

Ag Talk with Jeanne

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Agronomy Specialist

Wheat is in various stages of growth and conditions across the whole state of Kansas and we have some that still hasn't emerged in the area. It is a good idea to be scouting their fields to see how well the crop is developing, and whether there are any pests, weeds, or nutrient problems that could be solved later this fall or winter. Root development is the primary concern so far this year. This is due to the dry conditions that the wheat has been enduring so far this growing season.

Roots are important because they are the structure for taking up water from the soil, as well as nutrients. Many times we will see both drought stress and nutrient deficiencies in dry conditions.

In many cases, there are some primary roots coming out from the seed. These roots are used to take up water and nutrients throughout the whole growing season, but usually there are not very many of these roots so that can't support a plant with one or two tillers for a long period. The crown root system is, or should be, much more extensive

than the primary root system. So far this year, we seem to be finding a lack of crown root development. This is due to a lack of moisture in the topsoil. The crown roots are often called the secondary roots. Crown roots take up most of the water and nutrients from the soil, so they are very important for the plant to survive the winter.

In addition, the crown roots provide the anchoring of the plant. They are especially important when grazing wheat. By this point in the season, there should be a much more extensive crown root system than what I am finding in many wheat fields.

The warm fall actually would promote more root development, but the lack of moisture has actually put additional stress on the primary roots to support the plant.

All we really need is some moisture in the crown area of the soil and these roots would begin developing. They will not develop quickly after the plant goes into dormancy. The wheat plant will resume more rapid root

development early in the spring and can continue to grow roots until the primary plant growth is completed.

Pictures of the root development described in this article are available at the K-State Sunflower

District website at www.sunflower.ksu.edu. Then click on the 'Agronomy' tab.

Idalia News

By Chuck Wright

Idalia weather for November

Submitted by Tom Mandis
Average high 56.5.
Average low 25.5.
Warmest day 76, Nov. 8.
Coolest day 10, Nov. 12.
Precipitation for month 0 inches!!
Precipitation to date 11.71 inches.

St. John news

Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. - "Blue Sunday" at St. John. Got the Christmas blues? Today the worship service will include Holy Communion and the Liturgy of Healing and the Laying on of Hands. All are welcome.
Wednesday, Dec. 12, noon - The St. John Women's Fellowship

will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon at the church. All Idalia ladies are invited to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday. The Sunday School Choir and Youth Praise Band will lead the worship service. The theme will be, "God Promises a Savior," Luke 1:26-38.

Idalia School news

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. - School Board meeting.
Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. - School Winter Music program.

Idalia school ICYS students will be volunteering this year at the annual Father Woody's Christmas Party in Denver on Dec. 16. They will be bringing donated toys to be handed out to children at the dinner.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court in the Raile estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estates of

ELLEN D. RAILE, Deceased
DOD: December 21, 2010

and

Case No. 2012-PR-24

WILLIAM L. RAILE, Deceased
DOD: April 27, 2012

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the Court by Clifford D. Raile, one of the heirs of the above decedents, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

The East Thirty Feet (E30') of Lot Thirteen (13) and all of Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Fifty Eight (58) of Dayton's Addition to the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof,

And that such property owned by the decedents at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Clifford D. Raile, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court in the Sowers estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

David J. Sowers, Deceased
a.k.a. David Sowers
A Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

Case No. 12-PR-26

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Teresa Sowers, spouse and one of the heirs of David J. Sowers, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

Undivided One-fourth (1/4) interest in the West Half (W1/2) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Four (4) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 6th P.M.

The East Half (E1/2) of Section Nine (9), Township (3) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M.

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2SE1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Three (3) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M.

One-eighth (1/8th) interest in and to all of the oil, gas, and other minerals in, on and under and that may be produced from the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2SW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Three (3) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the 6th P.M.,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death.

And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the "Valid Settlement Agreement" dated November 20, 2012.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 26, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the city of St. Francis in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/Teresa Sowers
Petitioner

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Across the County

Western Cattlemen's Night Coming to Kansas

K-State Research and Extension in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and Colorado State University Extension is offering West Central Cattlemen's Night on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the fairgrounds in Goodland. The program will start at 5 p.m. mountain time and end by 8 p.m.

The present economic situation and tough weather conditions require cattlemen to be on top of the latest research and technology to keep their operations profitable. This meeting should help find ways to reduce cost while helping to improve your overall profitability. Topics include: grazing pastures during a drought, weed control in pastures, nutrition, cow lease options and external parasites of beef cattle. There is a registration fee. Meal is included. Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension Office with any questions or to register.

