

# Ag Talk with Jeanne

Wheat Production: Balancing Risks with Varieties

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Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

This is one philosophy for managing risk. This is the same for managing risks with wheat production. Most producers plant two or three varieties to help manage environmental risks that affect wheat yield.

According to Bob Klein, cropping systems specialist at University of Nebraska, because there is no single perfect wheat variety for all production systems or in all years, using complementary varieties will enable you to realize the greatest benefit from a specific variety's strengths and offset, to a high degree, its potential weaknesses. This compensation improves the opportunity for yield stability and profitability of your entire wheat production system. The number of complementary varieties that are grown as part of a wheat farming enterprise and the acres planted to each variety will depend entirely on specific production conditions and any special needs (common diseases or insects, etc.).

There are four steps in develop-

ing and updating your wheat farm's variety complementation strategy:

1) Identify your workhorse varieties. These are the varieties you now grow on a majority of your wheat acres because they have a reliable and proven record of performance over several years in your preferred production management system.

2) Complement your production needs and limits. Select a variety or varieties that have characteristics needed for specific production practices (e.g., straw strength or height) and typical soil conditions. Choose varieties that offer the best level of protection from expected diseases and other yield limiting factors common to your growing conditions or area.

3) Complement with a range in maturity. Because you can never be sure about the weather during that critical time or year, select varieties that will mature earlier (or later or some of both) than your workhorse variety. A spread of maturities also will allow you to stagger your harvest schedule and take maximum advan-

tage of your available equipment, plus reduce losses to yield (e.g., from shattering) and end-use quality (e.g., from weathering).

4) Complement with different genetic families. Varieties with closely related genetic backgrounds often can be susceptible to the same diseases and production stresses. You can lower those risks by selecting varieties that share 50 percent or less common parentage with your workhorse variety and each other. Varieties with similar backgrounds often can be susceptible to the same disease, insects and production risks.

Finally, look at the performance tests location from K-State Research and Extension. These yields are available in the Wheat Book that is available at the Extension office. There is also a section of this book that discusses the resistance of popular varieties to certain diseases and insects. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension office for more information.

## Haigler News

By  
Floy  
Ruggles



It's here!

Wednesday, Aug. 8, was a significant day for Haigler as the old rural schoolhouse from District South 67 was moved into Haigler.

Actually, the day before was a big event at the site of 67 South when the movers arrived and began the preparations for loading the building on the trailer.

By Wednesday morning the school building had been loaded on the trailer and moved as far as the entrance onto the highway. Because of the muddy road from the rains of the previous two nights, a tractor was needed to help it over the hill just before the intersection to the highway. Over a dozen people, former students, children of former teachers and others interested emotionally and curiously in the project, had gathered around the intersection to escort or follow the procession into town.

Two Southwest Public Power employees preceded the procession to lift the power lines in several places. Others had gathered at the prepared site to observe the building being unloaded from the trailer and set down on the foundation. Backing the building between two large trees onto the lot was skillfully executed.

Shortly after noon, the movers were on their way back to Hastings to prepare for a big moving job the

next day. But, for the Carlocks, the project has barely begun. New roofing is the next step. It will take months possibly even years to restore the inside and outside as much as possible like the original.

Sophia Zuege was in Imperial last week from Thursday until Sunday, visiting her son and family. Lois Zuege was a visitor in Sophia's home on Monday morning.

### First birthday

Allison Maylin Wall was the star at her first birthday party on Sunday, Aug. 12, at her home in Eustis, Neb. Allison is the daughter of Caleb and Sherrill Wall who are teachers in Eustis. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Isom of Mullen, Karen Van Kooten of McCook, Dwight Wall of Lewellen and great-grandmother, Laura Pearl Wall of Haigler attended the party. Others in attendance were aunts, Azure Wall, Charley Rogers, Lyndsay Wall, of McCook, and Cody Lasley, Trenton.

