

# Annual report of land released

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has released its annual publication regarding foreign investors' holdings of United States agricultural land. The publication contains statistics that are current through Dec. 31, 2011.

The report, titled "Foreign Holdings of U.S. Agricultural Land Through December 31, 2011," is now available on the FSA website at <http://links.gov-delivery.com:80/track?>

The data gathered through Dec. 31, 2011, indicate that foreign investors hold an interest in 25,715,588 acres of U.S. agricultural land, which is approximately 2 percent of all privately held U.S. agricultural land, and 1 percent of all land in the U.S. The total foreign-held U.S. agricultural acres as of the

last report, dated Dec. 31, 2010, were 24,224,807, resulting in an increase of 1,490,781 acres.

The annual publication includes a wide variety of both annual and cumulative activity reports.

Annual Activity Reports include the following:

U.S. Agricultural and Nonagricultural Landholdings Annual Activity of Foreign Investors by State U.S. Agricultural and Nonagricultural Land Acquisitions by Country of Foreign Investor U.S. Agricultural and Nonagricultural Land Dispositions by Country of Foreign Investor

Just a few of the Cumulative Activity Reports within the publication are:

U.S. Agricultural Landholdings of Foreign Investors by State U.S. Landholdings of For-

eign Investors by Type of Land Use and by State U.S. Agricultural and Nonagricultural Investors, Parcels, Acres and Value by Country of Foreign Investor.

The publication's findings are based on reports submitted to FSA in compliance with the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The law was created to establish a nationwide system for collecting information pertaining to foreign ownership in U.S. agricultural land. Foreign investors who buy, sell or hold an interest (other than a security interest) in U.S. agricultural land are required to report such holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture on AFIDA Report Form FSA-153. The data gleaned from these reports is used in the preparation of an annual report to Congress.

# Don't forget to observe 'The Rites of Fall'

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From sometime in my past, I recall Igor Stravinsky's highly criticized ballet entitled "The Rites of Spring." Somehow and some way, the ballet became the title of an extremely large gathering of people who gathered together in the mountains of western Massachusetts to discuss life in general, and the earth in particular. I've never been there.

However, I have observed "The Rites of Fall," my own creation, for many years now, and it has nothing to do with Igor Stravinsky or Massachusetts. I am sure you can hardly wait for more information!

Each late September or early October, I venture out to the garden and retrieve just about anything that is still edible. It is going to be cleanup time out there very soon now, and I don't want to waste anything. I gather up about 5 pounds of tomatoes, dig the rest of the potatoes, cut the last head of cabbage, pull a few carrots, and search the spent vines for any other leftovers.

My goal each year is to gather enough vegetables to cook up a big pot of my homegrown

goodies and create what I call Compost Soup. The name isn't important, but the finished product is just about the best tasting stuff that money can't buy!

In the kitchen, I wash about 15 pint jars and locate enough lids and rings to cover the jars. I drop the 4 or 5 pounds of (1) tomatoes into boiling water, peel off the skins, and cut them up into a large heavy cooking pot. I wash a couple of pounds of new (2) potatoes, cut them up into small pieces and put them into the pot with the tomatoes. I scrape and cut up several (3) carrots and add them to the mixture. Next, I cut the kernels off a couple of ears of (4) sweet corn purchased from Jerry Nett at the farmer's market, where a nice lady gave me a handful of really nice looking (5) okra. Both were ceremoniously added to the growing pot of fresh vegetables.

I took a big Candy (6) onion out of storage and added it to the mix. I opened a small jar of (7) green beans, and liquid and all went into the pot. Horror of horrors, I bought a small (8) zucchini, as well as some (9) celery and they were both cut up neatly into the pot. Finally, I cut off a generous wedge of (10) cabbage

and sliced it in with the rest.

While all this harvesting, cleaning and cutting was going on, a small roast was simmering in the pressure cooker, and was cut into small chunks and added to the soup pot, as well as the drippings. I added a couple of cans of beef broth and a little over a quart of water to the mix, as well as a few shakes of salt and a few grinds of pepper.

