

# Agriculture

## Grain piling up amid stalled rail cars, bountiful crops

WICHITA (AP) — Grain elevators are struggling to handle better-than-expected fall crops amid soaring freight prices and loaded rail cars left idled in the wake of Hurricane Rita, industry leaders said.

"It's backing up all over the Midwest. ... You are seeing people being more pleasantly surprised by yields as well. It is putting a strain on the system," said Charlie Sauerwein, grain merchandiser for Wind River Grain in Garden City. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., the nation's second-largest railroad operator, still has an embargo in place for all new traffic going or coming from 88 stations in south Texas, said BNSF spokesman Steve Forsberg.

Tuesday, BNSF also had 61 trains — including 24 loaded with grain — it was holding that were headed to various Gulf Coast destinations. It was expecting to still have 18 cars holding on Wednesday.

"We are trying to restore operations," Forsberg said. "The biggest problem is getting our crews back." Despite an additional 2,000 grain cars added to the BNSF fleet this season, that lack of rail car turnaround — or fluidity, as the railroads put it — is making an already tight supply of rail cars even worse. "We just have more demand for rail cars than we have supply — it is just that simple," Sauerwein said. "Rail freight is a commodity just like wheat or corn or milo."

That especially affects states like Kansas, which ships its wheat, cotton and soybeans through the Texas Gulf ports, said Lisa Taylor, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Most of the state's corn and sorghum gets used either in the state or neighboring states. Demand for rail cars already was high since the nation's record 11.8 billion bushel corn crop last year. Much of that crop is still in the bins. Also still filling elevators across Kansas as fall harvest begins is the good winter wheat crop cut this summer. And more elevators are looking to ship by rail as trucking prices soar along with gasoline costs.

"The embargo bogged up the system," said Tom Tunnell, executive director of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. "Rail car availability is becoming extremely acute. Right now, there is an outright bidding process going on for an opportunity to get a rail car."

On the so-called secondary market for rail cars — where a shipper that has bought a certificate of transportation for a future delivery of a rail car resells it to someone else — the price of a rail car reached as high as \$2,600 on Tuesday afternoon, Sauerwein said. That compares to between \$300 and \$400 a car a year ago. Rail car prices had stayed at around \$500 a car until early September, then

quickly soared. "The biggest crunch time is at harvest," Sauerwein said. "Once the crop gets put away, we expect rail values to start falling."

Elevators across Kansas already are preparing to dump more grain on the ground than usual because their bins are full. "We will see a lot of sorghum go on the ground. We are seeing wheat go on the ground," Sauerwein said. "It has been different than what we have seen in a long time."

About 13 percent of the Kansas sorghum crop had been harvested as of Monday, when the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service issued its weekly crop update. Usually, the ground piles start going up when the sorghum harvest reaches the 75 percent mark, he said. At the Kansas Department of Agriculture, applications for permits to store grain on the ground are on pace with last year. The department has gotten 18 or 19 such requests so far, compared to 39 that came in during all of last season, Taylor said.

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ) ANNA F. RIEDEL, Deceased  
Case No. 05 PR 34

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Anton A. Riedel, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Anna F. Riedel, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of personal and real property owned by Anna F. Riedel in her name only at the time of her death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 19th day of October, 2005, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day in said court in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Anton A. Riedel, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs.

BRENT FOSTER, BECKY FOSTER A/K/A REBECCA FOSTER; JOHN DOE/JANE DOE (Occupant) and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendants.

Case No. 05 CV 91  
Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Mortgage Foreclosure has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas by First Horizon Home Loan Corporation praying for foreclosure of certain real property legally described as follows:

ALL OF LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK TWO (2), PINE HILL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF,

and for a judgment against Defendants Brent Foster and Becky Foster and any other interested parties and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition for Foreclosure on or before November 8, 2005 at Thomas County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

Respectfully submitted:

MARTIN, LEIGH, LAWS & FRITZLEN, P.C.  
Robert D. Kroeker KS # 08972  
Beverly M. Weber KS # 20570  
Mandi R. Hunter KS # 21109  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

MARTIN, LEIGH, LAWS & FRITZLEN, P.C., AS ATTORNEYS FOR FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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## Summer heat, rising fuel costs hurting farmers

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The intense heat wave and dry spell over the second half of the summer has left many New Jersey farmers burned up — just like some of their crops — over reduced yields. And, like farmers nationwide, Garden State growers are feeling the pinch of skyrocketing fuel prices, which are already more than double what they were a year ago. "We're sitting here at the table last night wondering if we're going to make it," said Hal Rifkin, owner of Rifkin Farms in Manalapan. "I feel like I'm working for the oil companies."

