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KANSAS CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Beef Checkoff Transparency Key to Avoiding Fraudulent Use of Funds

The investigation of embezzlement of \$2.6 million, over a seven-year period, by a former Oklahoma Beef Council employee, warrants additional considerations and review of the Beef Checkoff program in its entirety. Regardless of reports released by the Cattlemen's Beef Board of phenomenal support of the Beef Checkoff by cattlemen, dissension grows in the ranks due to a lack of transparency of how the contributions are utilized, weak USDA oversight, and lack of producer control.

Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA) has long called for reform of the Beef Checkoff with respect to transparency, structure, and oversight. The Beef Checkoff has provided numerous benefits of branding and beef promotion, Beef Quality Assurance, and extensive product development research. KCA supports the worthwhile projects which help to move demand forward for our product, but reminds that it is critical to have control and oversight of these programs to ensure fiscal responsibility and maximum return for the investment.



"When cattle producer contributions are used for anything other than beef promotion, research, and administration, they are used contrary to their purpose. KCA applauds the Oklahoma Beef Council for working to bolster its accounting systems and internal controls, and hiring a third-party accounting firm to add more oversight. We urge all other organizations across the country charged with managing Beef Checkoff contributions to improve internal controls. In addition, they need to provide detailed accounting to the ranching community of how their hard-earned money is being disbursed," stated Tyler Dupy, KCA Executive Director.

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association is 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 seeks to ensure Beef Checkoff contributions are used legitimately and efficiently to promote USA Beef as it is: safe, wholesome, nutritious, and delicious protein.

Trump Administration Opens Presidency With Trade and New Ag Secretary

In like a lion in late January, Trump and his administration have taken office with swift executive actions of repeals, withdrawals, and stays. Although it was all smiles at the capital on January 20th, the months that follow will certainly bring heated debate on both sides of the aisle, but one thing seems certain for now, and that is Trump intends to exact significant change in Washington D.C.

ture product promotion. KCA looks forward to working with Perdue to ensure implementation of the GIPSA rules, Country of Origin Labeling, Beef Checkoff Reform, and much more.

Repeal of the Affordable Care Act has long been a matter of when, not if. Within Trump's first hours as President, he signed an executive order calling for minimal enforcement of economically negative effects of the ACA. Congress has proposed multiple variations to replace Obamacare. We will likely see these debated over the coming months.

The Trans Pacific Partnership will operate without the USA, as President Trump signed an executive order withdrawing from the agreement. Details that he is also

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Message from the President.....John Ney

Monday morning, Trumps first full day in office, signs to repeal the Trans Pacific Partnership. Although there were appealing aspects of the TPP, it involved trade with 12 countries, not always the most lucrative for the US. Trump promises to work with countries one on one to bring about the best trade for America. Let's hope Beef and Grain is at the top of that list. Last year we imported more Beef than we exported, most of which was lower quality meat to be part of the grind for ground beef. With weigh-up cows around \$60 cwt, even with a low feed cost of gain, you can't add value to a cull cow by adding pounds. Without the pressure from imported meat products, a higher value received for the cull cow would help offset the cost of the new replacement heifer. The strong dollar is expected to continue, placing additional pressure on exports.

January 18th, Bill Bullard, R-Calf CEO, and Mike Schultz, Regional Director, spoke after the Special Cow sale at LaCrosse Sale Barn. They have a wealth of knowledge about the economics affecting our Beef prices and how TPP, GIPSA, FMD, Packer ownership, and the loss of COOL are contributing

to our depressed Beef prices. If you missed his presentation, I encourage you to Google his interview with Tomi Lahren from The Blaze (cable network) another real advocate for the Beef industry.



KCA sponsors a scholarship program to help ease the financial burden of students seeking higher education. High school graduates planning to attend a Junior College, four year College, vocational or trade school in the Fall of 2017 are invited to submit an application to KCA by March 31, 2017.

FYI---In 1934 carcass weights averaged 450#. In 2016 they averaged 892#. I guess the door of opportunity said "PUSH".

