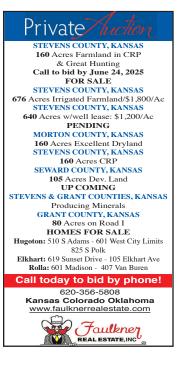
FARM

Make farm safety a priority

District Agriculture & Natural **Resources Agent**

Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. In 2022, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industries had a fatal injury rate of 18.6 deaths per 100,000, while all other industries had a fatality rate of 3.8 per 100,000 full time employees. Between 2021 to 2022, there were 21,020 injuries in agriculture that required days away from work and this number is likely higher as many injuries are not reported. Not all injuries are to the farmer or farm employee because by nature of what a farm is, there may be family members, visitors, etc. who are present at the farm and could be injured but are not



By Pat Burt – Wild West actually considered farmers and it is likely that these injuries are not necessarily reported as farm injuries.

> Some Common Farm Hazards/Risks are: • Equipment – farm machinery, ATVs, tractors,

power tools, augers, etc. • Chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, solvents, etc.

 Livestock – unpredictable behavior can result in getting bit, trampled or kicked, lifting, moving or pushing animals, and some diseases can be spread to humans

• Environmental Hazards – Injuries related to heat and cold and fires

- Electrocution
- Falls
- Grain bins/silos
- Noise

That list is far from complete of hazards and risks on the farm but these are some examples. With the average age of the American Farmer now at 58.1 years old, we see some health-related issues that can come with age:

slower reaction time, reduced vision, reduced hearing, health conditions, mobility issues can all increase the risk for injury. To further complicate things, farmers, ranchers and their employees often work alone and are sometimes in areas with limited cellular service and this can delay the time it takes to get emergency care. A good farm safety plan can help to reduce the risks of injuries or death. It should be a priority that everyone makes it home safely every day.

There are numerous resources available to help you, including:

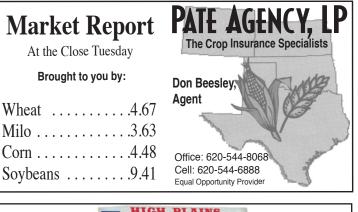
OSHA: <u>https://www.osha.</u> gov/agricultural-opera tions/resources

Education The National for Agricultural Center Safety: https://www. necasag.org/

K-State Research and Extension Office – We are here to help!

Kansas FFA welcomes nine new chapters

At the opening session of FFA, Osage City FFA, the Ninety-seventh Kansas FFA Convention Wednesday, May 28, Kansas FFA welcomed nine new chapters to the association. Baldwin FFA, Caldwell FFA, Clearwater FFA, Hamilton FFA, Liberal FFA, Moscow





Oskaloosa FFA, and Sedgwick FFA chapters have now officially been added to the list of Kansas FFA chapters.

The focus of the efforts to expand into new communities is to reach communities not yet served by agricultural education and FFA and to ensure the quality and high performance of current programs providing personal, academic, and career education in agriculture. Chapters can only be chartered in schools where systematic instruction in agriculture education is offered. To receive their charter, each chapter must submit a letter of application, a list of their members and officers, a copy of the proposed local chapter constitution and bylaws, and a copy of their program of



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KDA Photo Contest begins June 1

Kansas agriculture has a beauty like no other, and we love to appreciate that beauty whenever we talk about Kansas ag. While that beauty can't be fully captured with a camera, we encourage photographers to try, and then to share it with us in the Kansas Department of Agriculture's annual photo contest. KDA will begin accepting photos on June 1, and will continue accepting entries through August 1.

This year's KDA Photo Contest categories were selected to promote different aspects of Kansas agriculture: Picture Perfect Prairie, Farm Animals, Agriculture at Work, and Farm Fresh. These categories allow you to showcase Kansas agriculture in many ways — the natural resources that make our state flourish; the farm pets and livestock which are our friends and partners at work;

the various crops and produce that help feed Kansans; and the everyday activities in agriculture such as working cattle, fixing fence, and planting crops. As always, there is a separate Youth division, for young photographers age 18 and under. And a video category will welcome drone footage, harvest videos, or other short clips of under 30 seconds that showcase Kansas agriculture. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories.

KDA serves to advocate for agriculture, the state's largest industry and economic driver. Photos which best capture the categories will be used throughout the year as we tell the story of Kansas agriculture. After submission, KDA is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, somedia, cial websites, displays, etc. without payment or other consideration from the photographer.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA.PhotoContest@ks.gov. Videos should be sent in .mp4 or .mov format. Entries must include a title and brief description, where and when the photo/video was taken, the photographer's full name and age, entry category, hometown, and email address.

Guidelines for the KDA Photo Contest, including deadlines, categories and prizes, can be found at agri culture.ks.gov/PhotoCon test. Voting to select finalists will begin on KDA's social media sites in mid-August. For more information, contact Heather Lansdowne, KDA director of communications, at Heather.Lansdowne@ks.gov 785-564-6706.

