

Ag Talk with Jeanne

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Planning for planting wheat: seeding rates and later planting

When planting later in the season, increasing the seeding rate could 'potentially' compensate for the reduced number of tillers from an individual wheat plant. A study was conducted at the Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby to determine if it is possible to receive all or most of the highest potential yields on late-planted wheat by altering seeding rates.

Beginning in 2008, TAM 111 was planted Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7. On each planting date each year, plots were planted at 60, 90, 120, and 150 pounds per acre. Eighty pounds of nitrogen and 30 pounds of phosphorus per acre were applied to the study area prior to planting.

The study indicated that although yield potential is reduced by planting wheat after the op-

timum window for a given area, some of the potential yield can be recovered by increasing the seeding rate. In the fall of 2008 and 2009 when wheat was planted on Sept. 26 and Oct. 10, wheat yields were similar across the planting rates of 60, 90, 120, and 150 pounds per acre. However, when wheat was planted on Oct. 24 or Nov. 7, the lowest yield for that date was observed with the 60 pounds per acre seeding rate and a stair-step increase was observed with the 90, 120, and 150 pounds per acre seeding rates on these dates.

"But it is important to note, that although the 150 pounds per acre seeding rate on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 had the highest yield for that date, that yield was not as much as wheat planted during the more op-

timum planting period for the area of Sept. 26 to Oct. 10," said Brian Olson, Northwest Area Agronomist.

In the first two years (2008-09 and 2009-10), moisture was adequate and emergence, development and yields were consistent, Olson said. But just like for producers in western Kansas, dry conditions during fall 2010 impeded the researchers' efforts. After an irrigation event at the end of October 2010, all of the wheat emerged, regardless of planting date. This illustrates the fact that no matter when the wheat is planted, the potential yield is based on when it comes up!

Cost share funds available for improving tree stands

Landowners interested in planting, improving or renovating stands of trees should start now if they plan to apply for cost-share funds through next year's federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

"The actual deadline to apply for 2012 forestry projects is this Nov. 15. To be well-prepared, though, landowners should allow enough time to work with their district forester first. At no cost, that forester will create the kind of plan United States Department of Agriculture requires to qualify for the funding," said Bob Atchison, the Kansas Forest Service's rural forestry coordinator.

(See www.kansasforests.org/staff/rural/index.shtml for district KFS contact information.)

Through the program for forestland health, landowners can

get back the majority of their costs to plant hardwoods, clean up woodlands or breathe life back into declining windbreaks, Mr. Atchison said.

"The government provides this kind of support because forestry projects have public benefits that extend well beyond property lines," he said. "If nothing else, trees filter and clean the air and water that are critical to all human health and well-being.

"Most forests, woodlands and windbreaks belong to families, not the government. So, as an incentive to keep those living resources healthy, Environmental Quality Incentives Program ensures landowners won't have to bear all of the needed management costs. Plus, owners will get the advice and help of a professional forester."

Atchison said the management challenges that could qualify as a program project include old windbreaks with gaps or dead trees and eroding streambanks with few to no trees to provide long-term soil stability. Forests or woodlands could be overcrowded or need additional trees. They could be losing quality to such invasive or "trashy" trees/shrubs as the Asian bush honeysuckle, which can quickly out-compete native species.

Landowners can learn more about Environmental Quality Incentives Program's forestry program and its requirements by contacting the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in their local service center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>).

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Hell's Corner

By David Bladacci

John Carr, aka Oliver Stone once the most skilled assassin his country ever had - stands in Lafayette Park in front of the White House, perhaps for the last time. The president has personally requested that Stone serve his country again on a high-risk, covert mission.

Though he's fought for decades to leave his past career behind, Stone has no choice but to say yes.

