Severe Weather Season — Check List

The recent weather in our area brings to mind financial risk management. A colleague of ours lost her home and farmstead in the recent tornado near Chapman. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured, but it is a good reminder to all of us to do the following if we have not yet this year:

* Know your insurance coverages. Call your agent and find out if the policy is unclear. Does the policy cover floods? Are the contents of the structure covered?

* Do you have an inventory of your contents?

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***FAIR PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 12— NO LATE ENTRIES— EVERY PROJECT PRE-ENTERED!!! ***
Double Crop Options After Wheat

Double cropping after wheat can be a high-risk venture. The available growing season is relatively short. Heat and/or dry conditions in July and August may cause problems with germination, emergence, seed set, or grain fill. Still, the good soil moisture conditions so far this year improve the odds of success.

The most common double crop options are soybean, sorghum, and sunflower. Other possibilities include summer annual forages and specialized crops such as proso millet or other short-season summer crops – even corn. Cover crops are also an option for planting after wheat.

One major consideration before deciding to plant a double crop or cover crop after wheat is the potential for herbicide carryover. Cover crops

There is little or no mention of rotational restrictions for specific cover crops on the labels of most herbicides. If a crop isn't listed on the label, that doesn’t mean there are no restrictions. Generally, there are statements on most labels that indicate “no other crops” should be planted for a specified amount of time, or that a bioassay must be conducted prior to planting the crop. Most of the brassica, or mustard type, crops are likely to be very susceptible to residues of the sulfonylurea herbicides.

Volunteer Wheat Control

One of the issues with double cropping often overlooked by producers is the potential for volunteer wheat in the crop following wheat. If volunteer wheat emerges and goes uncontrolled, it can cause serious problems for nearby planted wheat fields in the fall.
Volunteer wheat can generally be controlled fairly well with glyphosate in Roundup Ready crops. It can also be controlled in sunflowers and soybeans with the labeled postemergence grass herbicides such as Assure II, Select, or Poast Plus, but control is reduced during times of drought stress. Atrazine can provide control of volunteer wheat in corn and sorghum, but can be erratic depending on rainfall patterns.

**Tips to Control Horn Flies**

*Use an Insecticide eartag*
- Organophosphates
- Pyrethroids
- Aloamectin

*Use Pyrethroid only once every 3 years*
*Remove eartags at end of season*
*Feed an IGR or Lavicide mineral*
*Estimated loss of 1.36 billion due to horn fly damage.*
*If additional horn fly control is needed use insecticide sprays but use mineral oil instead of water as the carrier.*

**Things to Remember**
- Bagworms should be scouted for now and treated for in June and July. “Bagworms’, Publication MF728
- White Grubs should be treated for in July. “Annual White Grubs in Turf”, Publication MF2635

**Transform approved for use in Kansas to Control Sugarcane Aphid**

Kansas received a section 18 approval for the use of Transform (sulfoxaflor) against sugarcane aphid for 2016, which will give sorghum growers two effective materials to manage aphid infestations. Note, there are differences in price between these two products, which should be factored into any treatment decisions, *especially when multiple applications may be necessary.*

Recent reports have sorghum receiving insecticide treatments for relatively light populations of sugarcane in south Texas, but the aphid is beginning to slowly move north, so the potential exists for much earlier infestation of Kansas sorghum this year. There are also confirmed reports that the aphid overwintered on Johnsongrass rhizomes just north of Lubbock, TX. This is about 80 miles further north than in 2015. Reports from Texas indicate some of the cultivars rated as resistant seem to be holding up well, probably with the assistance of good natural enemy populations.

The Sorghum Checkoff has a list of ‘tolerant’ (=resistant) hybrids, but it does not indicate any regional adaptations for the hybrids. We have not yet ranked Kansas-adapted hybrids for resistance to sugarcane aphid, but efforts are underway to evaluate hybrids this summer. We strongly recommend that growers and extension agents contact their local entomology specialist for advice, as management recommendations will vary.
In our office, we have this free Kansas Insurance Department Inventory to help you get organized:

Other documents are available from the K-State Research and Extension Bookstore free to download such as the *Our Valuable Records* shown here. The bookstore can be accessed at the address below. Taking a video and storing it with a trusted friend or neighbor or in a safe deposit box can also be helpful. In a stressful time, it would be even harder to remember everything lost. If a theft occurred, this would also be helpful as a reference.

Insurance is a risk management tool...not to say everything must have the maximum insurance purchased on it. One must know their financial situation and weigh the costs in the event there was a loss.

Help protect yourself and your family—get your inventory done!

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**Congratulations to all the Walk Kansas Participants!**

In Marion County, we had 16 teams with 94 participants total. Walk Kansas encourages physical activity, increased consumption of fruit, veggies and water as well as a team spirit to encourage each other to do something good for our bodies.

Of the 16 teams, about 1/2 met the challenge they chose. Goals give us something to strive for, but certainly even if the goal is not reached, so much is gained within the process.

Keep setting goals and encourage your team members and keep on WALKING KANSAS!

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*REMINDER*

Don’t forget to put on your daily sunscreen/bug repellant when going outside.

Think about food safety too as you are transporting groceries in the car.

