

# Cattlemen to meet in Salina this week

The 2010 Kansas Cattlemens Association convention and trade show will be in Salina at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center on Friday and Saturday, with programs on topics from animal welfare to property rights.

Friday's speakers will include Dr. Dan Thomson discussing stockmen's communications with the public and the battle with animal rights activists in Kansas.

Keeping soil healthy and plants and cattle in good condition for better growth and health will be discussed by Joe Knopp of Mid States Consulting.

Tate Berlier will provide a perspective from a young stockman's viewpoint.

"KCA hopes that college and high school students will come out and learn more about what is going on in their industry," said Executive Director Brandy Carter, "so KCA is offering free registration to any student who comes to the convention with student ID."

The day will conclude with a

banquet featuring Bill Bullard, chief executive officer of R-CALF USA.

Saturday begins with a discussion from state Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty on agriculture issues and water rights. G.B. Oliver of the Paragon Foundation, which works to maintain private property rights, will also speak. Sherry Myers of Farm and Family Insurance will talk about estate planning and long-term care.

The luncheon will feature state Sen. Jim Barnett, a candidate for Rep. Jerry Moran's seat in the 1st Congressional District, talking about his views for the future.

Saturday will conclude with the annual meeting.

To obtain meal counts, pre-convention registration is encouraged. Call (785) 238-1483. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada; reservations may be made by calling the hotel at (785) 823-1739 and asking for the association's rate.

# Grain totals released

Although the state Agricultural Statistics office has released final production totals for 2009 grain production, parts of Thomas County and other areas of northwest Kansas still have a few acres of fall crops left to cut.

The state is saying that corn production for 2009 reached a record 598.3 million bushels, up 23 percent from last year.

The yield was also a record, an average 155 bushels to the acre, or 21 bushels more than last year.

According to the state's figures, 3.86 million acres of corn were harvested for grain, about 230,000 more than last year.

Milo, or grain sorghum, production was up 5 percent at 224.4

million bushels, with a record 88 bushels per acre. Planted acreage was down around 200,000 acres in 2009.

Wheat production was 369.6 million bushels, up 4 percent from the 2008 crop.

With 9.3 million acres planted, the service said, only 8.8 million were harvested. The 2009 average yield of 42 bushels was 2 bushels per acre over last year's average.

Wheat planted for the 2010 harvest is down to 8.6 million acres, 700,000 acres less than last year, and the lowest since 1957, when the acreage was 7.2 million.

Planted winter wheat across the nation is estimated at 37.1 million acres, 14 less than last year.

# Scholarship program open

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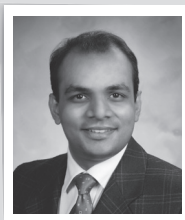
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Dr. Sharma graduated from the G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital Program at the University of Mumbai in India. After completing his internship and residency, he earned his diploma in orthopedic surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Mumbai. He moved to the United States in 2005 and completed several clinical fellowships.

Dr. Sharma's fellowships include: Orthopedic Spine Surgery: The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, University of Cincinnati, (Cincinnati); Orthopedic Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy: Boston Children's Hospital,

Harvard Medical School (Boston); Pediatric Orthopedics: B.J. Wadia Hospital for Children (Mumbai, India), Cincinnati Children's Hospital, University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati); and Joint Reconstruction and Arthroplasty, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis).

He's also put his expertise to work as an orthopedic physician for the Boston Ballet, the Boston Marathon and NCAA games in Boston.

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