

# KCA News

KANSAS CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

April 2016

## Anderson Creek Wildfire Affects Cattlemen, KCA There to Support

What is being considered as the largest wildfire in documented Kansas history, the Anderson Creek Wildfire swept quickly through Northern Oklahoma and into Kansas in late March, in what would leave nearly 400,000 acres burned and numerous resources depleted throughout the region.

The fire started on Tuesday, March 22 in Oklahoma and spread north, and by Thursday, it had burned an estimated 397,420 acres across Kansas and Oklahoma.

In the wake of the fires in Barber County and surrounding areas, Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) immediately began making and fielding calls of support for the ranchers affected by the devastating fires. In the following days, KCA worked to coordinate hay and other supply deliveries from as far away as Kentucky, as well as receiving and distributing financial assistance from member donations.

"The outpouring of support from across the country for those affected by the fires has been incredible and a true testament of how, at the end of the day, we are here for each other. It became clear, early on, that securing and feeding the displaced livestock would be of highest priority. As the local emergency center was established and operational, KCA shifted focus from coordination to raising funds and pressing USDA and lawmakers to seek solutions," stated KCA Executive Director Tyler Dupy.

KCA in conjunction with Kansas Farmer's Union requested that the Risk Management Agency (RMA)

take immediate action on claims of loss due to freeze of wheat crops near the affected fire region in order to free up these lands for farmers and ranchers to efficiently and safely move livestock within the local region. KCA will continue to work with Senator Roberts, Senator Moran, and RMA Administrator Brandon Willis to find solutions to help ease the burden of displaced livestock.



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"Numerous monetary donations have been received and distributed by KCA to the affected region. Members and the public have been incredibly generous," stated John Ney, KCA President.

For those who would still like to contribute monetarily, you may do so by mail or on-line via the KCA website. Please make checks payable to Kansas Cattlemen's Association and put "Fire Relief" in the memo line and mail to 725 N. Washington St. Junction City, KS 66441. You may use a credit card at <http://www.kansascattlemen.com/#/shop/c1hp5>. All of the donations received will be distributed to the affected area.



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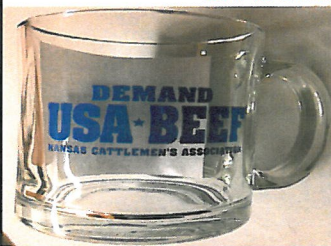
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# KCA Board Elects New President and Officers

During the April Kansas Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors meeting, the Directors elected a new President and Vice President, and extended the term of the sitting treasurer Landon Shaw. The newly elected President is John Ney of Dodge City and the Vice President is Perry Owens of Minneapolis.

is marketing and employees. He says, "What I like about this business is that it is constantly changing, and we get to make up the rules as we go." He looks forward to the challenges ahead in this volatile industry.

As President, Ney will preside over all of the KCA Board Meetings and the Annual KCA Membership meeting in October. His term as President will expire in April 2017.

Perry Owens and his wife Bonnie operate Ottawa County Feeders outside of Minneapolis. He has been elected to the Vice Presidency of KCA. As Vice President, Owens shall preside over KCA meetings in the event of the absence of the President.

Landon Shaw was selected Secretary/Treasurer. First elected to the KCA Board in 2014, Shaw has been Secretary/Treasurer since April 2015. Landon and his wife Shelby have a family cattle operation outside of Galva. Shaw is also a procurer for Barkman Honey of Hillsboro.



John Ney was elected to the KCA Board of Directors in November 2013. He and his wife Roberta operate a diversified farming and cattle operation in Hodgeman County, with dry land and irrigated crops including wheat, corn and milo.

John also has a Consulting Beef Nutrition business, Nutrition Solutions, that covers Central and Western Kansas and into the Texas panhandle. He provides nutrition information to cow/calf producers, backgrounders, stockers and finishers.

John served on the Hanston School Board for 16 years, Economic Development for Hodgeman County, City Council, Farm Bureau and various church related committees. He is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Science and enjoys attending as many football games in the fall that time allows. John and Roberta have four adult children and ten grandchildren.

John believes the livestock producers biggest challenge

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# Message from the President.....DJ Edwards

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This is my final month for my board term and president position, so I would like to take some time to say thank you.