Then Stone's mission changes

drastically before it even begins. It's the night of a state dinner honoring the British prime minister. As he watches the prime minister's motorcade leave the White House that evening, a bomb is detonated in Lafayette Park, an apparent terrorist attack against both leaders. It's in the chaotic aftermath that Stone takes on a new, more urgent assignment: find those responsible for the bombing.

British MI-6 agent Mary Chapman becomes Stone's partner in the search for the unknown attackers. But their opponents are elusive, capable, and increasingly

lethal; worst of all, it seems that the park bombing may just have been the opening salvo in their plan. With nowhere else to turn, Stone enlists the help of the only people he knows he can trust: the Camel Club. Yet that may be a big mistake.

In the shadowy worlds of politics and intelligence, there is no one you can really trust. Nothing is really what it seems to be. *Hell's Corner* truly lives up to its name. This may be Oliver Stone's and the Camel Club's last stand.

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



Many enjoyed good programs and activities for the Beecher Island Reunion this weekend. The baskets were won by Nancy Earl, Judy Shively, Mary Shandy and Marilyn Ekberg. Mark Mahlberg won the quilt.

Dave and Marry Ann Harwood spent the weekend with Larry and Mary Allen.

Ellen Mansfield and Ida Connley went out for lunch Thursday.

Connie and Pete Osmus were Sunday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman in Windsor.

Marilyn Bruffett of Denver and Linda Ingo of Ridgway spent the weekend with Glen and Carol Chapman and other relatives.

Roger Walton and DJ Barrett of Fort Morgan took Violet Brown and Geneva North to lunch last Wednesday.

Manley and Doris Chase picked

Bessie Dent up Wednesday to spend the day with Carolyn and Clifford Homm. They had supper with Helen and Terry Meek at the Sandhiller.

Connie Ekberg spent the weekend with Nelson and Jacque Ekberg.

Randy Brown called on Bessie Dent Thursday.

Idalia News

By Rev. Chuck Wright

All Idalia residents are urged to come to a free barbecue at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Idalia school cafeteria, before the Homecoming Lip Sync at 7 p.m. Hosted and paid for by "Citizens for Idalia School," this barbecue will be a great opportunity to enjoy good food, get information, and ask questions about the upcoming school bond election for a new Idalia school.

St. John news

The St. John Church Children's Choir will begin weekly rehearsals at the church at 4 p.m. on Thursday. All children, ages 4 years and up, are invited to participate. Parents: If your child will be riding the bus to rehearsal be sure to let the school and the bus driver know they are doing so.

World Communion Sunday will be Oct. 2 at St. John. Come celebrate the unity of Christians around the world by worshipping and sharing in Holy Communion. The theme will be "Knowing Christ," Philippians 3:4-14

Sunday, Oct. 9, will be Mission

Fest at St. John. The guest speaker will be Jamie Doddridge. Jamie will be making her seventh trip to Kenya at the end of October to serve at the Girls Rescue Center in Maasailand, Kenya. She is the daughter of Glen and Bev Doddridge and a graduate of Idalia High School. The Girls Rescue Center houses young girls "sold" into early marriages by parents. The worship service will be followed by a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and join us!

The St. John Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Thursday morning, 7-8 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. All men are invited to join us for great food, good discussion and spiritual growth.

Idalia School news

There are only five 2010 yearbooks left for purchase. Call the school to reserve one.

On Sept. 19, Idalia Future Business Leaders of America members travelled to Burlington, St. Francis, Wray and Idalia to sell community calendar ads. Those who

have birthdays to add to the calendar please call the school at 978-354-7298, or contact Will Helling, Idalia Future Business Leaders of America president.

On Monday, Sept. 19, Shelly Smith chaperoned Idalia FFA students to Flagler for the Green-hand workshop. Students attending were: Kortnee Spelts, District Treasurer, and freshmen, Caleb Condrey, Tension Hoyda, and Chantz Smith.