Don’t forget about your pets’ hot weather care as well!
2016 Fair Changes

There are many changes to the fair this year. Here are a few highlights to the schedule.

July 23—Fair Set-up
July 25—Horse Show
July 26—Clothing & Foods Judging, Public Style Revue
July 28—AM—Livestock check-in
July 28—PM—Sheep/Goat Show, All other projects checked in
July 29—All Day—4-H Building exhibits judged
July 29—AM—Swine Show
July 29—PM—Beef Show
July 30—Dog Show, Dairy Goat Show, Round Robin
July 31—PM—Premium Sale
A detailed scheduled can be found at the following link:
http://www.marion.k-state.edu/

Commissioners Cookie Jar

Commissioner Cookie Jar contest will not be open to individuals. Three 4-H clubs will be assigned each year to participate in the competition. This year, the Tampa Triple T’s, South Cottonwood and Lincolnville Wide-Awake 4-H clubs will each provide a cookie jar for presentation to the county commissioners. Entries need to be turned in at the foods judging on July 26 by 4 p.m.

There will not be a Scarecrow competition at the fair this year.

Fair Pre-Entries

New this year—ALL projects will be pre-entered. These pre-entries will be done online. When the site goes live, we will send you a link to complete your entries. All projects have to be pre-entered by **July 12. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
**Project Auction Rules**

1. Any 4-H member NOT participating in the livestock auction may sell a project item exhibits at the fair.
2. Only those items receiving a purple, blue or red may be sold.
3. 4-H members may sell only one item.
4. 4-H members must be present to see their items.
5. NO live animals may be sold in the project auction.
6. Perishable items such as food and garden items must be replaced with fresh items for the sale.
7. The project item sold must have been judged at the current year’s fair.
8. Members must notify the fair office NO LATER than noon on Saturday what item they are selling.
9. When you have sold your project item it no longer belongs to you. Therefore that item cannot be exhibited at any other fair, including the state fair.
10. All sales will be final and binding.

**4-H Livestock Sale Procedures**

1. 4Hers enrolled in a market animal project may sell one of the following market species shown at the fair: 1 steer, 1 lamb, 1 hog, 1 market goat through the premium auction. Other animals may be sold at floor prices.
2. 4Hers must notify the 4-H Fair Office by noon on Saturday, July 30 of animals to be sold at auction, base bid or taken home. If no notification is received we will take that to mean the animals will be taken home.
3. Livestock premium sale animals or base bid animals must have a minimum weight of: beef—1050 lbs., lambs—100, swine—225.

4. A sale fee will be held out of your check to cover sale expenses.
5. We will try to receive a base bid for the sheep, goats and hogs. Please remember that this is becoming increasingly difficult each year. Depending on who receives the bid there may be a trucking fee.
6. Species sale order is rotated yearly with this year’s order of Meat Goats, Dairy Wether, Sheep, Beef, Swine.
7. Any animal that goes through a premium auction, whether or not ownership has changed, cannot be shown by the seller at any subsequent show.

**Project Auction and Livestock Auction**

It takes many buyers to make the Livestock Premium Sale and the Project Action a success. It is up to you as a 4-H members to ensure a good crowd. Please extend an invitation to them to attend.

**Reminder...State Livestock Nominations for KJLS & Kansas State Fair due June 15th**

*This is for goats, swine, sheep and commercial heifers. We have DNA envelopes, and all other forms, etc. can be found at: www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu*
Understanding the Ribbon Placings

The Kansas 4-H program awards ribbons based on the Danish System. The 4-H exhibit is graded based on set standards. All exhibits receive a ribbon based on where they fall on the standard scale. The ribbon colors awarded are purple, blue, red and white.

**Purple:** Outstanding on all standards. Excellent skills, knowledge or mastery.

**Blue:** Exceeds the minimum standards. May have minor flaws in skill mastery or knowledge.

**Red:** Meets all minimum standards. Visible signs of needed improvements in skill mastery or knowledge.

**White:** Fails to meet minimum standards. Much improvement is needed in mastering the skill.

New Marion County Fair

Open Class Barn Quilt Class

A new special barn quilt class is coming to the Marion County Fair in preparation for the Kansas State Fair competition. The age divisions are as follows:

(Y) Youth: Kindergarten thru High School Senior (based on school grade entering August 2016)

(A) Adult: Graduated High School Seniors and above.

Kansas State Fair Fashion Revue

The Fashion Revue at the Kansas State Fair will be held Saturday, September 17. Those eligible to compete in the senior division at the Marion County Fair that are chosen for the State Fair will need to know the night of the Public Style Revue if they can participate at the State Fair.

Upcoming Events

**Tri-County Fair** — The Tri-County Fair is scheduled for July 7-9. We will send an email when we receive fair papers and entry cares.

**Canton Fair** — The dates for the Canton Fair is July 13-17.

Need help with your sewing project?

We have two leaders who are willing to help anyone with a sewing project (plan ahead though please...) Please contact Marcia Shields at marciaeshields@gmail.com or Micki Watson at redhencandles@yahoo.com
Upcoming Events:

June 4-7  4-H Camp
June 15  Deadline for State Livestock Nominations