

# KCA News

KANSAS CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION Mar 2019

## KCA First Regional Meeting of 2019 Includes BQA and Animal Health

Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA), in partnership with Merck Animal Health, hosted a regional cattlemen's meeting in Yates Center, Kansas to discuss industry topics on the evening of March 26th. The meeting took place at the 4-H Community Building. Dr. David Rethorst provided attendees with Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification and Steve Tegarden with Merck Animal Health discussed Implants & Strategic De-worming Programs.

The meeting began with a brief overview of KCA and policy positions with the CEO of KCA, Tyler Dupy. He touched on how KCA's focus within the Beef Industry is geared toward the interests of independent cattle production. He also spoke about alternative meat programs including vegetable-based products and cultured meats.

Second, Steve Tegarden, Merck Animal Health, spoke about herd health, strategic de-worming programs, and facts about implants & their value. A critical element with regard to de-worming is timing. Secondly, consistency and testing is also important to understand the efficacy of the de-worming program. Tegarden then discussed implant technologies and the impact they play in return on investment. For example, implants have a \$40 return for a \$1 investment based on a 23lb gain at \$1.75/lb sale price. Additionally, using an implant like Ralgro can actually contribute to sustainable beef production by improving weight gains without using additional natural resources.

BQA training was provided by Dr. Dave Rethorst of TriCounty Veterinary Center of Herington. Dr. Rethorst was previously the Director of Outreach and Herd Health for the Beef

Cattle Institute at Kansas State University. First, Dr. Rethorst discussed the significance of BQA and the circumstances which brought about its development. The program focused on cattle handling and husbandry, animal health and proper vaccination methods, and other aspects of production to keep beef consistent, wholesome, and relevant to consumers at the point of purchase.

A USA-Beef meal was provided to the attendees prepared by Bolling's Meatery and Eatery. A special thank you to the generous hearts of the Woodson County ladies that prepared the evening's desserts.



We would like to thank Joel Ireland for being KCA's boots on the ground for the event. Joel helped to organize the local planning of the meeting.

Sponsors of the meeting included: Merck Animal Health, Ireland Cattle, Ruma-Lic Liquid Feed, Eureka Livestock Sales, State Auto Farm & Ranch, O'Malley Equipment Company, Piqua State Bank, Yates Center Elevator, Flyin' 3 Veterinary Service, Heartland Tractor, Fredonia Livestock Auction, Cleaver Farm and Home, and Frontier Farm Credit.

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## KCA Open House Set for April 17th in Junction City

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) is excited to welcome the public to our new office in Junction City, Kansas. We invite everyone to stop by during our Open House on April 17th anytime from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. KCA's new headquarters is located at 930 W. 6th St., Junction City.

Food and other refreshments will be served, as well as door prizes and a chance to meet the KCA Board of Directors & staff. Take this opportunity to tour our new location, enjoy fellowship with independent cattlemen from across the state, and learn more about KCA.



KCA has been serving agriculturalists and independent cattle producers since 1998. We are committed to restoring profits, self-esteem, freedom, fair trade, trust, and community pride back to the farms, ranches and rural communities across Kansas and the nation.

KCA is a trusted advocate on behalf of farmers, ranchers, and consumers. Our working relationships throughout the industry make us a consistent and credible source for information with regard to top agriculture issues with our membership, US and Kansas legislators, and numerous national and state organizations.

## Electronic Logging Device Regulation on the Move

Although the Electronic Logging Device mandate implementation has been delayed until September 30, 2019, there is still work to be done in order to protect cattle producers and haulers from the negative effects the rule would have on the industry.

There is bipartisan support in congress to continue efforts to protect cattle hauling, but the goal is to revise the mandate and make changes that

are more suitable to cattle haulers in the first place.

When the ELD mandate was drafted, livestock haulers were not included in the formulation of the rule, and therefore their special needs were not considered with the new rule. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is currently considering changes to the mandate. Congress is also watching for further action.