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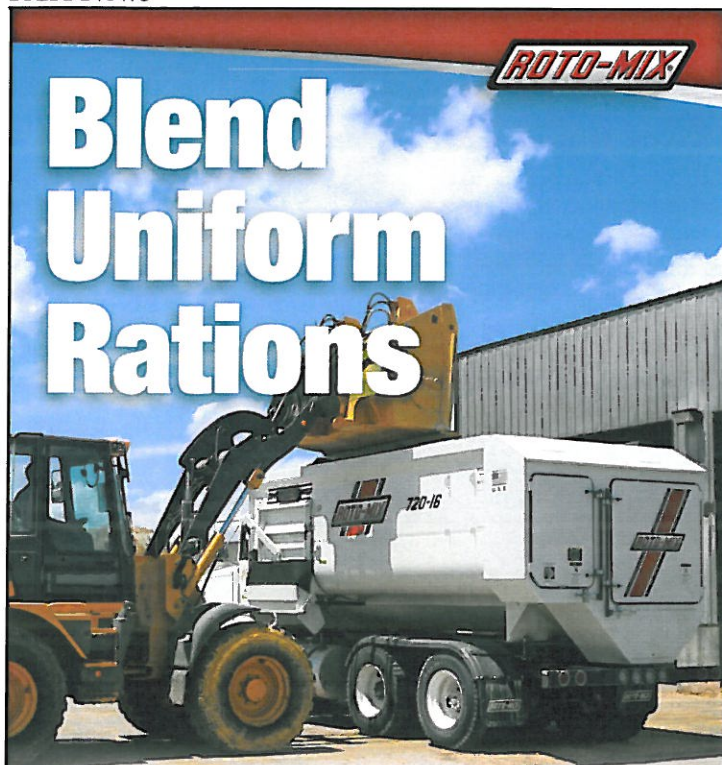
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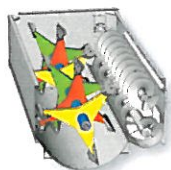
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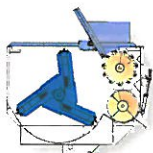


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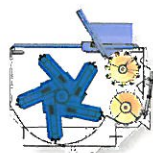


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Dec 19	81,651	78,802	74,679
Dec 26	120,037	58,814	74,610

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Period	Current	Prior Year	3yr Avg
Dec 05	26,246	19,211	17,246
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Dec 19	20,245	14,848	12,863
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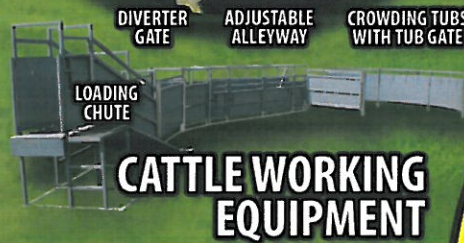
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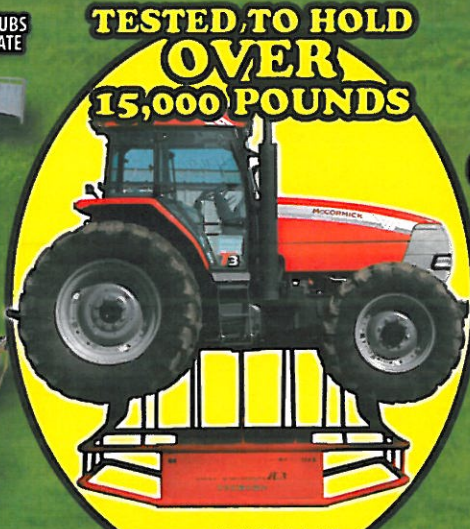
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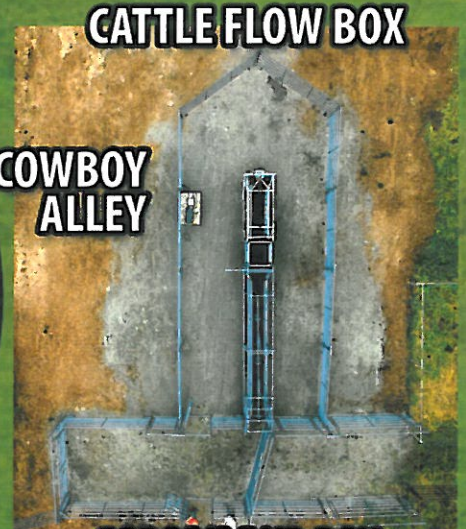
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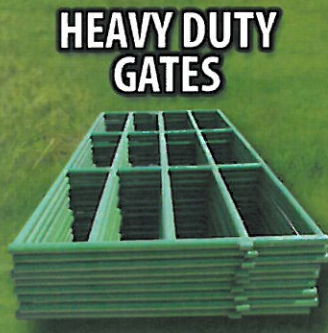


