Progress is being made in increasing food capacity—both in amount of food as well as space to store it. The Marion County Food Bank moved to its new location on April 30th. Three refrigerator/freezer units and 2 freezers were donated. This allowed the bank to receive 526 pounds of meat in a 3 week period from one new donation source. Previously, meat storage space was one small refrigerator/freezer.

The annual Marion County Spring Beef Show attracted approximately 85 entries from across Central Kansas. The livestock projects remain some of the most popular projects in 4-H to teach the life skills that 4-H is known for.

Hours of preparation for programs such as 4-H Camp, County Fair, and Discovery Days reminds us all of a busy summer season ahead.

School programming such as the Nutrient For Life Program held recently at Centre remains a personal favorite as educating future generations is critical to sustainability. Approximately 185 students were reached.

We recently held a farm management summary meeting in Marion County. Approximately 60 members attended. Information regarding farm profitability was presented. Particularly of interest was information on how to reduce costs and how that will be important in remaining profitable going forward.