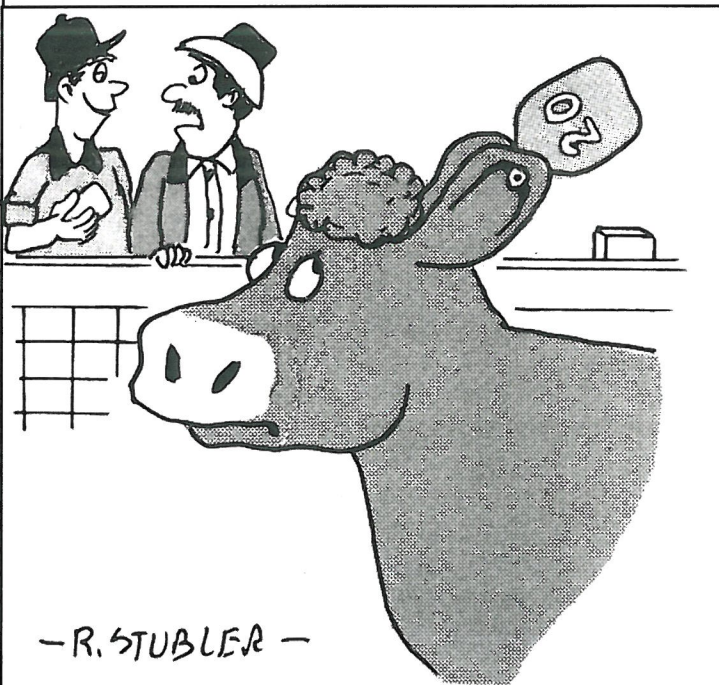
Thanks to my family for being at home to pick up the pieces when I am not there, and for supporting me during this time.

Thank you to the members of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association for allowing me to serve in these positions and represent you all for the past three years.

Last but not least, thank you to Tyler and the KCA staff for all of the help and work they put in for KCA throughout the year. They do a great job in the day-to-day operations of KCA.

Thanks again,  
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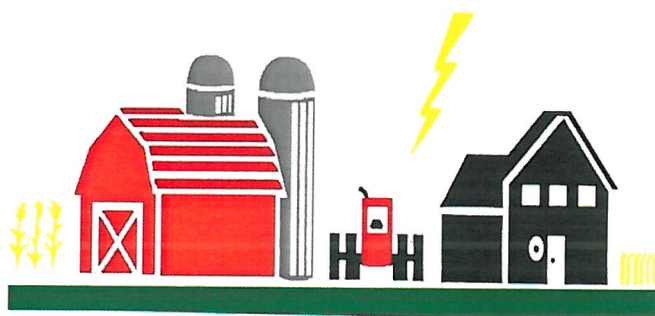
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Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) has decided to terminate the American Income Life \$2,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance membership benefit policy. Due to an increasing number of membership concerns over the past few months, and general confusion of the benefit program, the decision was made to end the program in order to eliminate issues which are outside the scope of the core purposes of the association.

KCA has a long-standing policy that it does not sell, share, or provide any outside entity with member information. In addition, KCA does not contract with outside benefits or fundraising companies. Questions may be directed to the KCA office at 785-238-1483.



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## Appropriations Rider to Block Final GIPSA Rules

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture approved an amendment to the Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations bill. The bill restricts the use of federal funds for publishing a final rule, providing clarification and change to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) rule. The Fiscal Year 2017 agriculture funding bill will now be sent to the Senate for debate and approval.

The 1921 Act regularly needs updates and clarifications in order to remain relevant with modern-day marketing practices. Legislators realized the need for changes in the 2008 Farm Bill, which required United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide clarification and review of contracting and marketing practices in the livestock industry. As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, congress finally passed funding for the final GIPSA rules. Now, an appropriations rider attached to the Rural Development Appropriations bill is set to, once again, block the funding of the implementation of a final GIPSA rules.

“The final GIPSA rule is long overdue. There is this notion that the beef industry marketplace is a self-regulating process, where no wrong is ever

committed. First, it becomes all too easy to lump together beef production and beef processing into one large industry. Beef production is made up of hundreds of thousands of predominately independent cattle producers. Over 80% of beef processing is concentrated to four companies. The effect is four companies buying from a treasure trove of suppliers, with little transparency to the markets.”

