

Farmers always face seed versus oil yield

Farmers always face the question of seed yield versus oil yield when selecting a hybrid sunflower variety.

No question, they love to get oil premiums, because most don't automatically count on it. It's a bonus. And when prices are in the high \$20 range, a two percent price premium for each point of oil over 40 percent can mean "real" money. Going for high oil content does require some strategy. Some farmers shoot for that magic level near 50 percent. Reaching will be the attention of the sunflower industry. Thomas County farmer Tony Horinek was recently featured in "The Sunflower," a nation magazine produced by the National Sunflower Association.

Horinek, who farms near Colby, achieved an average oil content of 44 percent on his 1,500 acres of sunflowers last fall. He had some at 46 percent, and overall had some of his best yields to date.

Horinek says he had good success attaining above-average oil percentages for several reasons, including seed selection, fertilizer tactics, crop-rotation strategy and planting date.

So what his recipe for high oil? First, it's about choosing the right high-oil-yielding hybrid. That means visiting with seed companies and looking at several years' of field test results.

"The hybrids available have improved so much over the past few years," he says. "We base our

choice on experience and we have determined our favorites. We accomplish this by experimenting on test plots."

Horinek also favors an early planting date for high oil. He likes to plant flowers around June 1 to 5.

The next factors are fertilizer strategy and crop rotation. Horinek said he has increased the fertilizer package over the past couple of years, and it's really paid off. "We top-dress with 100 pounds of nitrogen in the late fall or winter and add 30 pounds of phosphorus at planting."

Horinek adds that his farm has been 100 percent no-till for years.

"So with that and no summer fallow," he said, "we're not afraid of too much nitrogen because there's

little chance of leftover nutrients with an intense crop rotation that we follow here in Kansas."

They rotate sunflower after corn, he said. They employ a soil-sampling company to do grid sampling to produce recommendations for variable-rate application of fertilizer.

Moisture at just the right time is also a factor. Horinek says the best crops come when they have moisture early on and then additional rainfall later in the maturing stages when heads are filling. The timing of the water is the key. Water, whether it's a well-timed rain or irrigation, at about the R-6 growth stage seems to have the greatest impact on oil content, he said.

There is also an issue of geogra-

phy. Traditionally, he said, Northern Plains produces higher oil content. The National Sunflower Association has gathered oil content data for many years, and the more northerly areas of North Dakota and Minnesota tend to produce higher oil contents compared to areas farther south. This may have something to do with high heat and low moisture during seed fill. But Horinek says even with the high temperatures, the cool night in Western Kansas seem to give the plants a chance to recover and minimize any possible damage. The deep root system of the sunflower is ideal in dry conditions, experienced in recent growing seasons. The plants' roots are able to go well beyond surface moisture to get water.

High oil are likely a result of key factor coming together at the right time, Horinek said. It all starts with hybrid selection and adding into the mix the right planting time, fertilizer tactics and crop rotation. It comes down to applying best practices in all those areas to maximize oil - plus a lot of luck from Mother Nature.

Submitted by the National Sunflower Association, a farmer and industry organization working to improve the profitability of sunflower for all sectors. Farmer check-off commissions in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas and Colorado make up the association's basic funding and governing structure. The association offices are headquartered in Mandon, N.D.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

METLIFE HOME LOANS, A Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

v.

CARLOS MAGANA; TONYA NORVELL-MAGANA; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; et al., Defendants.

Case No. 10-CV-27

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of said District Court in the above entitled action, I will on the 22nd day of March, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., of said day at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand the following described real estate, to wit:

ALL OF LOT THIRTY-EIGHT (38), THIRTY-NINE (39), FORTY (40), FORTY-ONE (41), AND FORTY-TWO (42), IN BLOCK 25, OF THE FIRST (1ST) ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF GOODLAND, SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

The above described real estate is taken as the property of the defendants as directed by said Order of Sale to be sold and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.

KEVIN BUTTS
SHERIFF OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

FV-1, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Mark A. Cross and Vicki S. Cross and Anis J. Townsend, et al. Defendants.

Case No. 10CV42
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Sherman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, on March 8, 2011, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Thirty (30); Township Nine South (TS9), Range Forty West (R40W) of the Sixth Principal Meridian (6th P.M.) in Sherman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point that is One thousand seven hundred and no hundredths (1700.00) feet North of the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter, thence Northerly along the East line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of Five hundred and no hundredths (500.00) feet, thence Westerly at a Right angle to the East line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of Two hundred sixty and Thirty hundredths (260.30) feet, thence Southerly along a line parallel with the East line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of Five hundred and no hundredths (500.00) feet, thence Easterly along a line at a right angle to the East line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of Two hundred sixty and Thirty hundredths (260.30) feet, more or less, to the East line of said Southeast Quarter, said point being the place of beginning.

, commonly known as 5740 Road 14, Goodland, KS 67735 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to

the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com <http://www.southlaw.com>

Kevin Butts, Sheriff
Sherman County, Kansas

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD L MEISSINGER, Deceased.

Case No. 11 PR 10

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Jeanne L Mann, daughter and one of the heirs of Edward L Meissinger, deceased, requesting:

That descent be determined on the following described real estate situated in Sherman County, Kansas, to-wit:

A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 29 in Township 9 South, Range 42 West of the 6th P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point 835 feet North of the SE corner of said NE1/4 Section, thence West at right angles 544.5 feet; thence North at right angles 800 feet, thence East at right angles 544.5 feet, thence South at right angles along East section line 800 feet to the point

of beginning; subject to the easements and rights of way of Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United, Inc., together with interest accruing thereon.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the Laws of Intestate Succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 4th day of March, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day in said court in the City of Goodland, in Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Jeanne L Mann, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Raymond E. Finegan, Deceased

Case No. 11PR09

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Joanel Tylor-Finegan, an heir of the decedent, Raymond E. Finegan, praying that:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate

situated in Sherman County, Kansas:

Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Seven (7) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 6th P.M. Sherman County, Kansas

Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Eight(8) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the 6th P.M. Sherman County, Kansas

North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2SW1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Eight(8) South, Range Thirty-eight(38) West of the 6th P.M. Sherman County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death. Further, 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 laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 8, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joanel Tylor-Finegan
Petitioner

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METLIFE HOME LOANS, A Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

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