

bring cash for youth

Forty-seven animals were sold at the 55th annual FFA and 4-H market animal sale on July 29.

There were 14 cattle, 12 lambs and 21 hogs.

This year's receipts of \$41,727.88 topped last year's of \$35,577.60.

In previous years, receipts were \$36,842.47 in 2002, \$37,224.50 in 2001, \$24,610 in 2000, \$31,258.75 in 1999 and \$35,999.88 in 1998.

Beef sales totaled \$23,971.88, an increase of \$1,415.88 from last year.

The average sale price of the steers was \$1,712, up \$385 from last year.

This year's average auction price per pound was \$1.32, which was 23 cents higher than last year's average of \$1.09.

The high price paid per pound was \$1.45, the low was \$1.20 and the floor bid price was 86 cents. The average premium paid over resale was \$594 and the average weight was 1,299 pounds.

Hog sales totaled \$11,828, an increase of \$4,276.50 from last year.

The 21 hogs went for an average of \$563, up \$116 from last year's average of \$447.

The average auction price per pound was \$2.15, which was 37 cents higher than last year's average of \$1.78.



Monte Jessup, one of the auctioneers working this year's FFA and 4-H Market Animal Sale, took bids on a market

The price per pound ranged from a high of \$2.75 to a low of \$1.80. The floor bid price was 56 cents this year.

The average premium paid over resale value was \$417 and the average weight was 261 pounds.

Lamb sales totaled \$5,928, an increase of \$457.90 from last year.

This year's average sale price of the 12 lambs was \$494, up \$130 from last year.

This year's average auction

price per pound was \$4.10. The high price paid per pound was \$5.75, the low was \$3.70, and the floor bid price was 90 cents.

The average premium paid over resale value was \$494 and the average weight of the lambs was 120 pounds.

Auctioneers working the sale were Don McMullen, Duane McEwen and Monte Jessup. Helping to take bids were Norman Nelson, Mark Griffin, Norm Stockham,

steer. This year's sale was held on July 29 in the livestock barn at the fairgrounds. — Telegram photo by Brandon Gay

Shad Chandler, Ken Rutherford, Dave Ward, Karl Kohfeld and Joe Herman.

Sale clerks were Kathy Holste, Karen VanSkiel and Patsy Maddy. The beef resale animals were sold to Esslinger Ranch.

Alma Livestock purchased the floor on the lambs. Vic Waggoner hauled the lambs to Alma.

Chris Cuthbertson shipped the beef and hogs that were butchered in Kensington.

Clubs that were in charge of making contacts from transporting animals were Norton and Northern Valley FFA, hogs; Busy Jayhawkers, beef; and Good Hope Boosters, sheep.

Superintendents in charge of beef were Chris Harting, Brad McMullen and Lee Juenemann; in charge of hogs were Monte Montgomery and Jay Holste; and in charge of sheep were Spencer Braun, Garrett Beydler and Patsy Maddy.

Food sale helps kids, extension

By KEITH VANSKIKE, county extension director

A near record making 4-H food auction and sale was held on July 27 at the 4-H building in Norton.

This year's auction had the second highest sale in gross receipts, bringing \$2,455.50. The highest sales was in 1996 at \$2,560.

The food auction has become a tradition at the Norton County Fair. Money raised at the event is used for 4-H Council programs.

Again this year, some 4-H'ers who didn't sell an animal in the market animal sale were allowed to sell an item and keep the money for themselves.

Nineteen 4-H'ers took advantage of this, earning \$817.50 for their products.

The 2004 food auction and sale was conducted by Don McMullen and Duane McEwen.

There were 81 items sold with the 4-H Council taking in \$1,638. Last year there were 87 items, totaling \$2,373.50.

Buyers at the auction included Almena State Bank, Barn Door Farms, Beverly Kindler, Bridges Insurance, Cedoris McMullen, Countryside Vet Clinic, D&M Service, Dr. Krizek, Engel's Sales and Service, Farm Bureau Insurance,

First State Bank, Gary Lockhart, Hayes Farms, Jackrabbit Service, Jessup Realty, Kansasland Tire, KQNK Radio, Lawrence Designs, Lofgreen Enterprises, Long Island Grain, McEwen Auction, McMullen Real Estate,

Moffet Drug, National Guard Armory, NC+ Seeds, Nelson Brothers Construction, Norton Farm Service Agency, *The Norton Telegram*, Norton County Abstract, Norton Cleaners, Rene Miller, Russ' Jewelry, Security Abstract,

Sewing Box, Sprigg Farms, State Farm Insurance, Todd Fulton, Tom Baumann, Town and Country Kitchen, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Whitney Law Office, Whitney Farms, Worden Law Office and Zwickle Accounting.

All of the buyers make it possible for the 4-H'ers to participate and learn more through the materials, events and programs made available with this money.

The committee for this year's auction and sale were Lois Wentz, Nancy and Patricia Hagman, Kathy Holste, Kim Gallentine and Kelli Johnson.



