# Midwest Messenger STOCK ROUNDUP ROUNDUP

# Nebraska rodeo cowboy awarded college scholarship

#### By Ruth Nicolaus

ORD, Neb. — Sage Konicek has been awarded a Rural Health Opportunities Program scholarship.

The Ord, Neb. man, a 2019 graduate of Burwell High School and a member of the Nebraska High School Rodeo Association, has been granted the RHOP, which pays for the student's tuition at a Nebraska college and guarantees acceptance to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He will attend Chadron State College this fall.

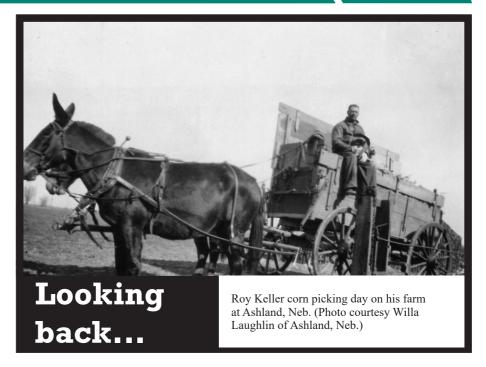
Konicek, a tie-down roper, team roper, and competitor in the boys cutting, became interested in the medical field after a freak accident his freshman year.

During a high school football game in the fall of 2015, he dislocated his elbow. He and his parents didn't think too much of the injury. He competed in two high school rodeos that weekend before going to the doctor. Surgery didn't fix the problem, so he had a second surgery.

After the second surgery, Konicek's right arm still wasn't right. He was unable to extend it, he couldn't blow his nose with both hands, couldn't button the top button on his shirt, and couldn't brush his teeth with that arm. The doctor told him nothing could be done about it; he'd have to live with the way it was.

He and his parents were devastated. "It was tough," he remembered. "I was sitting there, thinking, this is how I'll be for the rest of my life. It was tough on my

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## First quarter beef, pork exports below last year's pace

For the first quarter of 2019, U.S. beef exports were slightly below last year's record pace while pork exports continued to be slowed by trade barriers, according to March data released by USDA and compiled by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). U.S. lamb exports were a first quarter bright spot, trending significantly higher than a year ago.

March beef exports totaled 107,655 metric tons (mt), down 4 percent year-over-year, while value fell 2 percent to \$678 million. For the first quarter, exports were down 3 percent at 307,306 mt valued at \$1.9 billion (down 0.8 percent).

March beef exports were very strong on a per-head basis, with export value per head of fed slaughter averaging \$335.81 – up 1 percent from a year ago and the highest since December. The first quarter average was \$309.32/head, down 2 percent from a year ago. March exports accounted for 13.6 percent of total U.S. beef production and 11 percent for muscle cuts only, which was fairly steady with last March. For the first quarter these ratios were 12.9 percent and 10.2 percent, down from 13.2 percent and 10.7 percent, respectively, a year ago.

Pork exports totaled 211,688 mt in March, down 7 percent from a year ago, valued at \$520.7 million (down 15 percent). First quarter exports were 6 percent below last year's pace in

volume (600,268 mt) and down 14 percent in value (\$1.47 billion).

Pork export value averaged \$48.55 per head slaughtered in March, down 15 percent from a year ago. For January through March, export value averaged \$46.15 per head, down 16 percent from the first quarter of 2018. March exports accounted for 25.6 percent of total U.S. pork production and 22.7 percent for muscle cuts only – down from 27.5 percent and 23.5 percent, respectively in March 2018. First quarter exports accounted for 24.4 percent of total pork production (down from 26.6 percent) and 21.3 percent for muscle cuts (down from 23 percent).

#### **Beef exports**

South Korea continues to be the growth leader for U.S. beef exports, with first quarter volume climbing 8 percent year-over-year to 56,173 mt, while value (\$414.2 million) was 13 percent above last year's record-shattering pace. U.S. beef has achieved remarkable success in Korea's traditional retail and restaurant sectors but is also rapidly gaining popularity in outlets such as convenience stores and e-commerce platforms. Recent export growth is not only in the ever-popular short rib category, but also in short plate, briskets, clods and rounds, as end-users recognize the versatility and affordability of high-

quality U.S. beef.

Beef exports to Japan were moderately lower than a year ago in March, but still finished the first quarter 2 percent above last year's pace in volume (74,147 mt) and 5 percent higher in value (\$480.4 million). This was fueled by growth in variety meat exports, with the U.S. shipping more tongues and skirt meat to Japan. U.S. beef faces a widening tariff disadvantage in Japan compared to imports from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Mexico, and the latest tariff reduction for these countries didn't take effect until April 1.