Saturday is Homecoming at Idalia High School. The day will begin with football games vs. Woodlin: junior high at 11 a.m. and varsity at 1 p.m. Girls volleyball vs. Woodlin will begin with the junior high at 3:30 p.m., followed by the varsity match. High school "Parents Recognition" will take place at the varsity football and volleyball games. The Homecoming dance will be held at the school, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Photos will begin at 8 p.m.

There will be no school on Monday, Oct. 3. School staff will be having a professional development day.

Haigler News

By Floy Fisher



Sophia Zuege accompanied Jinny Zuege to Bennett, Colo. to visit Jinny's mother and Sophia's sister, Irene Blacker at Bennett, Colo. over the weekend.

Quentin, Tanya and Taya came on Thursday evening to Laura Pearl Wall's home, bringing pizza to help celebrate MerryLu's birthday. Bob and MerryLu were also guests besides Quentin's family.

Lois Zuege rode with her sisters Edith and Evelyn to Kearney, NE last Wednesday for a medical check up of one of them. On Sunday Lois met her son, Jeremy, in Fort Morgan. They purchased some food and went to the park for an enjoy-

able picnic lunch together.

Lillian Kruse of Lincoln, Neb. corresponds by mail with Floy Fisher. They are the same age with birthdays about a month apart. Lillian was a Zuege and grew up in the Haigler area. She has been gone long enough that few if any relatives remain that remember or even know her. She sent flowers a few months back to be placed on a few graves. She has been living in her own home but she and her daughter may be moving into a nice 2 bedroom apartment if her home sells.

Sharna Richardson came to take her mother to the Wray Hospital on Sunday for a blood transfusion

and spent the day there with her. A health fair blood draw had showed a low hemoglobin reading. Then a recent thyroid blood draw showed the hemoglobin even lower. The process took over 5 hours. It raised the count from under 7 to 10. Garry and Sharon Fisher came in for a few minutes visit during the afternoon.

Calvin Freehling says he is moving to McCook in about a month. He is having a farm sale auction in October. You can see the details on the internet at <http://www.youngsauction.com>

Across the County

Bindweed: A Noxious Invasive, Goin' to Town

By Marty Fear



County Extension Agent

Gardeners have yet to take field bindweed as seriously as rural landowners do. So, the plant-strangling, perennial vine is making real inroads into urban landscapes.

"In Kansas, bindweed is a non-native, invasive plant and official noxious weed. It already had destroyed millions of acres of crops before it first made its way into town," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

While the weed is still actively growing, however, fall can be a good time for urban dwellers to start fighting back, Upham added. Then they'll need to remain vigilant for years.

Bindweed produces an almost delicate-looking vine. It has heart- or shield-shaped leaves and small trumpet-like flowers in pink or white.

"Until it flowers, bindweed can do an amazing job of blending in. It can look like another lawn weed.

It can wrap so tightly around stems that it seems like part of a shrub or perennial," Upham said.

Bindweed sends roots both down and out. Unchecked, they can eventually reach 30 feet long. Each bud on the sideways roots can produce a new plant or send out more roots.

To curb that growth now, Upham recommends unwinding several feet of the vine, laying them out flat and spraying with a glyphosate herbicide (Round-up, Kleen-up, Killzall, etc.), following label directions.

"This is a non-selective product, so choose a still day. Also protect nearby plants from spray drift, perhaps using a big piece of corrugated cardboard," he advised. "If you spot spray your lawn, try a cardboard tube."