The Compost Soup components were now all in place, and was simmered for over two hours to allow the ingredients to cook and mesh their individual flavors. Into the jars it went, and finished in the pressure cooker for no more than ten minutes at ten pounds of pressure. I now have 13 jars of Compost Soup, the likes of which the Campbell Company has never seen!

I hate waste! The gathering of the last vegetables, and almost a full day's work, has assured me a few lunches of pure delight. The jars look nice up there on the shelf beside the pickles, the tomatoes, the beets, the corn, the green beans, and the sauerkraut.

And so, my "Rites of Fall" is complete, without Stravinsky, or western Massachusetts.

# A badly needed make-over



The exterior of the Norton Theatre is getting a make over. Mike Hiatt and John Costello of the Omaha Neon Sign Company have the job of removing the old neon lights from the marquee. After removal, the lights will be taken back to Omaha and re-done; some new lights may even need to be blown to replace broken ones. After a couple of months, the new lights will be put in place. Another plan for the exterior is to sand the metal down and re-paint it along with the exterior of the building.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# PUBLIC RECORD

## District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

### Aug. 15

Aug. 11-Ashley Benjamin Kading, Casey, Iowa; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Feb. 1-Ryan James Malloy, Broomfield, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$169.

July 25-Robin J. McGrath, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

Aug. 1-Kelsey Dawn Mordecai, Norton; Charge: Driving on right side of roadway required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Aug. 7-Raenee V. Patterson, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt (14-17 yoa); Found: Guilty; Fine: \$60.

July 18-Andrew M. Petrosky, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

Aug. 10-Thomas M. Schaaf, Bluffton, Ohio; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

July 9-Travis L. Spillers, Tucson, Ariz.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

July 8-Samuel Ryan Tolley, Amarillo, Texas; Charge: Loaded with calves traps open; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$211.

Aug. 3-Barbara Ellen Wade, Charlotte, N.C.; Charge: Speeding 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

July 22-Robert David Worthey, Lenora; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 14-Shannon L. Ambrosier, Bird City; Charge: Unlawful discharge of fireworks; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Aug. 22 Aug. 7-Sarah L. Baird, Almena; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt (14-17 years of age); Found: Guilty; Fine: \$60.

July 28-Karen Roe Bischooping, Athol; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

July 21-Vernon E. Branek,

Steinauer, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Aug. 13-Justin L. Coffman, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

July 1-Amy Sue Debey, Phillipsburg; Charge: Driving on right side of roadway required; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

July 16-Oleksander Didur, Hoople, N.D.; Charge: Height, length, and loads of vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$546.

July 16-Oleksander Didur, Hoople, N.D.; Charge: Driver of commercial vehicle must have commercial driver's license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

July 22-Christopher L. Gansel, Hill City; Charge: Improper tires; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Aug. 12-Marion Rudolph Gruntorad, Ordway, Colo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Aug. 11-John David Koski, Castle Rock, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

July 21-Larry D. Lohse, Hanover; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

# COLLEGE NOTES

A number of area students were among the approximately 4,450 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2013 semester.

Area honorees are as follow: Eric Becker, Lenora, is a sophomore studying Biology. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Kayleigh Brooks, Norton, is a Prof 1, studying Pharmacy. She was named to the honor roll for the School of Pharmacy.

Rhees Carlson, Norton, is a sophomore studying in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and was named to the honor roll from that school.

Ashley Colip, Norton, is a senior studying Geography and she was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts

and Sciences.

Matthew Miller, Norton, is a senior studying Biochemistry. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Stanton Nelson, Long Island, is a senior studying Piano. He was named to the honor roll for the School of Music.

Bryan Stephens, Jennings, is a senior studying American Studies. He was named to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the schools of Allied Health; architecture, design and planning; education; engineering; journalism; music, nursing; pharmacy; and social welfare.

Honor roll criteria vary among

the university's academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.





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