Rifkin said he's irrigated his fields of sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant twice as much as usual, and other costs have also skyrocketed, from delivery fees to the cost of operating each tractor — now \$70 per day, up from \$30 last summer. New Jersey Agriculture Secretary Charles Kuperus has asked Rutgers University to study how this season's weather and fuel prices affected the state's farmers. "We didn't have a drop of rain the whole month of August (and) it never cooled down," said Rudy Ploch, owner of the 138-year-old Ploch's Farm in Clifton.

His lettuce, cabbage, arugula and beets for the most part either burnt up or the plants were half their normal size. Tomatoes that were exposed to the sun burnt up despite heavy irrigation, and Ploch estimates he's lost 20 percent of his yield. New Jersey Farm Bureau Executive Director Peter Furey said farmers tell him they had a fairly good yield in terms of quality, but quantity was down. Even milk production was reduced when dairy cows were stressed by the heat.

"Net income will be substantially down this year," Furey predicted, because farmers can't raise their prices much, but their energy and other costs are way up.

For example, just 5 inch-deep watering of a 100-acre farm would cost a staggering \$25,000 for fuel, labor and water, according to Furey. At some nursery and sod farms, pumps have been running nearly nonstop. Leonard Pollara, owner of Upper Meadows Farm in Sussex County, said his operating costs are up nearly 20 percent, but his vegetable yields are down 25 percent. He raises 100-plus varieties of vegetables, plus livestock and field crops such as hay and barley. "The heat seemed to shut down the plants," he said.

Diane Rea, who farms 100 acres and operates Rea's Farm Market in West Cape May, said she and her husband lost about 75 percent of their crops this summer because the state limits their irrigating. That's the worst they have fared in a decade, and revenue from their market is down at least 40 percent because they've had to stock more produce from other farmers.

For consumers, the weather's impact is mixed. The seasons for favorite Jersey crops such as tomatoes, sweet corn and pumpkins will end soon, two to three weeks early in some regions. On the other hand, some farmers who harvested vegetables or fruits early after the plants' vines withered will reduce prices to move the extra produce quickly.

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Wanted

12" bicycle without training wheels, girls or boys style. 785-687-4780. —9/26—9/30—

Mule deer hunter looking for land in Unit 1. Will pay \$ for access plus trophy fee. 916-804-0814 bnose@att.net —9/23—10/6—

Harvesting wanted. Corn, soybeans, milo, sunflowers and millet. Competitive rates with 12 row and 8 row equipment available. Grant Watermann 719-342-1091 cell 719-348-5444. —9/7—10/27—

Pets for Sale

AKC German Shorthair puppies. 8 weeks old, papered, 8 males, 3 females, \$100. 785-462-6870. —9/28—10/3—

AKC Dachshund puppies. Red, Blk/tan, shots, wormed, males only, \$175-\$200. 308-394-5989. —9/26—10/7—

Lost and Found

Found a set of Snow Ski's Thursday, West of Colby. Call 462-7562, leave message or call 443-1269. —9/23—9/29—

Auctions

Consignment auction Sunday, October 2, 10:00 a.m. Hoxie 4-H Building. Antiques, antique furniture, furniture, propane cutting torch, plus much more. Mickey Brown 785-675-3767. —9/26—9/30—

Garage Sales

225 S. Cleveland Ave. Saturday 8-?. Girls 0 to 18 mo., baby items, 25 in. TV/ stereo with huge speakers, Xbox games, glass/wood coffee table and end tables, home interior, much more. —9/28 & 9/30—

970 E 6th St. Friday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Storage shed, game system and games, kitchen items, furniture, bedding, household, wicker rocker, floormat, pleated shades, used carpet, desk, toys. —9/28 & 9/29—

