FARM #1 is sold in multiple parcels a survey will be completed and the acres will be adjusted in accordance with the surveyed acres; which in either case the acres are understood to be “more or less”. All of the properties sold on this auction are sold subject to existing easements, restrictions, reservations or highways of record, if any, as well as any or all applicable county zoning ordinances. The improvements on this property are in “fair condition” and are sold in “AS IS” Condition, with any future upgrades of the septic system or any other upgrades to be the responsibility of the buyer of the farmstead. Information contained herein is deemed to be correct, but is not guaranteed. The RE licensees/auctioneers in this transaction stipulate that they are acting as agents for the sellers. Sold subject to confirmation of the heirs/owners.

Each of these farms have potential to provide exceptional cash flows and would make excellent additions to area row crop or crop/livestock operations and/or as investment properties, as the parcels in Farm #1 have high percentages tillable and furthermore portions have some added income potential generated from the wind turbine and wind energy easement; while Farm #2 has a mixture of crop production, excavation of gravel and aggregates and some hunting and recreational opportunities.

For additional information see the Sutton Auction Website at www.suttonauction.com or contact the auctioneers.

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Yeti cooler giveaway and kid’s scavenger hunt at the Murray County Fair

Be sure to stop by the Murray County Water Resource booth in the Horticulture building during the Murray County Fair in Slayton to test your knowledge of aquatic invasive species and enter to win a 45 quart Yeti Tundra cooler. One cooler will be given away each day on Thursday, August 19, Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21. You do not need to be present to win; however, you must be 18 or older to enter.

Bring your kids by the booth on Friday, August 20 any time between 2:00 and 7:00 pm for a scavenber hunt. Prizes will be given to all kids who participate.

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Additional questions can be directed to Murray County Environmental Technician, Sarah Soderholm at 507-836-1165.

Free nitrate water testing clinic

There will be a free nitrate water testing clinic on Thursday, August 19 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm at the horticulture building at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton.

Participants should bring at least 1/2 cup of water in either a Whirl-Pak or Ziploc type bag. Allow water to run 5-10 minutes before filling the bag. Take samples no more than 24 hours before the test. Analyzed on the spot in about 5 minutes and results given to the home owner.

Any questions can be directed to Murray County Environmental Technician, Sarah Soderholm at 507-836-1165. Email: ssoderholm@co.murray.mn.us

Great Plains tractor pull at the Murray County Fair

The Great Plains tractor pull will take place at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton on August 18, 2021 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The Great Plains tractor pullers include pullers from throughout the plains area. Local entries are welcome! Non members can participate in two events before being required to become members.

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SUMMER SALSA

1 small onion, finely chopped	1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 lime, zest & juice	pinch of salt
drizzle of olive oil	4 roma tomatoes, chopped
1/4 orange bell pepper, chopped	1/4 red bell pepper, chopped
1/4 yellow bell pepper, chopped	1 jalapeno, seeded & diced
1 c. black beans	1 c. frozen corn
1/2 c. chopped cilantro	

In a large bowl, combine the chopped onions, garlic, lime zest & juice, and salt. Stir to mix well and let sit while the rest of the ingredients are chopped. This will soften the bite of the onion and garlic.

Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

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1 cup coconut oil (melted)	3 eggs
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3 cups all-purpose flour	2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon salt
2 cups grated zucchini (wet – do not dry it out first)	
1/2 tsp cream of tartar*	

*If you do not have cream of tartar, you can substitute 1/2 tsp of baking powder

TOPPING

1/2 cup granulated white sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 tsp cream of tartar*

*If you do not have cream of tartar, you can omit it from the topping, no replacement is necessary. Using cream of tartar gives the bread a bit lighter/more cake-like texture than using baking powder. It also gives the bread more of a true snickerdoodle taste and your house will absolutely smell like you are baking snickerdoodle cookies!

Start by preheating the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Next, coat two loaf pans (I used 4" x 8" pans) really well with the cooking spray of your choice.

In a large bowl, beat oil, eggs, sugar, and vanilla until well combined.