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# Message from the President.....Shawn Mills

I had the pleasure of attending the Yates Center KCA Regional Meeting at the end of March. There was an incredible turnout for the meeting. Thank you to everyone for attending. There was some valuable information provided during the meeting. BQA certification is a critical part of your operation and I recommend that everyone get certified sooner than later. It is a simple process and there are sure to be practices from the certification you can incorporate into your own operation. Negative stories of animal husbandry and care are preventable with some basic care, and BQA helps to highlight examples for attention and improvement.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the KCA President for the past year. When I was elected to the Board three years ago, I never would have guessed how much I would learn being on the KCA Board. I would encourage anyone that has thought about it to run for the Board or at least get involved somehow. Even if it is at the county level, get involved, because it's going to take us all to keep fighting the fight to keep us all in business.

I would like to express my appreciation to the staff of KCA. Jodie's work on putting together regional meetings and con-

vention really shows when you attend these events. Stephanie is a valuable asset to our organization and does so much research and policy analysis behind the scenes. Tyler works day and night keeping us on track. All their knowledge of the industry issues and the regulatory acronyms is insane, and I certainly appreciated their level of professionalism and preparation while working with them.

Finally, thanks to you, our members. KCA has been growing the past few years, which to me means our positions are relevant, and KCA as an organization is necessary to bring light of the issues we face as independent cattle producers. If we don't take a stand for our industry, no one will. There is so much at stake for our families and communities.

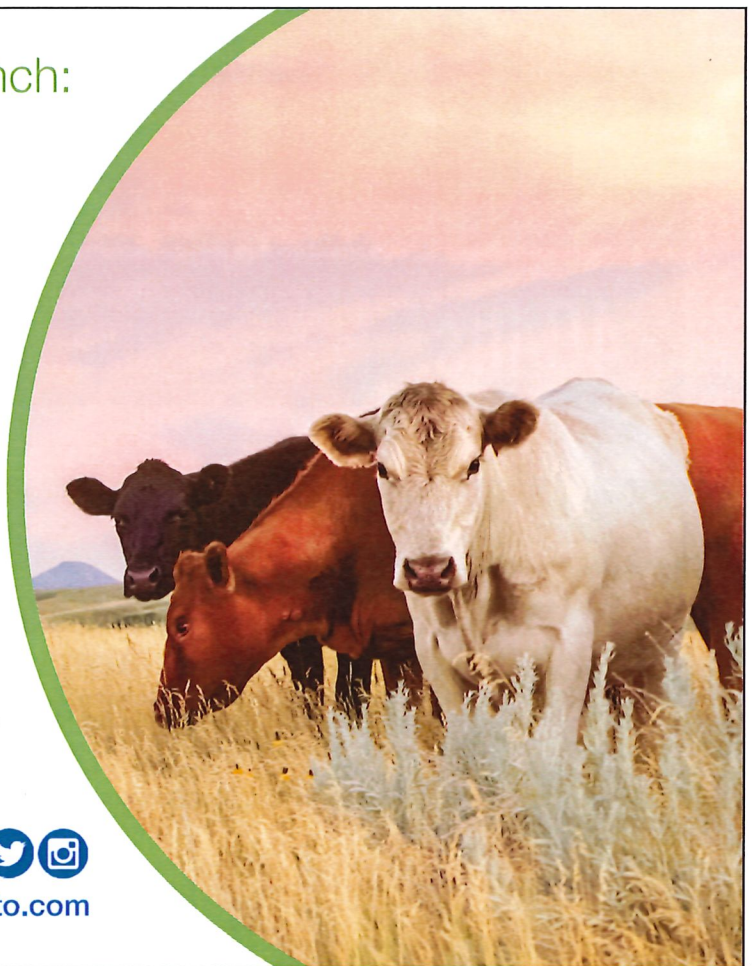
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# Emergency Livestock Management Workshops Scheduled for Spring

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Livestock owners face numerous challenges, including natural disasters like flooding and wildfire and the threat of foreign animal diseases like African Swine Fever and foot-and-mouth disease, which have impacted other countries. The Kansas Department of Agriculture works to help Kansas livestock owners, from large feedyards to families with show animals, in preparing for the impact any of these disasters could have on their lives. This spring, KDA will host eight regional workshops to assist Kansans throughout the livestock industry with emergency preparedness.