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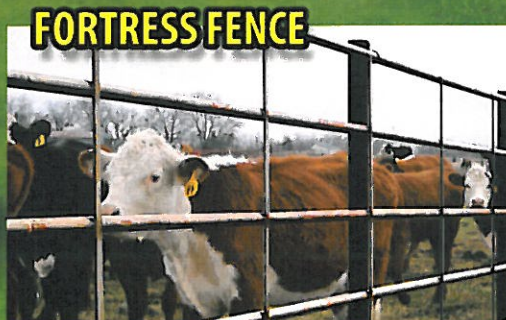
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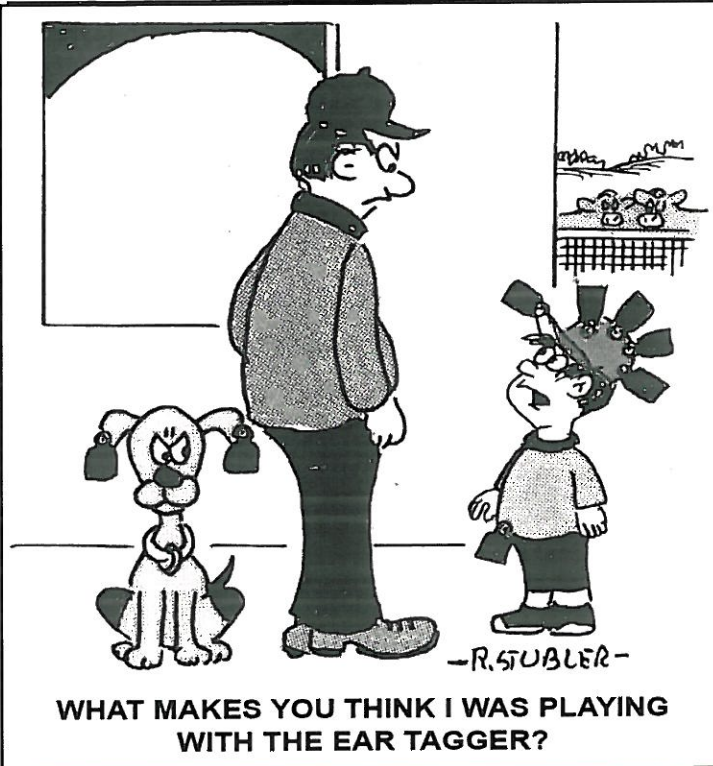


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KCA Accepting Scholarship Applications now through March 31, 2017

As a "for producers, by producers" non-profit organization, KCA offers education scholarship programs designed to give back to the communities that support KCA and the independent producer. Funding of these programs is made possible by contributions from KCA partnering organizations, membership donations, and regional meeting support.

Purpose

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association and the Go Bob Pipe & Steel Scholarship are designed to ease the financial burden of qualified scholars seeking higher education, including: four-year college/university, junior college, vocational/trade, online, or technical training for the fall of 2017.

Qualified Applicants:

Applicant must be a high school or college student with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applicant must plan to attend a four-year college/university, junior college, vocational/trade school or enrolled in technical training for the fall of 2017.

Applicant must write a short essay on one of the following topics below. The essay must be 250 - 500 words.

1. The value of beef or protein in a well-balanced diet.
2. The value of independent cattle producers to your community.
3. How has a lack of effective market competition affected independent cattle marketing?

Applications can be found online at www.kansascattlemen.com or may be obtained by calling the KCA offices at 785-238-1483. Applicant must completely fill out the application, including signatures from respective schools, and return it to the KCA office by March 31, 2017. Parent signature is required for high school students. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed applications are to be returned by March 31, 2017 to:

Kansas Cattlemen's Association
Attn: Scholarship Program
725 N. Washington St.
Junction City, KS 66441

Scholarship Recipients:

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the KCA Board of Directors. Recipients will be announced in the summer of 2017. Awards will be paid directly to the attended institution. Recipients are responsible for providing enrollment verification prior to the August 1, 2017 disbursement date.

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Kansas Finally Represented in Both Agriculture Committees in D.C.

The Senate Republican Conference has chosen Senator Pat Roberts to continue as Chairman for the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry during the 115th Congress. He has previously served as chair of the committee. Roberts intends to work with President Trump to roll-back regulations. Chairman Roberts will also likely have significant influence on the next Farm Bill.

For four years, Kansas has lacked representation on the House Agriculture Committee since the unseating of Representative Tim Huelskamp in 2012. Congressman-Elect, Dr. Roger Marshall, has been selected by House leadership to sit on the committee

during the 115th Congress. The House Ag. Committee oversees jurisdictions of agriculture economics, production, marketing and stabilization of ag. products, animal health and welfare, commodity exchanges, crop insurance, and more. Texas Congressman, Mike Conway, chairs the committee.

Kansas Cattlemen's Association tracks legislation working its way through congress, and communicates on behalf of independent cattle producers with elected officials and their staff in Washington D.C. and across the country. To receive the most timely updates, subscribe to the KCA email list on our website at www.kansascattlemen.com.