Next, in a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt until everything is well combined. Now, add the dry mixture into the wet mixture and mix until well combined.

(The batter will be thick.)

Next, add the zucchini to the batter and mix again until everything is completely mixed together.

Finally, in a separate small bowl, combine the cinnamon, sugar, and cream of tartar to create the topping mixture.

First, fill half of each loaf pan with batter and sprinkle 2 TBSP of the topping mixture over the batter in each pan. Next, divide the remaining batter between the two pans and sprinkle the remaining sugar mixture over the tops of each loaf.

Bake for about 45-50 minutes, or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow the bread to cool completely on a wire rack prior to serving.

(With this recipe, if you choose to use vegetable oil instead of coconut oil, you may want to increase the sugar in the bread by a 1/4 cup.)

EVERYTHING BAGEL CHICKEN

2 tablespoons butter melted, *divided*
4 medium chicken breasts
salt
1/4 cup Everything but the Bagel seasoning
SAUCE
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon Everything but the Bagel seasoning
4 ounces cream cheese softened, softened
6 tablespoons chopped green onions 1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons
1/4 cup half-and-half or milk

Preheat oven to 400° F. Place chicken breasts top-down in a baking dish. 9" or larger. Using a pastry brush, brush surface of chicken with butter then sprinkle with a bit of salt. Don't use as much salt as you normally would, since most Everything But the Bagel seasonings have salt in them.

Sprinkle surface of chicken with half the Everything But the Bagel seasoning. Use tongs and carefully flip chicken breasts. Brush tops with the remaining butter, sprinkle with the salt and coat with the remaining Everything but the Bagel seasoning. Bake at 400° F for 25-35 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 160° F.

Meanwhile, melt 1 tablespoon butter in a medium saucepan. Whisk in remaining sauce ingredients until very smooth. Taste and add salt to taste.

When chicken is baked, remove from the oven and let it stand 5 minutes. Serve with plenty of scallion cream cheese sauce.

We can't wait to make this again. My 10 year old son made it for us. We did use chopped fresh spinach in place of the scallions. You could easily double the sauce and serve with buttered noodles.

AVOCADO PASTA

12 ounces spaghetti
2 ripe avocados, halved, seeded and peeled
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves

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2 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1/3 cup olive oil
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup canned corn kernels, drained and rinsed

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package instructions; drain well.

To make the avocado sauce, combine avocados, basil, garlic and lemon juice in the bowl of a food processor; season with salt and pepper, to taste. With the motor running, add olive oil in a slow stream until emulsified; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine pasta, avocado sauce, cherry tomatoes and corn. Serve immediately.

CHEESY GROUND BEEF QUESADILLAS

1 pound lean ground beef
1 chopped onion
1 grated carrot
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped or pressed through a garlic press
2 teaspoons of fresh chili peppers, seeded and finely chopped OR
1/4 teaspoon tabasco sauce
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 chopped tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (or parsley)
8 large white flour tortillas
1 1/4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet cook ground beef about 5 minutes, breaking up as it cooks until it is no longer pink. Add onion, carrot, garlic, chili powder and chili peppers and salt. Cook over medium heat a few minutes, stirring often until onions are soft. Add tomatoes and cilantro and stir.

Spread about 1/2 cup ground beef filling on 1/2 of each tortilla, sprinkle with cheese and fold empty side over it. Place on baking sheet in a 400 degree oven. Bake for about 10 minutes. You may want to rotate the pan 1/2 way through cooking time. Cut into wedges and serve immediately.

Ever have one of those days when its 5:11 and you have no idea whats for supper? I did and found this recipe I had saved and tested it out. It was a hit. Next time my family would prefer no tomatoes so I will make part plain and part with tomatoes. I didn't have mozzarella so I used Monterey Jack cheese. The carrots seemed like a weird addition but I enjoyed them. We served it with sour cream on the side and taco sauce.