The workshops will help livestock owners understand which foreign animal diseases are a possible threat to their animals and how an outbreak could impact them as well as the industry as a whole. Attendees will learn what precautions they can take to protect their herds, and how to respond if they do suffer losses due to natural disaster or disease. The workshops are geared toward all livestock owners, regardless of species or size of their herd.

The Emergency Livestock Management Workshops will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following dates in the following cities:

- Tuesday, April 30 — Great Bend: Great Bend Convention Center
- Wednesday, May 1 — Montezuma: Hy-Plains Feedyard
- Monday, May 6 — Olathe: Johnson County Research and Extension
- Tuesday, May 7 — Mankato: Mankato Livestock Inc.
- Wednesday, May 8 — Goodland: Emergency Management Training Facility
- Monday, May 13 — El Dorado: Butler County 4-H Building
- Thursday, May 16 — Iola: Allen County Courthouse
- Monday, May 20 — Manhattan: Kansas Department of Agriculture



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<i>Ostertagia ostertagi</i>	120 days
<i>Trichostrongylus axei</i>	100 days
<b>Lungworms</b>	
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All of the workshops are free, and registration is now open for all of the locations at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/EmergencyManagement](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/EmergencyManagement). Registration includes lunch; however, lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who pre-register. Space is limited to 50 participants. For more information about the Emergency Livestock Management workshops, contact Kelly Oliver, KDA's assistant emergency management coordinator, at 785-564-6608 or [Kelly.Oliver@ks.gov](mailto:Kelly.Oliver@ks.gov).



# Beef Up, America! No. 30

*Farm Policy for a Future of Growth, Not for Conflict and War*

*We are at a strategic crossroads.*

by Robert L. Baker

As of the time this article is being submitted for printing, a pivotal event is about to take place in Italy, on the side of good implications for the whole world. The leaders of Italy will host Chinese President Xi Jinping March 22-24, to commit to mutually beneficial economic development—trade, infrastructure-building, and joint projects in Africa, which, among other things, will bring an end to the flows of desperate migrants. On the agenda, is specifically, the idea of building a Tennessee Valley Authority-type huge project to restore water in the Lake Chad Basin. Plus, more exports of Italy’s famous agriculture products (pasta, Parma ham, cheeses) all across Eurasia to China; and building-up Italy’s ports and rail systems.

Howls of opposition are coming from the London, Wall Street financial centers, and war hawk factions in the Trans-Atlantic, even oppositionists within the Administration of President Trump, who is a friend of Italian Prime Minister Conte. These naysayers tell Italy: You can’t do that! China and Russia are the enemy!

Here is the background. There are two strong dynamics in play worldwide. One dynamic, gathering great strength, is in the direction of development of nations, in a

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cooperative way, which has been led since 2013 by the concept of a “New Silk Road” circling the globe. This concept says that nations can decide how to trade, build big infrastructure projects and collaborate on frontier endeavors such as space, asteroid defense, taming fusion power, etc. In April, some 100 nations will have their second world summit on this, since 2017. Held in China, it is called the “Belt and Road International Forum.” Italy will be attending, after this week signing a Memo of Understanding with China on the “Belt and Road Initiative” (referring to corridors of development over land and sea). Italy is the third largest economy in Europe after France and Germany; and the first of the “Group of Seven” to collaborate on the Belt and Road, though 13 other ‘lesser’ European nations are doing so.