"U.S. beef cuts are still subject to a 38.5 percent tariff in Japan while our competitors' rate is nearly one-third lower at 26.6 percent," explained Dan Halstrom, USMEF president and CEO. "This really underscores the urgency of the U.S.-Japan trade negotiations, which must progress quickly if we are going to continue to have success in the leading value market for U.S. beef and pork."

Japan's tariffs on beef variety meat are lower, but U.S. shipments are subject to a duty of 12.8 percent while competitors pay less than half that rate.

Other first quarter highlights for U.S. beef include: Beef muscle cut exports to Mexico continued to shine, with

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## Cowboy

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parents, too."

The right-hander adapted, learning how to shoot a basketball left-handed. He became more ambidextrous, using his left arm for more things.

"It was a recommendation from his grandpa that made him and his parents switch doctors," Konicek said. "They went to a doctor in Norfolk who 'gave us some hope.""

So after the state basketball tournament in March of 2017, at which Burwell played, Konicek was back in surgery for a third time.

The doctor cleaned out scar tissue and bone spurs, among other corrections, and this time, it worked.

The arm isn't 100 percent, but it's close to it, and Konicek is able to do everything he could do before the dislocation.

The ordeal with the arm has motivated him to study orthopedic surgery.

"It's ironic, how it all worked out," he said. "Without the injury happening, I don't know if I'd be pursuing this field of study."

He knows he can make a difference as an orthopedic surgeon.

"It inspired me," he said. "I learned from my doctor in Norfolk how much you can change someone's life. He was the one who inspired me to go into the medical field."

After Konicek's graduation from UNMC, he'll be required to work in the medical field in rural Nebraska for a minimum of three years, as part of the RHOP stipulations. RHOP is

designed to address the special needs of rural Nebraska by encouraging rural residents to pursue a career in the health care fields.

At Burwell High School, Konicek was involved in FFA, speech, quiz bowl, football, basketball, rodeo club, was a class officer, a member of the National Honor Society, and on the All-A Honor Roll.

He is the 2018 Nebraska State High School Rodeo Boys Cutting champion, and competed at the state finals in Hastings his freshman and junior years and is on track to qualify this year. He qualified his sophomore year but did not compete due to the elbow injury.

The Nebraska High School Finals Rodeo will be held in Hastings at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds June 13-15. The rodeo is held at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14, with the finals at 1 p.m. June 15. Tickets are \$7 for everyone ages five and older and are available through the office and at the gate. For more information, visit AdamsCountyFairgrounds.com or hsrodeonebraska.com or call 402-462-3247.









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first quarter volume up 14 percent from a year ago to 35,481 mt and value climbing 16 percent to \$220.7 million. While variety meat exports trended lower year-over-year, combined beef/beef variety volume still increased 1 percent to 57,591 mt while value jumped 12 percent to \$280.2 million.

Exports to Taiwan were 3 percent above last year's record pace at 13,487 mt, though value slipped 7 percent to \$117.8 million. U.S. beef dominates Taiwan's chilled beef market with nearly 75 percent market share — the highest of any Asian destination.

CAFTA-DR markets continue to be an excellent source of growth for U.S. beef exports, with first quarter volume to Central America up 15 percent from a year ago to 3,628 mt and value up 19 percent to \$21.2 million. Exports to the Dominican Republic soared 71 percent to 2,345 mt valued at \$18.9 million (up 65 percent).

Lower exports to Hong Kong and Canada offset some of the first quarter growth in other markets. Exports to Hong Kong trailed last year's pace by 36 percent in volume (21,304 mt) and 30 percent in value (\$177.1 million). Exports to Canada were down 14 percent in both volume (23,199 mt) and value (\$143.8 million).

U.S. exports to China were up 4 percent from a year ago to 1,723 mt, but this came at lower prices as export value fell 17 percent to \$13.2 million. There is tremendous potential in the Chinese market for U.S. beef, but due to China's restrictive import requirements and retaliatory duties pushing the tariff rate to 37 percent, U.S. prices are significantly higher than the

competition. By comparison, most beef suppliers are subject to a 12 percent tariff in China while beef from New Zealand is duty-free and Australian beef pays only a 6 percent rate. Australia's grain-fed beef exports to China in the first quarter totaled 14,347 mt, up 77 percent year-over-year.