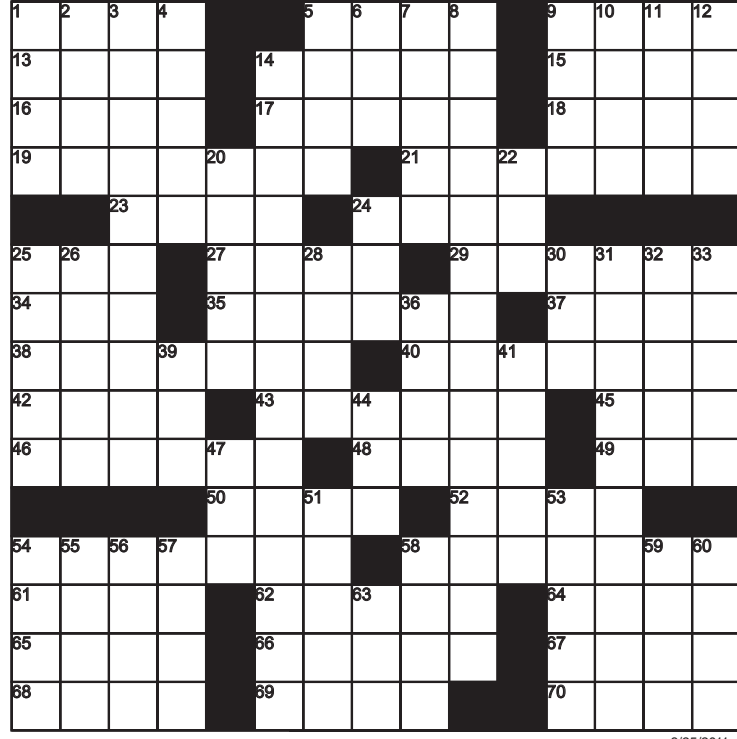
Lawn-wide treatments can be disappointing, but better than nothing on established turf, Upham said. The herbicides for that approach are dicamba (Trimec, Weed-B-Gon,

Weed-Out, etc.) or - even better - quinclorac (Drive, Ortho Weed-B-Gon Max + Crabgrass Control, Bayer All-in-One Lawn Weed and Crabgrass Killer).

"Next year, start pulling up emerging bindweed before it develops six leaves. With six leaves, the plant can produce enough energy to start strengthening its roots," he said. "If you see a missed vine later, pull it up, too - even though that won't kill the plant. Each bindweed produces an average 550 dark-brown seeds per year. The seeds spread easily and can remain viable in the soil for 50 years."

Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Until next week - Marty

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ACROSS

1. ___-Seltzer
5. Get an eyeful of
9. Make suds
13. Do KP work
14. Welcome word from a weatherman
15. Go ballistic
16. Sitarist Shankar
17. Bolshevism founder
18. Resting on
19. Big bash
21. Most like Felix Unger
23. Indoor ball
24. Take five
25. Seek information
27. "All ___" (1931 tune)
29. Tempest site?
34. Erie Canal mule
35. Ready-made, like some housing
37. Bank takeback
38. World War II Secretary of War Henry
40. Chase
42. "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
43. Trading-stamp recipients
45. Goof up
46. Do a slow burn
48. Golden Fleece ship
49. Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
50. Mule team?
52. Shoot up with Novocain
54. Word in many newspaper names
58. Ill-humored
61. "Hansel and Gretel" prop
62. Subbed with the band

DOWN

1. Car-loan figs.
2. Jacob's wife
3. Star of the film "Dave"
4. Dress shape
5. Cassini of fashion
6. First OT bk.
7. "Mule Train" singer Frankie
8. Star of the film "Marty"

9. Spoiled kid
10. Size up
11. Freudian topics
12. Blubbered
14. Star of the film "Charly"
20. Nose or eye medicine
22. Broke bread
24. Person in stripes
25. Boneheads
26. Abstract composer Erik
28. Hash house handout
30. Comic-strip bark
31. Star of the film "Joe"
32. "Orfeo," e.g.
33. Former baseball manager Joe
36. Ripening agent
39. Bumped into

41. "Don't tell ___!"
44. "Whoopee!"
47. Checkroom item
51. Stiller's partner
53. Clementine's father, e.g.
54. Over the outfield wall
55. State categorically
56. Flunking score
57. Pulls the plug on
58. Byte parts
59. Played for a sucker
60. Garden starter
63. Schoolyard game

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