“With so much control concentrated to billion dollar corporate interests, independent producers essentially have to take on more risk and ante up additional resources just to maintain margins similar to operations comparable to 10 or 20 years ago. Conceptually, it is similar to peasant farms where those with too much power are doubling net profits over the course of a year, while producers double their investments and are more likely to come out even or a little negative,” stated KCA Executive Director Tyler Dupy.

If taken up and passed by the Senate, the amendment, with the rider attached, will preempt GIPSA's authority to regulate a competitive marketplace. This allows for anti-competitive buying practices to continue on as usual, weakening free and fair market principles.

### March KCA News Delayed

The KCA News currently runs on a six-week production cycle. At times, production will be delayed a few days in order to include important legislative votes or to more quickly report events. The March KCA news went to production on-time, however suffered multiple setbacks getting delivered to you in a timely manner.

KCA utilizes a local provider for the printing of the newsletter as well as the United States Postal Service for delivery. The outside printer changed ownership, and in the process the paper failed to get delivered properly to the post office. In addition, a glitch with the non-profit permit added further delays.

KCA apologizes for the delay. We are working with the printing company and USPS to ensure that these situations are fixed and future production will result in a timely and cost-effective delivery of all future KCA publications.

### KCA Seeking County Meeting Locations

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) hosts county and regional meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to bring social and educational opportunities to the members of the association and for the public, as well as recruit new members. We need members like you to host meetings in your area.

As a host, you help direct KCA staff on selecting venues and recruiting attendees. KCA does the bulk of the heavy lifting by setting up presentations, finding sponsors, and arranging for meals. If you would like to consider hosting a meeting in your area, please contact the KCA offices at 785-238-1483 or by sending us an email to [cowsrus@kansascattlemen.com](mailto:cowsrus@kansascattlemen.com).



# Suit filed in EPA WOTUS Case to be Heard by Panel

The waters of the U.S. rule, commonly called WOTUS, was intended to clarify EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authority over areas around waterways where the federal government has authority to either require a federal permit or stop any activity that would disturb the waterway.

The rule gives the regulatory agencies broad authority over basic farming practices simply because water may pool somewhere after a rain or fill a ditch. Debate over the rules continues in many arenas. Legislation was passed earlier this year that required EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers to go back and draft a new version, however President Barack Obama vetoed legislation.

Most recently, a vote that would have prevented the agencies from implementing the rule received 56 votes, but the bill failed to muster the 60 votes needed to get into legislation.

There has been disagreement about which court has jurisdiction in the various cases filed at both the district and appeals court levels. It is this ongoing conflict between the district and appeals courts that has agriculture interest groups concerned that any court decision on the legal merits at some point could be overturned.

To sign a petition being circulated by the National Federation of Independent Businesses in opposition to WOTUS visit [nfib.com/waters](http://nfib.com/waters).

## Jodie's Dish

### Roast Beef with Pan Gravy

#### Ingredients

- 1 Beef Roast 3-4 lb
- 2 T Worcestershire
- 1 t Powdered Garlic
- 1 t Paprika
- 1 Onion Chopped
- 3 Carrots peeled and halved
- 4 Potatoes peeled and halved.

#### Gravy

- 3 T Flour
- 2 C Beef Broth

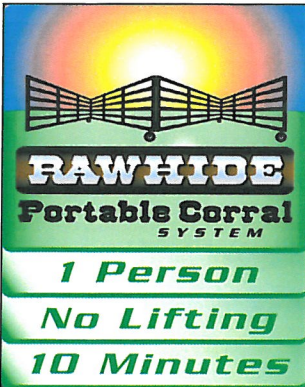
#### Instructions:

Adjust the rack to the bottom of the oven and heat to 425 degrees. Blot any excess moisture from the roast, rub the Worcestershire sauce over the entire roast, and allow to marinate for 30 minutes, turning it twice.

Combine the powdered garlic, paprika, and pepper in a small bowl; sprinkle the seasoning mixture evenly over the roast, pressing it, and let the roast stand for 20 to 30 minutes. Rub the meat with 2 teaspoons salt, place fat side up in a shallow roasting pan, and roast for 15 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees, add veggies, and continue to roast until the meat's internal temperature reaches 140 degrees F -- about 2 hours. Let the roast stand for 20 minutes before slicing.