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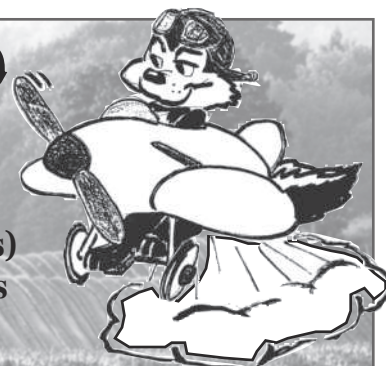
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Drought stressed corn silage

By Emily Popp,
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We are all experiencing this widespread drought in most of Minnesota. Looking at the dryland acres of corn, soybeans, and alfalfa in the area you can see the effects of this drought. From field visits and phone calls the primary concern at this moment is on corn silage. Here are some tips on harvesting drought stressed corn silage.

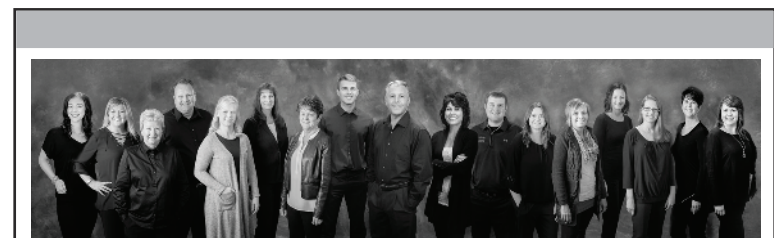
First you want to test the moisture level of the corn silage field in question. Silage moisture is an important factor in the ensiling process and using a rule of thumb method when dealing with drought damaged corn is not a great idea. Even if the corn looks fired up and dry it may still contain over 70 percent moisture. By properly testing your corn silage for moisture you can allow the plant to continue growing and maximize yields while still harvesting at the proper time. When testing for moisture it is important to get a representative sample from the field. You can use a koster tester or microwave to get the exact moisture level of the corn. You will want to do this

lage.

often because once it becomes too dry silage will not pack well which of course increases the potential for air pockets and mold. While you can add moisture to dry corn silage it may take a large amount to bring back to a level that allows for ensiling. Keep in mind that it takes 7 gallons of water per 1 ton of silage to raise the moisture level 1 point. The recommended moisture levels for the different storage options of corn silage are stated below.
55-60% for upright
oxygen-limiting silos
60-65% for upright stave silos
60-70% for bags
65-70% for bunkers
Another concern for harvesting drought-stressed corn silage is the level of nitrates in the corn silage. In drought conditions, nitrates accumulate in the lower one-third of the stalk. While you can raise the

cutting deck to a height of 10-12 inches to avoid that accumulation, yields will drop. The entire plant nitrate concentration should factor into the decision of cutting height. Harvest should also be delayed following a rainfall event as a flush of nitrates will enter the plant temporarily increasing nitrate concerns. The end goal should be to ensile it. If ensiled properly, you should lose anywhere from one-third to one-half of the nitrates as a gas. However, testing the feed after being ensiled is a good idea so you know what you are dealing with. Green chopping drought stressed corn is not recommended as nitrates will be higher in that material.

Chopping length also plays a role in the ensiling process. The theoretical length of cut for processed corn silage is 3/4 inch and if not processed the length should be 1/4 to 1/2 inch. If harvesting corn silage that is drier than recommended, decreasing the cutting size may help with packing. Using a proven inoculant may also increase the chances of successful ensiling. With reduced yields our margin of error is smaller this year than most, meaning that we need to squeeze as much out of each acre as we can.
Finally, on the safety front, remember to be cautious around silage gasses, it is very toxic to people and animals. Follow the pre-harvest interval for grazing restrictions listed for any pesticides used on the field.
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For the love of Shires

By Sheila Crowley

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When Ken and Marlys Knuth were looking at retirement, they wanted to be ready with a hobby. Raising horses on their acreage outside of Slayton seemed to fit the bill. That was 25 years ago.

Initially Clydesdales were a possibility, but Ken thought the Shires were much better looking animals.

The couple purchased some grade Shires in the late 80's / early 90's. When they decided this seemed to fit what they were looking for, the couple bought their first registered horse from Carl Heitkamp of Adrian for \$2,500.