Jennings set to have fun during annual Firemen's Day

Jennings is known for its kolaches, and the ladies of the Jennings United Methodist Church have been busy baking, getting ready for the 13th annual Jennings Firemen's Funday next weekend.

Always the fourth Saturday in August, this year's Funday kicks off at 8 a.m. Aug. 28. with a health fair sponsored by Decatur County Hospital, Cottonwood Home Care and the Oberlin Clinic. Dr. Elizabeth Sliter will also be giving free skin cancer examinations.

The Senior Center will open at 8 a.m., serving the famous kolaches and coffee.

Bicycle races and kids games will be held on Main Street, sponsored by Rural Telephone, and Greg Otter of Lenora will be offering "train" rides to the kids.

Golf cart racing is a new attraction this year, and it starts at 10 a.m.

If trap shooting is your game, bring your gun and plenty of shells to the Wobble Trap Shoot, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Wildeman

farm, a quarter mile north of town on the Jennings Road. Signs will be posted.

The Jennings Boy Scouts will sponsor a cake walk in City Hall at 10 a.m. and bingo will be played in the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., interrupted only by the parade at 12:30 p.m.

Other events will be going on in downtown Jennings all day long. The McCook Fire Department will bring a storm and fire safety trailer to give fire safety demon-

strations; Jim Plotts of Oberlin and his son, Jim Plotts of Norcat, will demonstrate how they baled hay in the old days with their stationary baler; Daryl Hartzog of Jennings will have his miniature baler; and Terry and Bodie Cooper of Hill City are bringing their miniature ice cream truck. Snow cones and funnel cakes will be available.

The Czech Museum will be open all day and City Hall will have Indian artifacts on display along with homemade quilts.

Anyone who would like to be in the parade is encouraged to be at the Jennings School yard between noon and 12:30 p.m. to get into position.

The parade theme is "Let There Be Peace." It will start at 1:30 p.m. with a white dove release at the start of the parade, courtesy of Tammy Touslee of Oberlin, owner of Cloud 9. A special guest will be Benjamin Bird, a veteran of the Iraq war.

An Eagle Med helicopter is expected to land on Main Street at 1 p.m.

There will be a kids' tractor pull at 3 p.m., a tug-o-war at 3:45 p.m. and the firemen's team barrel competition at 4 p.m.

The fire station will turn into a diner at 6 p.m., when the firemen start serving smoked pork sandwiches, beans, chips and pie.

At 6:45 p.m., the auction will begin; at 8:30 p.m., magician Rex Getz will amaze and amuse the audience at City Hall; and for anyone still standing, there will be a free dance from 10 p.m. until midnight.

For information, call Hope Brown at 678-2313 or 678-2647.

Annual field days planned in Hays, Oberlin

This is definitely the time of year for field days, and as I indicated in last week's article, it is nice to finally see the payoff for the summer's work.

On that note, there are two more field days producers should be made aware of.

First, there is a Sunflower Field Day at the Kansas State University's Agricultural Research Center in Hays on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Speakers will address sunflower production, pest control, hybrid performance and management. Registration and orientation begin at 8:30 a.m. and tours begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be available on site. The program will end at 2 p.m.

Topics of discussion and presenters will include:

- 1.) Weed control for sunflower production - Phillip Stahlman, weed scientist;
- 2.) Managing sunflower in cropping system - Rob Aiken, crop scientist;
- 3.) Management of sunflower moth and stem insects - J.P. Michaud, entomologist;
- 4.) Precautions for aerial appli-

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cation of pesticides to control head moth - Bob Wolfe, agricultural engineer;

5.) Commercial sunflower hybrid demonstration plots, which include 54 oil, confectionery and NuSun types from 12 different companies. Company representatives will be on hand to give overviews of their products.

For more information on the fall field day, call the research center office at (785) 625-3425 (ext. 200).

The other event will be the Cover Your Acres Field Day three miles west of Oberlin.

This field day will start on Thursday, Aug. 26 from 1-8 p.m. It is being organized by the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance. K-State has partnered with

the Residue Alliance with the Residue Alliance coordinating the field day and K-State coordinating the winter conference.

At the field day, farmers will be able to view 20 corn, 18 grain sorghum, and five sunflower hybrids along with 12 soybean varieties.

Plant population comparisons for each crop have been planted along with a spacing study for each crop.

There will also be breakout sessions on row crop plant populations, seeding rates for wheat, a farmer's perspective of no-till wheat production, and pest management in sunflowers along with equipment, seed and chemical dealer displays.

The dinner speaker will be Dave Thorell of KRVN.

To register, producers need to send a registration form to Dan Skrdlant, RR 2 Box 67B, Norton, 67654. Please make a check payable to the NWKS Crop Residue

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Ronald L. Burgess, 61, of Norton, died Aug. 15 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Superior, Neb.

Burial will be at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in the Burr Oak Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home in Superior.

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