Dairy MAX honors farmers during National Dairy Month

This June, Dairy MAX celebrates National Dairy Month, recognizing the hardworking dairy farm families who nourish communities, drive economic growth and advance sustainable food production.

What began as "National Milk Month" has evolved into a month-long tribute to dairy farmers and their essential role in providing nutritious, responsibly

produced foods. Today, over

94% of U.S. dairy farms

remain family owned and

continue a rich legacy of

environmental stewardship.

welfare

agricultural

animal

excellence,

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legacy built on resilience, innovation and a deep commitment to nourishing communities," said Keira Lombardo, CEO of Dairy MAX. "This National Dairy Month, we celebrate the farm families who make that legacy possible—and we remain focused on driving

"Dairy farming is more use, improving nutrient than a livelihood—it's a management and investing in innovation, the dairy community is working toward a future where every farm can contribute to environmental progress while continuing to provide nutrient-rich foods. These collective efforts demonstrate the industry's unwavering commitment to environmental real, measurable demand for stewardship and ensuring the milk and dairy foods they dairy remains a sustainable

PUBLIC NOTICE

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Scout Energy Management LLC --Application for order to comminale the Council Grove and Chase sources of supply in the Ratcliff 1-4 ATU-270X well, located in Sec. 17, Twp. 32, R. 36W, Stevens County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Minerals Interest Owners, Landowners, and all person whosoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Scout Energy Management LLC has filed an application to commingle the production from the Council Grove and Chase Sources of supply in the Ratcliff 1-4 ATU-270X well, located in the SE NE NE NE of Sec. 17, Twp. 32,

R. 36W in Stevens County, Kansas. Any person who objects to or protest this application shall be required to file their objection or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas. If no protests are received, this application may be granted through a summary of proceeding. If valid protest are received, this matter will be set for hearing. All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Scout Energy Management LLC 13800 Montfort Dr, Suite 100 Dallas, TX 75240 972-277-1397

activities, as well as have paid current district, state, and national dues.

The Kansas FFA Association is excited to see these new chapters grow and provide new opportunities for students.

Public health advisories for

Kansas lakes due to blue-green algae

of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) have issued a public health advisory due to blue-green algae.

A HAB may look like foam, scum or paint floating on the water and be colored blue, bright green, brown or red. Blooms can develop rapidly; if the water appears suspicious or there is decaying algae on the shore, avoid contact and keep dogs away. These toxins can be absorbed by ingestion, inhalation of aerosols and even skin contact. Symptoms vary depending upon the type of exposure (e.g., direct contact, ingestion, inhalation) but can include rash, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore

The Kansas Department throat, and headache.

If you, or your pets, come into contact with algae rinse the area with clean, fresh water. Suspected HAB-related health incidents, whether human or animal, regardless of season, should be reported as soon as possible at kdhe.ks.gov/1163. **Active Advisories**

Warning

Frazier Grant Lake, County

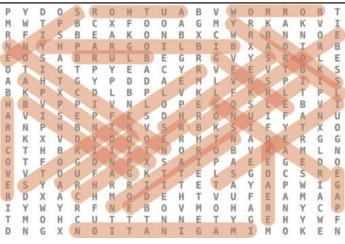
Gathering Pond, Geary County

Marion Reservoir, Marion County (Elevated May 30) Watch

Augusta Santa Fe Lake, Butler County (Lowered May 30) Lifted

Pony Creek lake, Brown County

Solution to the May 29, 2025 word search



produce every day. Their food source for generations work fuels public health, strengthens communities and delivers value far beyond the farm."

Beyond its contribution to health and nutrition, the dairy industry remains a significant economic driver, supporting more than three million jobs and generating over \$40 billion in direct wages across the United States. Dairy farms are integral to the vitality of both rural and urban communities, driving local economies and ensuring reliable access to high-quality milk and dairy foods nationwide.

As part of its commitment to healthy communities, the U.S. dairy industry has set an ambitious goal to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through the U.S. Dairy Net Zero Initiative. This industry-wide effort brings together farmers, processors and partners to advance economically viable practices in areas such as feed production, manure management, energy efficiency and methane reduction. By optimizing water

to come.

"As a dairy farmer, I see firsthand the care, innovation and responsibility that go into producing the milk and dairy foods we all enjoy," said Mike Marley, Dairy MAX board president. "National Dairy Month is not just about recognizing our heritage—it's about celebrating how far we've come and where we're headed. From improving environmental practices to nourishing our communities, dairy farmers are committed to leaving the land better for the next generation. It's an honor to help share that story and support the future of dairy."

Throughout June, Dairy MAX invites everyone to celebrate National Dairy Month by exploring delicious dairyinspired recipes and incorporating dairy into their daily meals. For farm stories, recipes and nutrition information, visit BetterWith Dairy.com.

About Dairy MAX

For over 40 years, Dairy MAX has represented and championed the work of dairy farmers across eight states - Colorado, southwest Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, western Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. As part of a nationwide initiative, our mission is to strengthen dairy agriculture, drive impactful results for farmers and elevate the overall image of the dairy community. Learn more about our commitment and meet our team of experts at Dairy-MAX.org.