The counter-dynamic in the world, is the fierce, warmed-over geopolitical view, that nations must never be allowed to work together, China and Russia are the enemy, and the U.S. must deploy military force—including building up nuclear weapons, to keep these enemies at bay. This view is the old British imperial outlook, which plays off nations, religions and peoples against one another, in order to give the imperialists control. Under this view, trade relations must inevitably be competitive. And all the while—like the British East India Company of old—the transnational mega-corporations dominate more and more of economic activity, and rake-off their profits at the expense of producers and consumers wherever they may be. From this belligerent standpoint, the warhawk members

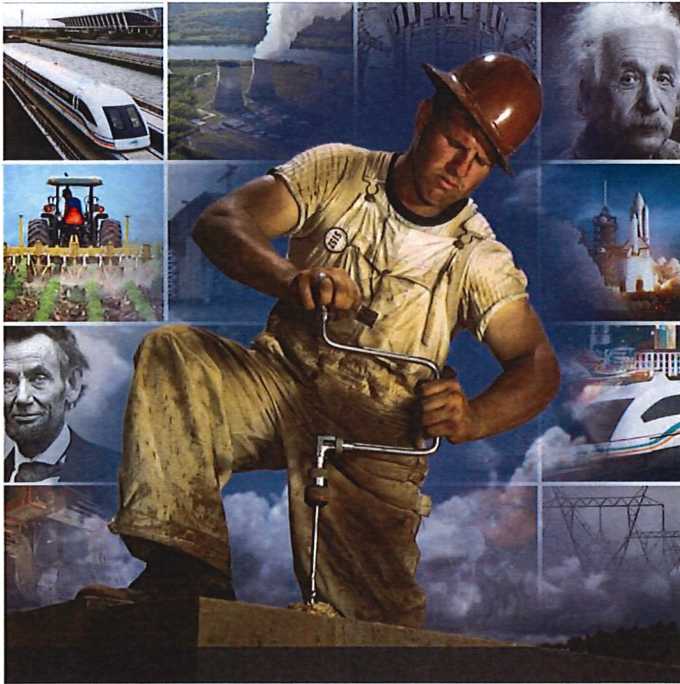
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of the Trump Administration are denouncing Italy, China, Russia and other nations. The City of London crowd is especially hysterical, because their speculative-financial system is at the point of blow-out, and Italy is initiating discussions on restoring the Glass-Steagall regulation of banking!

### Breaking Rank, for Progress

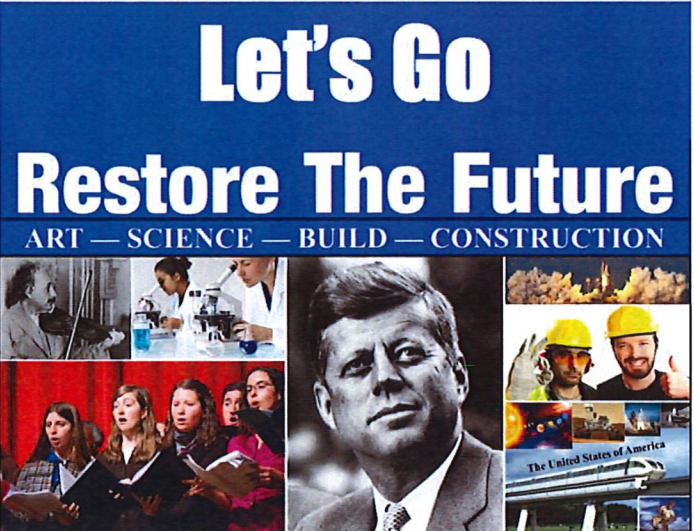
The point is that Trump himself, the nation of Italy, and a few other leaders and nations, have broken rank, or threatened to do so, on the principle of exerting the right to decide what is “good for us” or not. Not letting the “markets” decide; nor “the establishment” decide (whatever that is), nor the “intelligence community.” Etc. In the U.S. President Trump was elected with a mandate that included restoring sound manufacturing and agriculture, building infrastructure, and bringing our troops home from multi-generational, bleeding war zones. Plus, putting Glass Steagall back. Then, in office, Trump



initiated friendship diplomacy with Pres. Xi Jinping, and he attempted to do so with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and others.