Prepare the Gravy: Skim any fat from the liquid that remains in the roasting pan. Whisk the flour and 1/2 cup water together to a paste; set aside. Scrape the drippings from the bottom of the roasting pan, add the beef broth, and stir over medium heat until the mixture begins to simmer. While continuously whisking, add the flour paste and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer for 4 to 5 minutes. If needed, add a little water to thin the gravy. Add salt and pepper to taste.



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## Edwards Attends First CBB Meetings in Colorado, Also KBC

DJ Edwards, Hamilton, was nominated by a working group which included Kansas Cattlemen's Association for appointment to the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB) in the Fall 2015. On December 22, 2015 USDA Secretary Vilsack appointed Edwards to CBB.

As a life-long cattle producer with years of experience as the owner/operator of Edwards Cattle Co., Edwards was recognized as having the industry background and knowledge necessary to serve on CBB. His operation includes about 3,700 cattle, split between cow-calf, stocker and feed-yard operations. Edwards has an associates degree in farm management, and his ranch is Beef Quality Assurance certified.

In his community, he has served on the school board and as a 4H project leader, in addition to his involvement in cattle organizations, including service as president of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association and a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Texas Cattle Feeders

Association, and Farm Bureau. Edwards also served three years on the Beef Advisory Committee of Elanco.

In addition to his service on CBB, Edwards will also serve on the Kansas Beef Council. He recently began his term on both CBB and KBC and looks forward to working to find solutions to the beef marketing and promotion challenges that the industry currently faces.

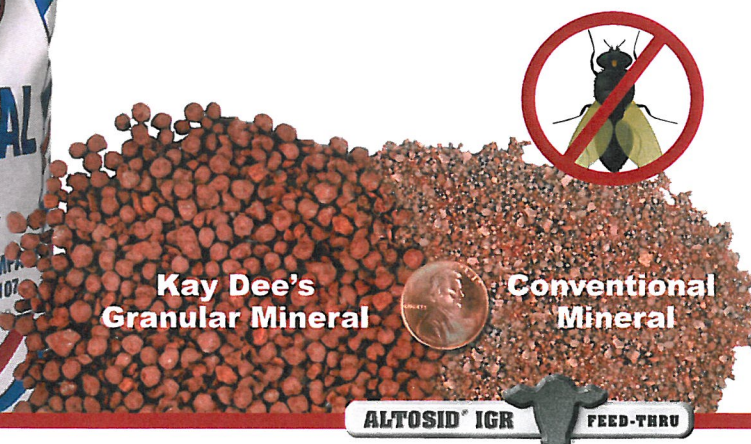
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| Period   | National |          |         |
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|          | Current  | Prior Yr | 3yr Avg |
| March 07 | 77,171   | 88,337   | 79,938  |
| March 14 | 104,087  | 55,087   | 78,555  |
| March 21 | 95,434   | 79,631   | 75,624  |
| March 28 | 61,412   | 62,767   | 88,948  |
|          | Kansas   |          |         |
| March 07 | 15,114   | 11,393   | 12,659  |
| March 14 | 23,096   | 7,761    | 12,017  |
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## Honorable Mention: Anthony, KS Benefit Sale

It was standing room only at the Anthony Livestock Sales Co. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the special cow sale. One special cow stood out over the 1,200 sold that day. She and her baby raised \$50,000 to be donated to the Barber County Cattlemen's Fire Relief Fund. What was most impressive, was not the dollar amount, but the care, support, and how our community came together to help those in time of need.

surrounding businesses and individuals who gave so generously, in a time when our agriculture economy is suffering tremendous losses.

We have to be proud to live in our small- town rural communities. Quoting one of the Barber County ranchers, " It is overwhelming the love and support that has been shown to us."

This devastating fire made national news, but the real headlines should have been the overwhelming generosity, from our rural small-town communities, to help our neighbors.

A big heart-felt Thank You to all those who participated at the sale and helped with hay and other donations to help our neighbors. Also a big big Thanks to Sandy and Coyote Country 98.3 radio station for all the air time and the live coverage.

After the sale, Jay Gates made the comment that he had never been so proud to be part of it. This money wasn't raised by large outside corporations, but by our local and

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