775 E. College Dr. West door. Friday only 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. rubber stamps, shelves, clothes, toys, misc. —9/28 & 9/29—

# TV LISTINGS

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz on Maggie	Proud Family	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	College Football: Regional Coverage		
KSNK/NBC (8)	Today (CC)			Paid Program	Paid Program	Tutenstein (E)	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E)	
KBSL/CBS (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)			LazyTown	Go Diego	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program	
K15CG (2)	BusinessMarket	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	DragonflyTV	Kids A Cookin'	Scoreboard	Barbecue	Food	Victory Garden	
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	College Gameday (Live) (CC)	College Football: Va. Tech at W.Va.					
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Law & Order: Criminal Intent One	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie: The Net **½ (1995) A mysterious diskette endangers a computer expert's life. Sandra Bullock.				Movie: Steel Magnolias *** (1989) Six iron-willed women gather at a Louisiana beauty parlor. (CC)					
WGN (39)	Enterprise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Health Corner	
TNT (40)	Movie: Rocky II *** (1979) Rocky stages a rematch with champion Apollo Creed. Sylvester Stallone. (CC)				Movie: Cliffhanger (1993) A mountaintop rescue becomes a hunt for stolen money.				Movie: Out for Justice **½ (1991, Drama) Steven Seagal.			
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The New Detectives (CC)	The New Detectives (CC)	The New Detectives (CC)	Against the Law Precious Angels				
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)	Biography: Jeff Foxworthy	20th Century With Mike Wallace (CC)	The Last Days of WWII March 25-31	Heavy Metal Black Hawk: Night Stalker	Battlefield Detectives (CC)	Mail Call	Hands-Hist				
HIST (48)	Autonomous Thunderbird (CC)	Grown Up	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Cats-crat	Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Last Air	Grown Up	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone	
NICK (55)	Rocket Power	Higgytown	Higgytown	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Whiskers	American Drgn	Buzz on Maggie	
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Battle B-Daman	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Dragon Booster	Get Ed Omnirex	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Spider-Man	The Tick (CC)	Full House	Full House	
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Hilbil-lies	Hilbil-lies	Gilligan	Gilligan	Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang ** (1975, Comedy) Bill Bixby. (CC)		Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again ** (1979, Comedy) Tim Conway.				
HALL (60)												

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (6)	(11:00) College Football: Regional Coverage -- Michigan at Michigan State or Texas at Missouri. (Live)					College Football: Regional Coverage -- Iowa State at Nebraska, Minnesota at Penn State, Syracuse at Florida State or USC at Arizona State. (Live)						
KSNK/NBC (8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	NHL Preview	World of Adventure Sports (N) (CC)		2005 National Heads-Up Poker Championship Las Vegas. (CC)			Paid Program	NBC News		
KBSL/CBS (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Football Today	College Football: Florida at Alabama. (Live) (CC)						
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old House	Home-time (N)	Woodwright	For Your Home	Paint! Paint!	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy	Cabin Country	Rare Visions
ESPN (28)	(11:00) College Football: Virginia Tech at West Virginia. (Live) (CC)				College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)	Horse Racing: Jockey Club Gold Cup/Joe Hirsch Turf Classic/Beldame Stakes. (Live)			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of Greensboro -- Third Round. From Greensboro, N.C. (Live)				Law & Order: Criminal Intent			
TBS (38)	Movie: The Mask of Zorro *** (1998, Adventure) (PA) Zorro's protege crosses swords with a returning tyrant. Antonio Banderas.					Movie: Gladiator *** (2000, Action) (PA) A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. Russell Crowe. (CC)						
WGN (39)	Soul Train		Movie: Iron Eagle II ** (1988, Adventure) Louis Gossett Jr., Mark Humphrey. (CC)			Farscape Premiere (CC)	Farscape Dream a Little Dream (CC)	Race Car	White Sox			
TNT (40)	(10:30) Movie: Bloodsport **½ (1988, Adventure) Jean-Claude Van Damme. (Premiere)				Movie: Tombstone *** (1993) Holiday battle the Clanton gang. Kurt Russell. (CC)						Movie: The Whole Nine Yards (2000)	
DSC (42)	Against the Law Mother Accused	Against the Law Murder in Spokane	Against the Law Family Torn Apart	Against the Law Why Did Josh Kill?		The FBI Files Deadly Trail (CC)						The FBI Files Criminal profiling.
A&E (47)	(10:00) Movie: The First 48 A Serial Killer Calls A serial killer calls 911.			The First 48 (CC)		American Justice Love Triangle (CC)	Investigative Reports (CC)					
HIST (48)	Automaniac Muscle Cars (CC)	Automaniac Lowriders (CC)	Automaniac Moonshine Cars	Automaniac World War II (CC)		Texas: Big America in the state's history. (CC)						Legendary figures in the state's history. (CC)
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Cats-crat	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
DISN (56)	Movie: Kiki's Delivery Service *** (1989, Adventure) Voices of Kirsten Dunst.		American Drgn	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Buzz on Maggie	Buzz on Maggie	Naturally Sadie	Life With Derek		
FAM (58)	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Movie: What About Bob? *** (1991, Comedy) Bill Murray, Richard Dreyfuss.			Movie: The Rookie *** (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths. (CC)				
HALL (60)	Movie: The Trail to Hope Rose (2004, Western) Lou Diamond Phillips. (CC)				Movie: The Last Cowboy (2003, Drama) Jennie Garth, Lance Henriksen. (CC)			Movie: Johnson County War *** (2002, Western) Tom Berenger, Luke Perry. (CC)				