At the Murray County Draft Horse Show which was held in Slayton in July, Ken was able to see eight Shires at work that are tied to him. Two owned by Jim Surprenant, one to Christy Riley, another to Brett Muecke, another set to Greg Lamers, and the last set to Van Roekel. The eight ranged in age from the youngest at three to 15 years old.

What started as a hobby for the Knuths turned into a mini-business which was named Sudden Creek Shires.

In 2006 the Knuths showed a Grand Champion Shire Stud at the Minnesota State Fair. Their filly, Sally, won reserve national grand champion. A horse they had sold to a woman in Ohio won the National Shire Under Saddle. Knuth had purchased four or five registered horses from Clark Jensen in Nebraska.

Joe Biren took the reins and showed a unicorn hitch for a couple of years. Biren also assisted with the six-horse hitch

Knuth sponsored. Later one of the Knuth Shires was actually part of the Dakota Thunder hitch Biren drove for a few years. The hitch earned national attention as it appeared in the Rose Bowl parade.

Currently there are only three six horse Shire hitches - the biggest one is Wareing Shires from Blackfoot, Idaho who show nationally. Newer to the field is Shires for Hire based out of Brighton, MO. Kim Murchison owns Tally Ho Shires of Rifle, Colorado - also a six-horse hitch.

According to the Horse Illustrated magazine, the British Shire Horse is facing extinction. Shire horse numbers have dwindled to just 3,500 from 6,000 over the last ten years.

The shortage of mares is part of the general shortage of Shire horses in the United States but the breed is slowly rebuilding. In fact the Knuth's neighbors to the north, Jim Surprenant, and daughter, Christy Riley, also began raising Shires. Riley lives just south of Brewster and typically keeps the mares on her farmstead. Her father, Jim, has helped not only Christy with the breaking of the horses, but Ken as well. Christy's brood also is sold all over the country. Her oldest mare is Sudden Creek Alva and a year later purchased Sudden Creek Tess. Last year one of Ken's horses went to Florida while another went to the state of Washington.

The UK is producing 200 breeding-age female Shire horses per year.

Versions of the Shire horse made their first appearance on British soil around 1066, when

William the Conqueror brought his big mounts to the country for medieval warfare.

Although Shires can be bay or grey, black and whites are the Knuth's favorite. "I just think they look classy," commented Ken.

The Knuth's believed in their herd so much they imported a stud directly from England. According to him, a good mare will run anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Selling, instead of showing, their horses is their main business. Their stock is shown on the internet site of the American Shire Horse Association. Buyers come from all across the United States.

There are a couple of breeders out West. In fact, he said, just about all of the Shire horses in the United States are only four or five generations removed from England.

Currently Ken has eleven horses on his pasture that faces Highway 30. Normally, he said, there are approximately 20. Typically foaling is a very busy time for Ken. Last year he had nine colts, whereas, this year only one made it.

Ken installed cameras to help monitor the mares as they prepare to birth. "You only have a 1/2 hour to an hour to get the colt out or you will lose it."

Ken names his horses based on the alphabet. So far he's been through the alphabet at least four times. Ken figures he's raised over 100 colts over the years.

Besides Jim Surprenant (who does the training), Bruce and Branch Haken also help Ken with chores as well as keeping an eye on things.

Thanks Ken and Marlys for your part in keeping the Shire breed alive.

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Pictured above - Eight of the Shires who competed during the farm teams at the Murray County Draft Horse Show have ties to Sudden Creek Shires owned by Ken and Marlys Knuth, Slayton. From left team owned by Mike Luckle (LeMars, Iowa), next is Mack owned by Brett Muecke alongside him is Christy Riley's mare Krisse, then mares Alva and Tess and the last team is owned by Greg Lammers, also of Iowa.



Female Cicada Killers are almost 2 inches in length. Males and females are friendly pollinators! *Photo by Dale Moerke*



Cicada Killer -

By Diana Hensley, MN Master Naturalist

Are you terrified of giant wasps? Surprisingly, not all of them sting humans. If you've seen giant black and yellow wasps around, don't jump to the conclusion that they are the feared Murder Hornets you may have heard about this past year. There are several solitary, parasitic wasps in our area, including the one pictured here: the Eastern Cicada Killer.

