Farm agency supports **National Agricultural Day**

The Kansas Farm Service Agency suggests that everyone takes a moment in these turbulent fiscal times to celebrate agriculture and honor the hard-working farmers and ranchers in Kansas. Dennis R Mote, Cheyenne County executive director, said that March 19 is National Ag Day and this year's theme is "Generations Nourishing Generations.'

"According to recent United States Department of Agriculture studies, the agricultural sector right now remains a bright spot in terms of economic stability and growth and there is a strong demand for U.S. agricultural products," Mr. Mote said. "Generation

after generation of agricultural the commodities that keep our producers in Kansas are getting up economy moving forward. And early every day to provide the food, they maintain our abundant supply fiber and fuel that feed and clothe of renewable resources in an Americans and others around the environmentally sensitive manner. world.

may be even brighter. New uses for ag products are being found to utilize natural ingredients for life-saving medicines and supply the critical commodities required in a long list of manufacturing sectors.'

Despite the onslaught of natural disasters weathered by farmers and ranchers this past year that created less than ideal growing conditions, producers still managed to grow

"For their life sustaining efforts, "As research advances, the future we honor Kansas agricultural producers for vital their contribution," he said.

The major commodities produced in Kansas include wheat, corn, soybeans and beef cattle. Kansas agricultural production contributed more than \$3.68 billion in export revenues in 2011 alone, which was a record high.

Today the Kansas farmer produces enough food to feed 155 people, a dramatic increase from the 19 people a farm sustained in 1940. These increased efficiencies demonstratethatKansasAgriculture is producing more – and doing it better than ever before.

Across the County By Marty Fear

Beef Meeting in St. Francis April 2

Trichomoniasis (Trich) is a sexually transmitted disease caused by a parasite that causes infertility and abortions in the first trimester of cattle. All states neighboring Kansas, and most states further south, west and north of our neighbors now prior to importation into the respective states.

Since bulls are the carriers and maintenance hosts of this disease, they are the focal Trichomoniasis.

As a result of this testing, numerous new cases of this

sexually-transmitted have been discovered in Kansas during the past year. To help producers gain a better understanding of the disease and what the proposed regulations are, Kansas State Research and Extension-Sunflower District Laboratory, Veterinary Services require Trich testing of bulls has planned a Trichomoniasis informational meeting to be held Tuesday April 2, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Chevenne County Fair building.

point of concern relative to meal and the program to follow transmission of this disease. A at 6:30. Speakers for the meeting County Extension office at 332number of Kansas producers include Dr. Gregg Hanzlicek, 3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with have experienced reproductive Kansas State University, and Dr. problems that made them or their LewAnn Schneider, Department veterinarians suspect and test for of Animal Health, Kansas

disease Department of Agriculture, along with local veterinarians from Republican Valley Vet Clinic.

> This meeting is a collaboration with Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic and Sunflower District-Cheyenne County.

Those planning to attend should contact the extension office by April 1 to help with the The meeting will begin with a meal count, however walk-ins are welcome. Contact the Chevenne questions or comments.

Until next week - Marty



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