

June 2021

As our country and local communities begin to return to normal, AAM is making plans for the future. AAM is having a Mid-Summer meeting in Manhattan, Kansas. The meeting will be Thursday, July 29th at the Four Points Sheraton, 530 Richards Dr, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. You can make your room reservations by calling 785-539-5311 and be sure to ask for the American Agriculture Movement block of rooms and the room rate will be \$92 per night. The meeting registration will be \$50 per person to cover both meals at the hotel. The meeting will start at 10 AM followed by lunch then a tour of the Historic Deer Horn Ranch. At 6 PM we will have a meal at the hotel followed by an auction, so please bring auction items. Then, after the auction, a social time together is planned to allow us time to visit and catchup with old friends and make new ones. My guess is that we will have several of

our AAM family that will be able to make the meeting in Kansas, that cannot travel to Lubbock.

AAM is also planning our Annual Convention to be held January 7th and 8th in Lubbock Texas at the MCM Elegante Hotel with a \$90 room rate. Everyone will have a chance to see the AAM Heritage Exhibit at the FiberMax Center for Discovery. AAM is proud that our history is being preserved and available to be seen by thousands of visitors each year including numerous school children. If anyone wants to honor a family member that participated in AAM we have established a AAM History Exhibit Curator Fund to update and add to our exhibit. There are three levels of support, the Parity Level is \$1,000 or more, the Farmer Rancher level is \$500 to \$999 and the Grassroots \$250 to \$499. The person being honored will have their name listed at the exhibit.



Chester Carter AAM member along with David & Joan Senter

AAM President's Report

I am glad to be in touch with our AAM members, thank you so much for your help and support. AAM knew, from the beginning, that we could not have business interests controlling AAM and its positions. It has made it harder, but we can all sleep well at night having stood up for fair prices, Parity for family farmers and ranchers. Producers want a price in the marketplace not from a taxpayer funded check. We have operated on the best farm program money could buy paid for by Big Meat, processors and grain traders that want below cost of production commodity prices so they can maximize profits. I did not think I was going to get on my soapbox right off the bat, but I got that off my chest. Now I am going to start off by bringing you up to date on what is happening at USDA and then I will move on to Congress.

AAM is glad that Secretary Vilsack canceled the Food Box Program. In the past Agriculture Secretary Perdue wanted to replace the SNAP program with it. The average cost was \$60 per box of food delivered to food pantries with only \$20 worth of food and the rest charged for boxing and shipping. I think far better ways can be figured out to buy food from producers and get it to the food pantries that know how to get it to those that need it.

Drought impacts continue to spread across nearly half the country as farmers decide to idle farm ground, they cannot get water for and other see crops suffering and ranchers cull their cattle herds. Then, in areas such as Texas and Arkansas, counties are flooded and crops are under water, it seems our weather is extremes. I expect Congress to pay attention and begin to discuss emergency aid.

You are going to love this, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, NCBA has filed a petition with USDA's Food Safety & Inspection Service to eliminate Product of the USA labels on steaks, roasts and patties and instead use Processed in the USA. I know all our rancher friends

love having their mandatory check-off dollars used like this. Therefore, we need COOL reinstated and Check-Off reform so you can get a refund if you do not agree with how your dollars are being spent.

Currently USDA's Packers and Stockyards is working on a report on cattle market transparency and cattle market concentration. Now the Department of Justice is investigating if there is a violation of antitrust laws and to see if there are grounds for an indictment and court action to break up the entities. The antitrust laws have been ignored and hopefully they will give another look at them. JBS, a large Brazilian owned meat packing company recently paid \$20 million to settle a pork antitrust claim in a Minnesota Antitrust lawsuit.

USDA is also working on new rules to help protect farmers, ranchers, and poultry growers by amending the Packers and Stockyards Act.

USDA is rolling out additional aid for producers and businesses which includes timber harvesters, biofuel producers, dairy farmers, and processors as well as livestock producers. This assistance is primarily aimed at small and medium size producers.

July the 23rd is the deadline to sign up for CRP. As usual, the National Grain and Feed Association is against the higher payment rates. We all know why, they like cheap grain and full production.

Several states have legislation pending that would allow farmers the right to repair their own equipment. For instance, John Deere is fighting the legislation because now farmers must call the dealer for repairs to keep the warranties in place. You can buy a new car and take it to any repair service you want, tractors and combines should be the same.

Senator Thune R-S.D. and Chairwoman Stabenow D-Mich. Has reintroduced Cover Crop Act which allows for penalty free haying and grazing of cover crops.

AAM also supports S.B. 949 introduced by Senator Grassley R- Iowa and Senator Tester D- Mont which would require that meat processing plants that slaughters more than 125,000 head yearly, would be required to purchase 50% of their weekly volume on the open or spot market.

That's it for now, God Bless this great country of ours and keep an eye on your neighbors to make sure their OK.

David Senter



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(AAM stands for food producer and commodity PARITY. Parity is a term that denotes a fair commodity price adjusted for inflation to the commodity prices brought in 1910-1914 when producer-middlemen-consumer had a balanced income. Today, 15 commodities average less than 50 percent of PARITY. Meanwhile costs of trucks, implements, tractors, fuel, fertilizer and help rose many times. AAM still demands a parity price increase for commodities.)