Kansas Legislature Session Opens

The 2017 Kansas Legislative session began on January 9, 2017 with another year of tough budget shortfall decisions to make. Governor Sam Brownback addressed the congress, digging in that the 2012 tax breaks are contributing to growth and economic development for the state. Never-the-less, the state still faces a \$350 million shortfall at the end of June, and a deficit over \$800 million for the fiscal year 2018.

With a new congress in session, the sentiment among lawmakers is somewhat different than in past years. Although difficult, many see the opportunity for small changes to make a big difference in the solvency of the state financials. Others do not share the sentiment and agree with shifting funds from highways and tobacco settlements.

Agriculture policy updates have been proposed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, including: transportation weight limits, water issues, and KDA inspections.

As the legislative session continues to pick up pace, Kansas Cattlemen's Association will continually track bills through both chambers and offer testimony to the relevant committees on behalf of independent cattle producers. Please feel free to contact the KCA offices if you have questions or require clarification on the activities in Topeka.

Trump: Cont. from Page 1

eyeing big changes for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), are also trickling out of his press office. President Trump's approach to trade agreements is bi-lateral, meaning he plans to negotiate directly with individual countries. The thought is that the U.S. loses overall benefit in trade deals when negotiating with multi-nationally.

Agriculture producers must wait an additional 60 days for the implementation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) planned Farmer Fair Practices Rules. The published interim final rule and two proposed rules are designed to help balance the relationships between producers and meat packers in the concentrated livestock and poultry industries. President Trump signed an executive order postponing these and other proposed rules in order to provide the administration time to review all current proposed regulations. KCA will continue to follow the developments with the proposed regulation, and express to USDA and the Trump administration the importance of these protections.

President Trump has stated strong energy infrastructure is critical to reviving the U.S. economy. He plans to sign executive orders re-initiating the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines. Although the action does not immediately effect the status of either pipeline, it shows the Trump Administration does not intend to act to prevent their development.

Hey America! Beef Up! No. 7

Restore Glass-Steagall Act in First 100 Days

Stop Speculator Price Manipulation

Separate Investment (Speculation) Banks -- from -- Commercial (Production) Banks

Call Your Legislators and Congressman to Restore the Glass-Steagall Act

By Robert L. Baker

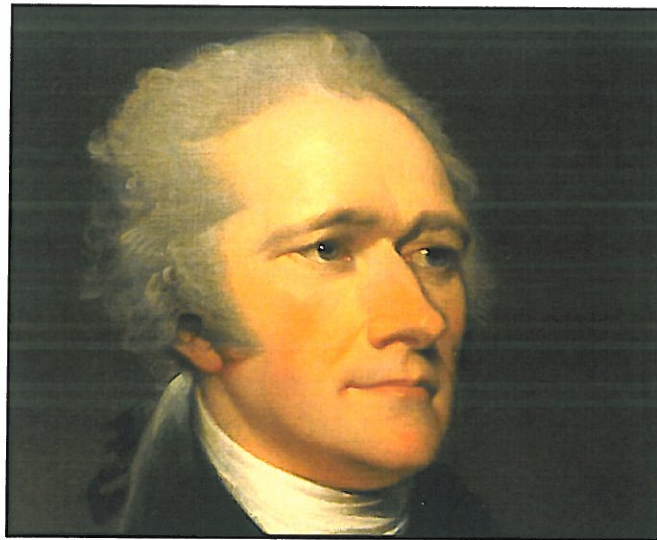
A rancher friend, in South Dakota, told me last week that he got a call from his banker who asked, "What are you guys doing to get parity prices back into U.S. farm commodities?" My friend explained that the fight for parity is very much alive, but it starts with the restoration of the Glass-Steagall Act and that he should come to the meeting this author will be conducting next week, which he agreed to do. Why would a banker call his customer for a policy update? Because, LaRouche's Four Economic Laws represent the one and only American System economic policy that has, historically, ever worked for "all the people." It is based on our first treasury secretary, Alexander Hamilton's original four papers he wrote to the first United States Congress.

Last week before his inauguration, President-elect Trump nominated former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to be his Secretary of Agriculture.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Conaway (R-TX) issued the following statement after the nomination: "Agriculture is the backbone of our nation. However, America's farmers and ranchers are facing difficult times under current farm conditions, and they deserve a Secretary who will work diligently to turn those tides. As we begin working on the next Farm Bill, the Secretary will play a vital role in implementing positive changes for our producers and must understand every aspect of the job at hand. We need someone who is willing to work every day with the mindset of protecting America's farmers and ranchers, especially when it comes to introducing regulatory actions. I look forward to working with Sonny Perdue, especially on the committee's priorities as Congress begins its work toward the next Farm Bill." However, commodity price manipulation cannot be solved unless we control "Too Big To Fail Banks" and that will only happen if we bust up Wall Street's control with Glass-Steagall.