You can see one of these is on a flower, and for a good reason. Contrary to what people may assume, this wasp eats flower nectar! You may be wondering, why is it called a Cicada Killer?

To find answers, we must learn about the reproductive process of this harmless wasp. Each late June or early July, the *Sphecius speciosus* wasps emerge from the soil and soon mate.

Interestingly, only females have stingers, and they are the only ones that actually kill cicadas. The males are born to eat nectar, and therefore pollinate our plants, and mate. Females, however, help control the population of cicadas in addition to pollinating plants.

Individual female Cicada Killers dig tunnels, usually in loose soil. In towns they often find cracks along the edges of sidewalks or patios, or flower beds. Their tunnels are about a half an inch wide, and 10 to 20 inches long, with up to sixteen little rooms, or cells, for separate eggs. Males perch in an area, fending off other males and other insects, who might interfere with mating.

Females fly into trees, and grab a cicada, paralyzing it by stinging it. The Cicada Killers often prey on female cicadas, who don't make sound, which leads researchers to believe that they find them by sight.

The cicada is still alive when the wasp carries it into her tunnel. Once she has placed the cicada in a cell, she lays an egg under one of the cicada's legs, and seals off the cell. Then she heads back out to eat and find another cicada.

Eggs hatch in two or three days, and the larva feed on the cicada. The mother wasp may have to provide more food for her larva before they create a cocoon. They overwinter underground, and undergo the process of metamorphosis, emerging as adults the following June or July.

These wasps help keep our ecosystem in balance, and help with pollination. With the declining bee population, it has become even more important to learn about other pollinators that aid in the reproduction of plants. If you see one of these wasps, instead of killing it, just go about your day and let it do its job. It's here for a reason, and it's not to sting you.



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- Chuckwagon Cooking
- Tractor Pull
- Fireworks
- 5K Fun Run/Walk
- Woody's Ax Throwing
- Painted Prairie Wine Tasting
- Schell's Brewery Beer Tasting
- KJOE Summer Fun Party

- Slayton Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Celebration
- American Legion Ceremony



MONDAY, AUGUST 16

2 p.m. - 7 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Judging of all General Exhibits, 4-H Building and Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9 a.m. 4-H Horse Show, Horse Arena
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pork Burger And Malt Stand Open
3 p.m. - 8 p.m. Optional Pre-Delivery Of Livestock Exhibits
3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Optional Set Up Of Commercial Exhibit Buildings
5:30 p.m. Registration for 5K or 1M Fun Run/Walk, Front of Courthouse
5:30 p.m. Pork Burger and Malt Stand Open
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-in and Optional Arrival of All Livestock Exhibits
6 p.m. 5K Fun Run/Walk Start Time Ends Near Pork/Malt Stand

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Official Start of the Murray County Fair

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Commercial Exhibit Building Set Up
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 4-H And Open Class Exhibit Buildings Open
9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Open Class Entries, Fair Office
9 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show - Olson Arena
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fair Shuttle Offered By Slayton American Legion/VFW
12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Buildings Open
12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Museum Buildings And Log Cabin Open
2 p.m. 4-H Goat Show, Olson Arena
4 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
4 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue, Heritage Hall
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Vote For Your Favorite 4-H Photo - Winner Receives the "People's Choice" Award
5 p.m. Beer Garden Opens, Center Of Fairgrounds
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Larry Olsen Polka Band, Under Tent, Center Of Fairgrounds
6 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show And Lamb Lead, Olson Arena
6:30 p.m. Great Plains Tractor Pull - Grandstands (www.gptp.org)
7:30 p.m. Century Farm Presentation

