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Retirement Celebration to Honor JP Coldren

Friends and colleagues of JP Coldren, who retired last month from Heritage Trading, are invited to a reception commemorating his 40 plus years in the agriculture industry. The retirement celebration will take place Wednesday, August 31 from 9:30 am to noon, at the Heritage Trading Company, 11020 NW Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, Suite 200.

If you cannot attend but would like to mark the occasion, please send him a card or well wishes via Kristie Larson at Heritage Trading Company or via email: Kristie.larson@heritage-trading.com

KSU Names Assistant Director For Extension Services

Gregg Hadley is the new Assistant Director of Extension Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Development for Kansas State University's

Wine Tasting At This Month's Happy Hour



Amigoni Urban Winery - the site of the Agricultural Business Council's next Happy Hour gathering, Friday August 26, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm - has been one of the focal points in a recent KC Star series about seven local wineries. It was noted in a piece in the Saturday (August 20) business section; and featured in the Sunday (August 21) magazine.

Among the other vintners highlighted was Colleen Gerke, co-owner of Jowler Creek Vineyard & Winery and a former Council member who worked for John Deere.

The Amigoni winery specializes in small lots of handcrafted wines from its vineyards in Missouri. Annual production is around 1,200 cases, mostly Bordeaux and Rhone varieties.

Launched 14 years ago in Michael and Kerry Amgoni's Leawood backyard, the winery is now located in the West Bottoms. "The stockyards district is going through a renaissance," says Michael, who will be moving the operation to a bigger building nearby a new restaurant opening soon. "We're going to integrate beer-tasting with our wine-tasting next year," Amigoni says.

At the moment, the Amigoni Urban Winery is at 1600 Genessee. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, wine will be available for \$7/glass. See you there Friday.

Ag Group To Address Threats to Animal Agriculture

The Mid Continent Association for Agriculture, Biomedical Research and Education (MAABRE) is presenting a conference for all animal-based businesses on Friday August 26, 2011 at the Kansas State University Olathe campus. Speakers will focus on recognizing threats and developing administrative tools for protecting businesses in animal-based industries.

MAABRE will also brief attendees on current animal welfare issues and the similarities businesses face when dealing with animal extremist groups. For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Research and Extension. He will begin his duties Sept. 1.

Since 2002, Hadley has served as associate professor and extension farm management specialist at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Department of Agricultural Economics. In that role he was an extension educator and researcher, and taught undergraduate classes.

He also acquired many years of experience in the private sector, having worked in the dairy industry as a farm and nutrition consultant, grain marketing coordinator with TomorrowValley Cooperative, Amherst, Wisconsin. He was also a district salesperson with Wayne Feeds, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Hadley's professional focus has been on farm financial performance, capital investment analysis, farm management, strategic management, farm business planning and human resource management. Areas of emphasis also have included team management, farm succession, international producer education and manure management economics. He earned Ph.D. and master's degrees in agricultural economics at Michigan State University, and a bachelor's degree, also in agricultural economics, at Purdue University.

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Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Expands St. Joe Production Facility

With the acquisition of selected assets from Fort Dodge Animal Health in 2009, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., increased the size of its animal health division. The addition of several cattle product lines and substantial manufacturing assets in Fort Dodge, Iowa, contributed to the BIVI's growth. This year BIVI is taking the final step to integrate all of those new products into its production chain. Its plant in St. Joseph will expand by more than 50 percent.

"Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. is expanding its state-of-the-art biological GMP manufacturing facility in St. Joseph to accommodate the significant global increase in demand for animal health products," says Colin Meyers, Executive Director of U.S. Cattle Business and Process Excellence, Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. BIVI is increasing the size of the plant by more than 50 percent.

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USDA Seeks Comments On Proposed Traceability

A proposed rule to establish general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate when animal disease events take place was issued Aug. 9 by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspect



tion Service (APHIS). This notice was published in the Federal Register.

Unless specifically exempted, livestock moving across stateliness would have to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation, such as owner-shipper statements or brand certificates. The proposed rule encourages use of low-cost technology and specifies approved forms of official identification for each species, such as metal ear tags for cattle.

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Kansas Posts Fifth Hottest July on Record; Some Areas Set Record Highs

Not that anyone didn't notice. But July's extreme heat statewide caused drought conditions. Kansas recorded its fifth hottest July on record, with an average statewide temperature of 84.7 degrees F (combined day and night). "That's 5.8 degrees higher than usual," says Mary Knapp, the state's climatologist. "July rainfall across the state averaged 1.84 inches, which was just 55 percent of normal."

The July heat set a record in south central Kansas, which posted an average temperature of 88.5 degrees F, or seven degrees above average. The previous record of 87.8 degrees was set during the Dust Bowl days of 1934, says Knapp, who also runs the Kansas Weather Data Library (www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl), based at Kansas State University. With a July average rainfall of 0.77 inch or 22 percent of normal, south central Kansas also recorded the least amount of rainfall compared with other areas of the state.

Temperatures broke 100 degrees in all areas of the state where weather stations are located; many areas approached a record number of days above 100. The hottest temperature was recorded in Barber County in south central Kansas: a reading of 116 degrees F

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at Medicine Lodge on July 31. The previous record was 114 degrees set in 1985.

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KSU Researcher Argues Against Agriculture Research Funding Cuts

Last month Kansas State University researcher Bikram Gill took exception to reduced spending for agriculture research, and his argument was picked up by several media outlets. He wrote an [Op-Ed piece](#) for the KC Star and [an article](#) for Voice of America, among others.

As director of the Wheat Genetic and Genomic Resource Center (WGGRC) at Kansas State University, which maintains a gene bank with thousands of germplasm sources of wheat and its wild relatives, the KSU distinguished professor of plant pathology believes that to feed the projected nine billion people expected to inhabit the world by 2050, the relatively small amount of money spent on agricultural research should be a priority.

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AFA Continues Partnership with ICM, Inc

ICM, Inc. has renewed its commitment to Agriculture Future of America with a donation of \$150,000 in support of the AFA leader development mission for rural youth in 2011. ICM has been a dedicated partner in the past providing funding for AFA programs such as the AFA Leaders Conference, held annually in November.

"For a number of years ICM, Inc. has been helping AFA achieve its mission of preparing future leaders for the agricultural industry," said Russ Weathers, AFA President and CEO. "AFA is extremely fortunate to have partners like ICM, who share the vision of a stronger rural America through leadership and economic development."



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Bayer Animal Health Licenses Equine Products

Through a licensing agreement with SentrX Animal Care, Bayer HealthCare LLC's Animal Health Division now distributes 'equitrX® Wound Healing Spray Gel' and 'equitrX® Corneal Repair Gel Drops' for horses. The agreement allows Bayer Animal Health to offer equine veterinarians wound management products.

"The equitrX products are prescription products sold only to licensed veterinarians," said Scott King, DVM, and equine products manager for Bayer. "It is crucial to have an equine veterinarian involved in the management of some of these equine wounds and corneal ulcers."

Richard Koehn, Ph.D, president and CEO of SentrX Animal Care, Inc., said these products cross-link modified hyaluronic acid molecules, a process that results in enhanced wound healing.



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