Let's put the battle to restore The Glass-Steagall Act into its current unprecedented historic perspective. This is the first time in history that a newly-elected president is on record calling for restoring The Glass-Steagall Act, as Donald Trump did in October 2016. This is the first time in history that

major political parties have called for The Glass-Steagall Act, as the Democrats and Republicans, both, placed it in their respective platforms, in 2016. This is the first time that a state legislature has called on the United States Congress to implement LaRouche's Four Economic Laws, the first of which is to restore, yes you guessed it, The Glass-Steagall Act, as the



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Illinois State Assembly has passed Resolution H.R. 1092 (See the last KCA newsletter) That is a big one! The board of directors of the Kansas Cattlemen's Association (KCA), plus, the National Farmers Organization (NFO) and the National Farmers Union (NFU) also have called for the restoration of Glass-Steagall. Thirty-some state resolutions have been submitted calling for Glass-Steagall, and many other organizations and institutional leaders have done likewise. Thousands of petitions are being circulated to pass Glass-Steagall now! Call your leaders.

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Schedule of Events

- February 18 **Kansas Cattle Drive**
Buhler, Kansas

- March 3 **KSU Cattlemen's Day**
Weber Arena
Kansas State University

- March 31 **Scholarship Application Deadline**

- July 21-23 **4 State Farm Show**
Pittsburg, Kansas

- October 28-29 **KCA Annual Convention**
Meridian Center
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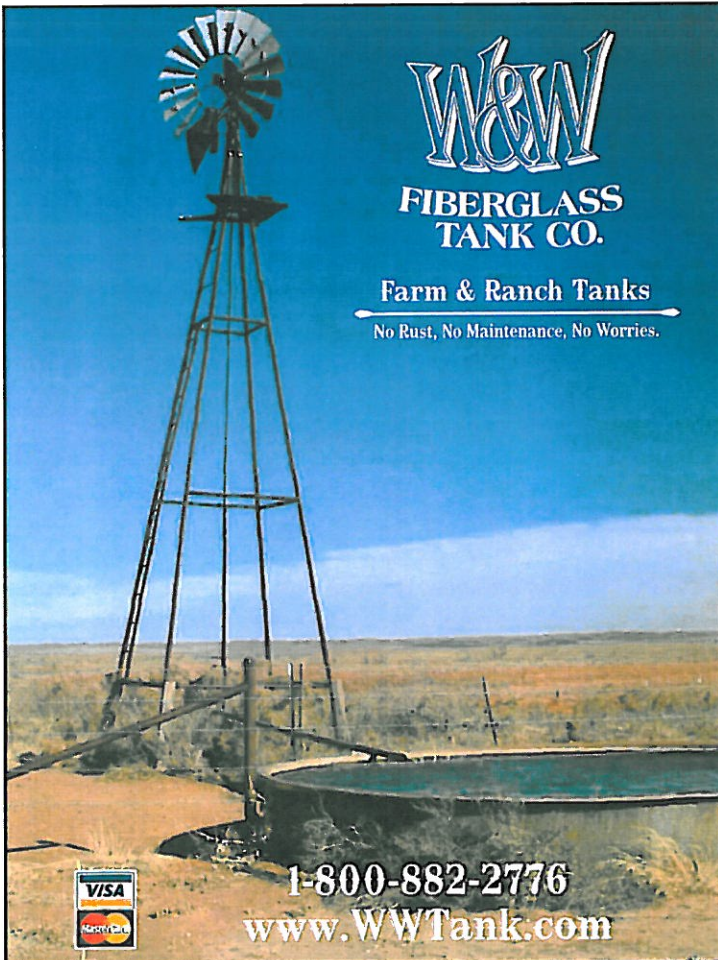
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Guess the Weight!

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association conducted the annual "Guess the Weight" competition at the Topeka Farm Show. Andy and Brian Dettke of Dettke Farms provided a 10 1/2 month old bull for the competition this year. The total weight of the bull was 1,055 pounds. Although there were many close guesses, we had one attendee which guessed the weight correctly. The winner, Roxann Williams, received a \$100 gift certificate to Farview Farms in Topeka, KS. Congratulations to our big winner, and a special thanks to Dettke Farms for providing the bull.



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