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

8 a.m. 4-H Swine Show, Olson Arena
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 4-H and Open Class Exhibit Building Open
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fair Shuttle Offered By Slayton American Legion/VFW
12 p.m. Lynn Kettleston-Linder Farm Network Show
12 p.m. 4-H Dairy Show, Olson Arena
12 p.m. Gail Byers Tribute-Apple Pie Contest
12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Buildings Open
12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Museum Buildings And Log Cabin Open
12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Activities, Crafts, sponsored by the Slayton Public Library, near Heritage Hall
1 p.m. Apple Pie judging-followed by pie and ice cream at Heritage Hall
1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Chuckwagon Cooking Demonstrations By Dakota Territory, Center Of Fairgrounds
2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Alf's Robotic Puppets-Fairgrounds
2 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free Nitrate Testing In The Horticulture Building
3 p.m. Slayton Library sponsors "Tales Away" by Toby KID
4 p.m. 4-H Lama Show In Olson Arena
5 p.m. Beer Garden Opens, Center of Fairgrounds
5 p.m. Photos of 4-H General Exhibit Champions, 4-H Building
5:30 p.m. Registration Open Youth Pet Show, Olson Arena
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Ken and Ken Show Under Tent
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Cattlemen's Association Ribeye Sandwich Supper, Near Round Barn And 4-H Building
6 p.m. Open Youth Pet Show, Olson Arena
6 p.m. Beer Tasting Event, Featuring Schells Brewery, In The Beer Garden
6 p.m. Wine Tasting, Featuring Painted Prairie Vineyard, In The Beer Garden
6:30 p.m. Chuckwagon History Demonstration, Center of Fairgrounds
7 p.m. Beer Stein Holding Contest-Beer Garden
8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Church of Cash (Johnny Cash Tribute Show) Under Tent

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

9 a.m. 4-H Beef Show, Olson Arena
10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 4-H and Open Class Exhibit Building Open
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fair Shuttles offered by Slayton Am. Legion/VFW
12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Commercial Exhibit Buildings Open
12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Museum Buildings And Log Cabin Open
12:30 p.m. 4-H Fun Horse Show, Horse Arena (tentative)
1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Chainsaw Sculptures by Dylan Semler
1:30 p.m. Kids Bean Bag Tournament, Near Heritage Hall
1 p.m. 4-H Poultry Show, Olson Arena
2 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
4 p.m. 4-H Premier Showmanship, Olson Arena
4 p.m. - Close Woody's Ax Throwing Event
4:30 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration Begins Near Heritage Hall
5 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull Near Heritage Hall Sponsored By Minnwest Bank
5:30 p.m. Pork Loin Supper, Near Pork Producers Stand
6 p.m. Open Music Jam- Near Heritage Hall
6:30 p.m. Free Watermelon And Seed Spitting Contest, Center Of Fairgrounds
7:30 p.m. Stock Car Races, Grandstand
7:15 pm - 11 p.m. KJOE Summer Fun Party

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

10 a.m. 4-H Ribbon Auction, Olson Arena
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fair Shuttles by Slayton American Legion/VFW
10 a.m. 4-H and Open Class & Commercial Buildings Open
12 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Buildings And Log Cabin Open
1 p.m. Prairie Days Parade, Downtown Slayton
2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Kids Fire Hose Games
2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Interactive Fire Trailer
2 p.m. Beer Garden Opens
2 p.m. - Close Woody's Ax Throwing Event
2:30 p.m. American Legion Ceremony-Erwin March Family Recognition
2:45 p.m. Kitchen Fire Demo
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Antique Fire Truck Show
3:30 p.m. Auto Extrication Demonstration/Pulver Towing
4 p.m. Entertainment By Star Fire, Near Tent
4:30 p.m. Kitchen Fire Demo
5:30 p.m. Fire Department Chicken/Sweet Corn Feed Center of Fairgrounds
6 p.m. Antique Fire Truck Judging-Results
7:30 - 8 p.m. Exhibits In 4-H Building Released
8 p.m. Livestock Released
8 p.m. Commercial Exhibits Released
7:30 p.m. Open Class Exhibits Released - Must Be Picked Up By 8 P.M.
7 p.m. Enduro Car Race, Grandstand
9 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. IV Play- Free Admission
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- Antique Tractor Show - Corner Of Hwy 30 And Hwy 59
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