For this independence of approach, Trump has had hell thrown against him in the form of Russia-Gate and the other attacks on the institution of the Presidency of the United States, instigated and steered by the British.

What will lead the world into safety and development, is to initiate collaboration among the major powers—China, Russia, and the U.S., plus India, and many others like Japan, which would join in. A new paradigm of foreign relations must be on the world agenda, in the spirit of the “Bretton Woods” meeting after WW II, where nations set about determining banking, and economic



relations to serve the interests of all. It is time for a “New Bretton Woods” of world development.

### U.S. Farm Policy: A Growing Future

Can the interests of the U.S. farm sector, and good international relations be served at the same time? Yes! When the metric used, is to judge proposals by how they serve to benefit more and more people for a future of growth and betterment, the details of specific measures can be worked out. The leading policies needed at present fall into three areas.

**First**, our nation’s food supply is a national security issue, and we don’t want it bought up and controlled by mega-big global corporations. The biggest pork producer in the U.S. is Hong Kong-owned Smithfield Foods, and the third largest beef producer is JBS, the Brazilian firm now headquartered in London. The measures immediately needed are: Restore the Glass Steagall Act to protect sound banking and not bail out speculation. Re-introduce percent-of-parity measures for commodity pricing for farmers. Along with this, re-introduce production management, to encourage the output most needed domestically and for mutually beneficial foreign trade, and deter production that has been fostered by the mega-transnational firms, to obtain cheap product for their own profiteering.

**Second**, for the public at large, more farms and a productive, beautiful countryside, go along with better food. The safety, reliability and quality of the food supply will all increase greatly, by the establishment of family-scale farms, and a variety of local and regional food processing operations and grocery outlets. The pattern of “long-distance/free-trade” food has benefitted no one but the London/Wall Street money and control circles. Institute a “21st Century Homestead Act” that will have measures to result in a million new independent family farms.

**Third**, our nation needs the drive, creativity and cultural orientation historically manifested by the independent family farmer, an occupation requiring highly developed skills in all the sciences such as soil science, chemistry, mechanics, construction and business administration, and the passion to withstand the many weather and health variables that farming brings.

It’s time to break ranks with the old paradigm of Wall Street “markets” swindles, confrontation and war threats. Enjoy the idea of a future of progress for all!

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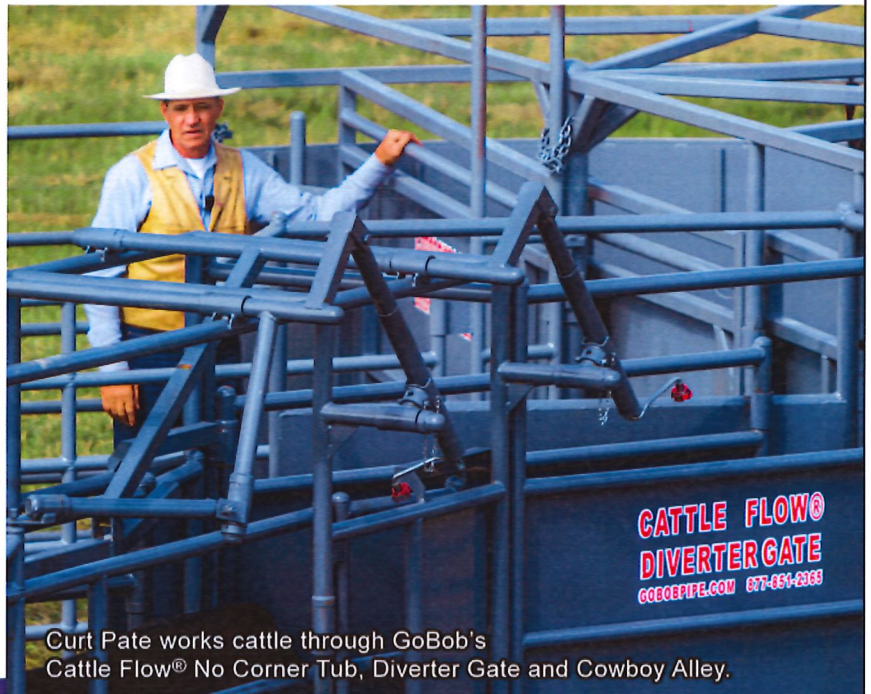
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### KCA Regional Meeting to Focus on Range Management and Newborn Care