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KLBY/ABC (6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Invasion Pilot; Lights Out (CC)				Commander in Chief Pilot (CC)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Enterprise	
KSNK/NBC (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	E-Ring Pilot (CC)		Law & Order: SVU	News	Saturday Night Live (CC)			
KBSL/CBS (11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	CSI: Miami Money Plane (TV) (CC)	Cold Case Sleepover (CC)	48 Hours Mystery Out of the Shadows		News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias So It Begins (CC)			
K15CG (2)	Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show School Days	Red Green	Austin City Limits Sheryl Crow (CC)		Soundstage The Wallflowers (CC)	Tavis Smiley			
ESPN (28)	College Gmday	College Football: Notre Dame at Purdue. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			College Gameday Final (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		
TBS (38)	College Football: Teams to Be Announced.					Movie: The Waterboy **½ (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates. (CC)			College Football			
WGN (39)	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians. Jacobs Field. (Live) (CC)					WGN News at Nine (CC)	Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Race Car Driver	Movie: Invasion		
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: The Whole Nine Yards		Movie: The Fifth Element *** (1997) A cablie finds a woman who may save Earth from disaster. (CC)			Movie: The Last Boy Scout *** (1991, Drama) Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans. (CC)						
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Hot Tar Roofing	The Lost Mummy of Imhotep (CC)	To Be Announced	Return of the Black Death Black Plague.		Supernatural The Drug Bust (CC)	The Lost Mummy of Imhotep (CC)					
A&E (47)	City Confidential (CC)	City Confidential (N) (CC)	Cold Case Files TX Drifter; Fingerprint	American Justice: Brit and Bodybuilder		American Justice Lies of a Friend (CC)	City Confidential					
HIST (48)	King's Highway: El Camino	The St. Valentine's Day Massacre (CC)				Roman Vice Roman funeral practices. (CC)	The St. Valentine's Day Massacre (CC)					
NICK (55)	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Drake & Josh (N)	All That (CC)	Amanda Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Foxworthy	Roseanne	Roseanne
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Movie: Halloweenown (1998) A young witch helps her family fight off an evil force.			Zack & Cody	Naturally Sadie	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Buzz on Maggie	
FAM (58)	(4:00) Movie: The Rookie *** (2002)		Movie: City of Angels *** (1998) An angel becomes involved with an L.A. heart surgeon. Nicolas Cage.			Whose Line? Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos
HALL (60)	(4:00) Movie: Johnson County War *** (2002, Western) Tom Berenger. (CC)		Movie: The Colt (2005) A horse becomes a Civil War soldier's symbol of hope. (CC)			M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)



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