Sample hay correctly

Forage tests can tell you the nutrient concentration in your hay. But only if the sample you collect accurately resembles your hay. Nutrient concentration varies considerably in all forages. That is why hay testing should be a regular part of your livestock operation.

For hay tests to be effective, your sample must accurately represent your hay. Reaching

into a bale and pulling out a hunk of hay will not give you a good sample. Nor will gathering a single flake of hay.

The only effective method to sample long hay is by using a core sampler. If you don't have one, you can buy one from many ag supply catalogues and forage testing labs. Also, local extension offices have hay probes available for loan.

Once you have a hay probe, use it to collect one core each from 15 to 20 bales that came from the same field and cutting. Collect your sample from the center of the twine end of the bales. Then combine all the samples from this group into one larger sample to send to the lab.

If there is decayed or moldy material that you will discard or your animals will not eat, do not include it in your sample. That way you will have a sample that is similar to the actual diet of your livestock. However, if you plan to sell the hay, then you need to include this less desirable material in your sample to accurately represent all the hay to be sold.

Follow these sampling techniques and you will get accurate nutrient analyses of your hay and be able to use it more effectively.

Till next week - Marty Fear
Extension Agent

Public Notice

Petition filed in court in the Mills estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

MERLE L. MILLS, Deceased.

Case No. 12-PR-_____

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 4, 2012, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary and Determination of Valid "Consent of Spouse" was filed in this Court by James M. Milliken, executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Merle L. Mills," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

James M. Milliken, Petitioner

APPROVED BY:

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2012 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS USED TO FUND THE 2013 BUDGETS			
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$37,194,284 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
Comparison of 2011 and 2012 levies and valuations:			
	2011	2011	
	Valuation	Levy	
State	\$35,788,169	1.500	\$37,194,284
County	\$35,788,169		\$37,194,284
General	52,055	69.135	17,080
Road & Bridge	22,966	24,234	1,268
Bridge Building	1,323	0.561	-0.762
Noxious Weed	0.714	0.833	0.119
Hospital	5,461	10,031	4,570
Total	82,519	104,794	22,275
Levies of Taxing Units			
	K.S.A.	Levy	
State Levies			
KS Ed. Bldg.	76-6b01	1.000	
State Institutions	76-6b04	0.500	
Total		1.500	
County Levies			
General	79-1946	69.135	
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	24.234	
Bridge Building	68-1135	0.561	
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.833	
Hospital	12-183	10.031	
USD 297			
Supp. General	72-6435	17.799	
General	72-6431	20.000	
Capital Outlay	72-8801	3.995	
Total		41,794	
Recreation	12-1927	1,000	42,794
NWKS Library			
General	75-2551	1.094	
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.140	
Total		1,234	
Sunflower Ext. Dist. 6			
General	2-623	2.157	

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Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$37,194,284 (Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)			
001 City of Bird City			
Valuation	\$2,315,771		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
City	55,156		
USD 103	52,819		
Recreation 103	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	218,945		
002 City of St. Francis			
Valuation	\$6,596,911		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
City	42,770		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 2	0.857		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	194,872		
003 Wano Township			
Valuation	\$142,863		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 103	52,819		
Recreation 103	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	166,254		
004 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$567,119		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 2	0.857		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	154,567		
005 Orlando Township			
Valuation	\$136,732		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 103	52,819		
Recreation 103	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	166,254		
006 Benkelman Township			
Valuation	\$1,931,814		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 2	0.857		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	154,567		
007 Cleveland Run TWP			
Valuation	\$859,537		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 2	0.857		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	154,567		
008 Bird City Township			
Valuation	\$6,026,880		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 103	52,819		
Recreation 103	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	166,254		
009 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$139,839		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	154,567		
010 Bird City Township			
Valuation	\$608,140		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 103	52,819		
Recreation 103	1,000		
Cemetery 1	1,519		
Rural Fire 3	0.852		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		
Total	165,675		
011 Calhoun Township			
Valuation	\$139,839		
State	1,500		
County	104,794		
USD 297	41,794		
Recreation 297	1,000		
Cemetery 2	0.857		
Rural Fire 1	1,231		
NWKS Library	1,234		
Sunflower Ext. Dist 6	2,157		</