Laura Pearl Wall had accompanied Dwight Wall of Lewellen, Neb., to the Caleb Wall home of Eustis on Aug. 6. From there, they went to Kearney and visited Arlene Jones, then on to Lincoln where they visited Azure Wall and Charley Rogers. On Tuesday, they toured the Nebraska Capitol. In the evening they drove to Spencer,

Neb. Dwight returned to Lewellen on Wednesday and Laura Pearl visited Pastor Inez Foster the rest of the week. Azure and Charley met her in Grand Island on Saturday and they traveled to Eustis where they met Dwight and all attended the first birthday party of Allison Wall on Sunday. Dwight brought Laura Pearl to her home on Sunday evening.

### Feed back on Bluegrass Breakdown

Here is some feed back on the Bluegrass Breakdown: - A note from Phil Crawford - The Happy Wanderer - Tumbleweed

I would like to compliment you on your bluegrass show. I understand that the Nebraska Humanities Council provides funding for the event. I rode and played guitar on their float at the "Old West Days", 10th anniversary, in Valentine, Neb., October 2001. The guitar I won at your raffle plays and sounds great. It probably will be my guitar of choice this October at Valentine. My stage career has been around 70 years. It started at the age of 4 and at 9, I started playing the guitar. I have played, sang and recited poetry from Calgary, Canada, to the Mexican border, along the front range, with South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Northern Texas thrown in. Two Years ago while in Montana, *Reuters News* beamed me around the world in an interview on Cowboy Poetry and Music, and I was on their entertainment web site for about six weeks. So, you see, I have been around, and for "a small town" USA, your show is one of the best !! - Cowboy singer, song writer, poet, "Got'ta saddle up and ride." - "The Happy Wanderer", "Tumbleweed" to be more exact.

This was the first year we attended the Bluegrass festival and really enjoyed it. Visiting was good and was glad to see so many people there, young, old and in-between, all having a good time and the food was delicious. We used to have the Douglass reunions in the park but didn't remember the trees being so great. My husband and I used to go to Brownville, Neb., to a fiddler's contest in his trucking days and this was a lot like it as for the outdoor event and good music. I hope it continues for a long time — Esther Poe



## Book Review

Book review from

St. Francis Public Library

### The Prince

By William Simpson

For the last two and a half decades, the United States and Saudi Arabia have had a very special relationship - through war, oil crises, and global terrorism. At a time when understanding our friends is as important as knowing our enemies, understanding Prince Bandar bin Sultan may be the key to figuring out the Saudis. As the illegitimate son of a Saudi prince and a servant girl, Prince Bandar overcame his unrecognized beginnings to rise through the ranks of the Royal Saudi Air Force. Through his work with President Carter on the sale of F-15s to Saudi Arabia and his vital behind-the-scenes help in getting the Panama Canal Treaty through Congress, Bandar became one of Saudi Arabia's brightest diplomatic stars - leading to his appointment as the Ambassador to the United States.

As Ambassador, Bandar worked with President Reagan and CIA Director Bill Casey to win the Cold war with Saudi petrodollars. Seemingly in the thick of some of the most important world events of the last twenty-five years, Bandar played a key role in the Iran-Contra affair; convinced President Gorbachev to withdraw the soviet military from Afghanistan; and negotiated an end to the Iran-Iraq war among others. A Machiavellian manipulator and a master tactician on the global chess board, Bandar has had unmatched access to the Oval Office. George H. W. Bush took the prince and his family fishing; Nancy Reagan used him to convey messages to her husband's Cabinet; Colin Powell would drop by to play racquetball. During the Gulf war, Prince Bandar even became a de facto member of the National Security Council.