Kansas Cattlemen’s Association (KCA) will host a regional cattlemen’s meeting in Scranton, Kansas to discuss industry topics on the evening of April 24, 2019 at 6:00pm. The meeting will take place at the Scranton Tavern. Kansas State University Research and Extension presentations will be provided by Dr. AJ Tarpoff and Walt Fick. The presentations and meal are free and open to the public. KCA will provide a presentation on organization information.

Dr. AJ Tarpoff specializes in Beef Cattle Production Medicine as an Assistant Professor at KSU and as a KSU Extension Beef Veterinarian. AJ returned to KSU in 2016 as the Beef Extension Veterinarian with a combination of extension, research, and teaching appointment. He will discuss beef cattle production branding procedures and newborn care. He will also discuss the normal calving process as well as tips to handle difficult calving situations.

As a member of KSU Extension, Dr. Walt Fick specializes in prescribed burning, range and pasture management, invasive species management, brush and weed control. He has a joint extension/teaching/research appointment at Kansas State University. His work focuses primarily on control of brush and invasive species in rangeland, prescribed burning methods, grazing management, and range improvement practices.



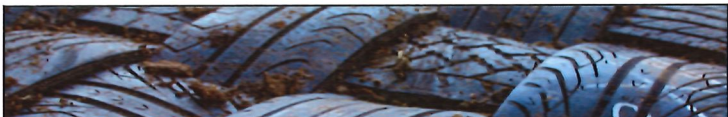
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## Research and Extension

KCA is actively supporting independent producers in Topeka and Washington, D.C. KCA staff will update attendees on current legislative work and discuss other KCA projects.


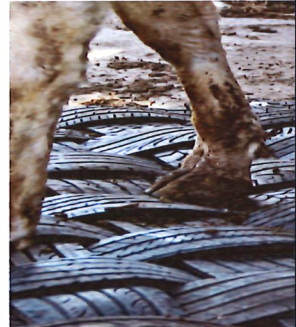
To reserve a meal, please RSVP to 785-238-1483 by April 19, 2019.

Sponsors of the meeting include: State Auto Farm and Ranch Insurance, Rezac Livestock Commission Company, Inc., Premier Farm & Home, Rossville Truck & Tractor, Multimin USA, Inc., Kansas State Bank, Farview Farms Meat Company, Rawhide Portable Corral, Inc., Ottawa Cooperative Association, Lang Diesel, Inc., Cooper Excavating, Heritage Tractor, Bank of Burlingame, Frontier Farm Credit, and Cow Boss.



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Kansas Cattlemen’s Association

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## Schedule of Events

- April 17, 2019**      **KCA Open House**  
Junction City, KS
  
- April 24, 2019**      **Regional Meeting/Scranton**  
Herd & Brush Management
  
- May 9, 2019**        **Regional Meeting/ So. Hutch**  
Animal Health & Nutrition
  
- May 21, 2019**      **Regional Meeting/Spearville**  
Animal Health Department
  
- October 25, 2018**    **Membership Business Meeting**  
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- October 25-26, 2019** **KCA Convention/Trade Show**  
Newton, KS
  
- December 5, 2019**    **KCA Regional Meeting**  
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