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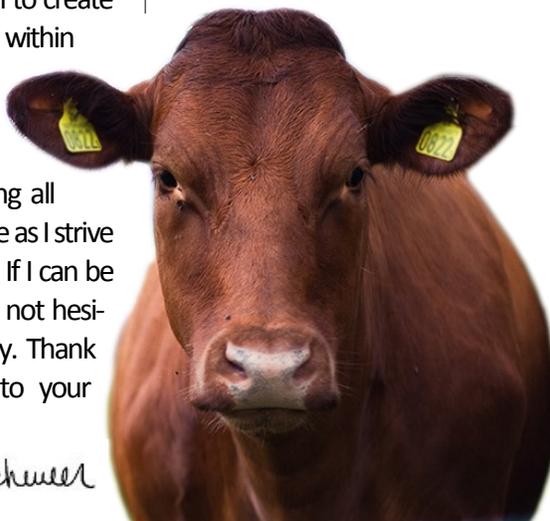
Fresh Face in the Midway District

As we approach this busy time of year with harvest, weaning and winter preparations, I would like to briefly introduce myself as the new Livestock Production Agent in the Midway District. I am a Kansas native; I grew up on my family's farming operation in Finney County. After receiving Bachelor of Science degrees in Animal Science and Biology from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, I continued my education at the University of Nebraska where I specialized in Animal Breeding and Genetics.

I am a firm believer in continuing education at all ages. As the Livestock Production Agent, I hope to serve as the filling of a cookie sandwich; I am the connectivity between Kansas State University and the producers of the Midway District. It is my goal to create programs that are needed within this area and provide answers to any questions that may arise.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the months to come as I strive to build lasting relationships. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop by. Thank you for welcoming me into your community.

Kashly Schweer



Veterinary Feed Directive

Effective January 1

An under-**DON'T WAIT... BE READY!** standing of the **NEW ANTIBIOTICS RULES** changes in the use of **2017** feed additive medications is important for livestock producers and veterinarians. All feed-grade medications used for disease prevention and therapy will require veterinary oversight and an accompanying veterinary feed directive.

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In order to provide information to the livestock producers of the Midway District that is both desired and warranted, a survey has been issued. All livestock producers will be receiving the survey through the mail. It's intent is to provide knowledge of current production practices and identify areas for future educational programming. The survey is divided by species and should not require a large time commitment. Participation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Deciding When to Sell: Market Forecasting Tools

With the current economic conditions of the beef cattle industry, it becomes increasingly important to manage risk. There are several market forecasting tools that can help you decide what to do after weaning this fall. If you are headed to the sale barn with calves, these tools can give insight as to when you should load-up and head to town.

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AgManager is a division of Kansas State University Agricultural Economics. Tools offered include projected feeder cattle prices (Figure 1), cattle feeding returns, grain market outlooks, land lease prices and more.

Kansas Projected Feeder Cattle Prices: Dodge City, Pratt, Salina

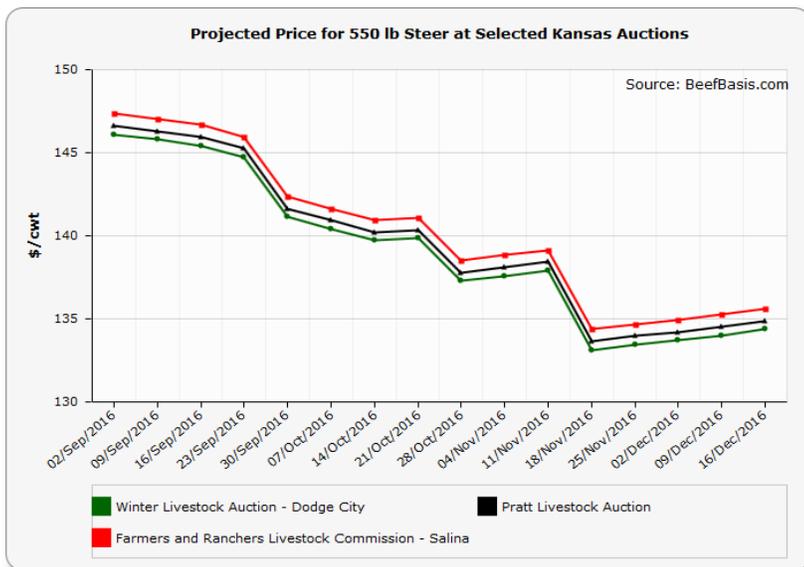


Figure 1. Projected feeder cattle prices for three Kansas livestock auctions. Accessed September 2, 2016 at agmanager.info

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BeefBasis is another great option for market information and price forecasts. With BeefBasis, each producer can input the specifications for their calves including weight, frame, sex, head and the livestock auction to use.



UPCOMING DATES

September 22

Beef Stocker Field Day

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

K-State Beef Stocker Unit
Manhattan

For a complete schedule and to register, visit <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/species/beef/stocker-conference.html>

September 27

What's Up Coffee

8:15 a.m.

Russell Extension Office

October 7

K-State Ranching Summit

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

K-State Union
Manhattan

For a complete schedule and to register, visit <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/species/beef/ranchingsummit/index.html>

October 11-12

Ranching for a Profit Workshop

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

11: Phillipsburg, KS

RSVP by Oct. 7 to Rachael Boyle

785-425-6851 or rboyle@ksu.edu

12: Colby, KS

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