In this revealing biography, William Simpson pulls back the

curtain for the first time on the fascinating and startling life of a man of contradictions - equally at home in the royal palace in Riyadh as on the ski slopes of Aspen or playing hardball politics with international heads of state; a super-wealthy playboy yet a devoted family man; an expert in subterfuge and misdirection, yet a straight talker trusted the world over; a man of peace and yet the biggest arms dealer in the world - who emerged throughout the 1980s and 90s as one of the driving forces behind American foreign policy. *The Prince* is sure to become the definitive work on the Machiavellian Saudi behind the White House



CLEANING the sewers — Johnson Service Company is in town and cleaning the city sewer lines.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## City sewers lines cleaned

The city sewers are being cleaned in St. Francis. Johnson Service, Kearney, Neb., has been contracted by the city council to do the job.

The company employees are ask-

ing that toilet lids and floor drains in homes and businesses be closed from Wednesday, Aug. 8, through Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Air and water may come up out

of the toilet and floor drains if this is not done.

Those having questions can contact Larry Kramer, project supervisor, 308-237-6651.

## Beecher Island News

By  
Bessie  
Dent



There were 60 at Sunday school. Harvey Allen had the Strnad family sing and play a song for his special number. Edna Tustin gave her birthday offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mudd and family of Farmington, Minn., were among those attending the Ostrander family reunion in Gunnison over the weekend.

The Pete Osmus family enjoyed a family reunion in Estes Park over the weekend. All of Pete and Boni's family were able to be there including Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman and family of Elizabeth, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family of Windsor, Holly Johnson and boys of Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Osmus of Boulder and Andy Osmus of Minneapolis, Minn.

Saturday dinner guests of Phil and Doris Osmus were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandestien and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trast, Nettie Jane Sheldon, Julie Haake and Peyton, Edie Fisher, Nancy Reynolds and grandbaby and Margaret Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman and boys came Tuesday to visit at the Rowe Shively home. Mark and Kim returned home Thursday but Zack and Austin stayed until Monday when they returned home.

Karen Willard went to Estes Park to pick up Jessica to go with her to pick up John Willard and boys returning home from the Summer Mission in Jamaica Wednesday. They took Jessica back to Estes Park before returning home.

Jennifer Novak, Brittany and Cade came Thursday to spend

Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield. Jennifer and Brittany went on to Kearney, Neb., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson and the twins. Cade remained with his grandparents for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaver visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver Saturday. Glen Davenport visited Saturday with Pete Allen.

Mrs. Kris Jones and girls took Lindsey to the airport Saturday to return to Texas after spending the summer here.

Friday visitors at the Bill Strangways home were Trudi and Katie Wieser, Carol and Glenn Chapman and Phil Heath.

Billie Jo and Sharon Strnad and family visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Glen Davenport was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest.

Alfred and Rhoda Renzelman visited Harry Ekberg Thursday.

Guests during the weekend at the Bill Mansfield home were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs.

Greg Goodman and family, Steve Goodman and Mrs. Todd Novak, Brittany and Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Shively, Maranda and Todd visited Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus picked Andy Osmus up at Denver International Airport Wednesday to spend a few days.

Paul and Bessie Dent were Sunday dinner guests of Ron and Joyce Brown and Riley. Carol and Glenn Chapman were afternoon visitors.

Judy Shively and Beulah Soehner were Denver visitors Tuesday.

If I should miss you and you have any news please call me at 332-5193.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons attended the wedding shower for Nancy Simmons and Leroy Wright Saturday. Sunday they attended the Bluegrass Breakdown in Haigler. Later they visited Laura Pearl Wall.

## Chat with Rosalie

By Rosalie Seemann

From the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) bulletin. Special Extra Earnings For Military Service.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1940 to 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

For more information you may call 1-800-773-1213 or your area

Social Security office listed in the Feist telephone book.

Or go to <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm> for more information. There is so much information on the website I would not have room for it all in this article. But I do have a copy and will share if you are interested.

Readers may submit questions by writing Seemann at Chat With Rosalie c/o Rosalie Seemann, 426 Hale, Levant, KS 67743 or by emailing: [rseemann@st-tel.net](mailto:rseemann@st-tel.net).

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