#### Pork exports

Since mid-2018, most U.S. pork entering Mexico has faced a 20 percent retaliatory duty imposed in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. This turn of events ended six consecutive years of record export volumes to Mexico, and early 2019 is showing no signs of relief. First quarter exports to Mexico were down 13 percent year-over-year in volume (177,420 mt) and sank 29 percent in value (\$261.9 million). The U.S. is still Mexico's primary supplier of imported pork but Canada, Chile and the European Union have gained market share in 2019 and Mexico's domestic pork production is trending significantly higher.

U.S. pork also faces retaliatory duties in China, raising the total tariff rate from the normal 12 percent to 62 percent. This will make it difficult for U.S. pork to capitalize on any increase in China's demand for imported pork, which analysts are projecting in the second half of 2019 and beyond, due to the spread of African swine fever. Through March, U.S. exports to the China/Hong Kong region were 20 percent below last year's pace in volume (89,689 mt) and down 34 percent in value (\$172.1 million).

Leading value market Japan has not imposed any new tariffs on U.S. pork, but U.S. exports are at a disadvantage compared to pork from the European Union, Canada and Mexico due to their new trade agreements with Japan. As with beef, this gap will widen unless the U.S. and Japan reach a trade agreement. Through the first quarter, U.S. exports to Japan were 9 percent below last year's pace in volume

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(92,503 mt) and 11 percent lower in value (\$374.9 million).

"The current environment for U.S. pork is a good illustration of why it has been such a high priority for the U.S. industry to develop a wider range of international destinations," Halstrom said. "Though we absolutely must get back on a level playing field in Mexico, China and Japan, larger exports to emerging markets have offset some of the decline."

First quarter highlights for U.S. pork include:

Continued strong growth in Colombia and a large increase in shipments to Chile and Peru pushed exports to South America 41 percent above last year's record pace in volume (40,998 mt) and 40 percent higher in value (\$99.3 million).

Exports to Central America and the Dominican Republic also continue to exceed the record pace of 2018. Strong growth in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama along with continued growth to top market Honduras pushed exports to Central America 12 percent higher in volume (20,903 mt) and 7 percent higher in value (\$48.1 million). Export volume to the Dominican Republic increased 15 percent to 10,969 mt while value was up 13 percent to \$24.2 million.

Oceania is a key market for hams and other muscle cuts destined for further processing, and first quarter exports increased significantly to both Australia and New Zealand. Export volume to the region was up 31 percent from a year ago to 30,070 mt while value increased 14 percent to \$78.6 million.

Exports to Taiwan surged 83 percent in volume (6,584 mt, the highest first quarter since 2011) and 57 percent in value (\$14.3 million). U.S. pork has been limited in Taiwan by a zero-tolerance policy for beta agonists, but exports have still trended higher over the past two years. In 2019, the U.S. is the only major pork supplier reporting larger exports to Taiwan.

#### **LIVESTOCK CALENDAR**

#### MAY

- 24 Burwell Livestock Market, Special Calf & Feeder-Bred Cow & Pairs, Burwell, Neb.
- 24 Ft. Pierre Livestock Auction, Big Special Grass, Feeder & Replacement, Ft. Pierre, S.D.
- 24 Lexington Livestock Market, Special Weigh-Up Auction, Lexington, Neb.
- 24 Wahoo Livestock Sales, Special Cattle, Wahoo, Neb.
- 28 North Platte Stockyards, All Class Cattle Sale, North Plate, Neb.
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## ISU McNay Farm will host 2019 Update for Beef Veterinarians

CHARITON, Iowa — The annual Update for Veterinarians program, organized and provided by Iowa Beef Center, features a full day of education and information focused on beef cattle production. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef specialist Chris Clark coordinates the program and invites practitioners who work with cattle to attend Tuesday, June 11, at the Iowa State McNay Research Farm near Chariton.

"The Update for Veterinarians provides area cattle veterinarians with quality continuing education and offers them an opportunity to become acquainted with ISU Extension and Outreach and Iowa Beef Center staff," Clark said. "I think we have some important and timely topics on the agenda this year. The morning program includes discussion on appropriately completing certificates of veterinary inspection, updates from the VDL, and health management considerations for

confinement cow/calf operations. Afternoon topics include discussion of animal welfare issues related to extreme weather, management of cows after a tough winter, and foreign animal disease preparedness. The program has been approved for six hours of continuing education credits."

Those who preregister by June 6 will pay \$65 per person, which includes the noon meal. Those who register onsite will pay \$85. All registrations are done through the Lucas County Extension Office in Chariton.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the McNay headquarters with the first speaker starting at 9 a.m. Please note that start time is earlier than the past couple of years. A catered meal will be served at noon and the program is expected to end about 4:15 p.m.

The brochure with a fillable registration form is available on the IBC website. For more information, contact Clark at 712-250-0070 or caclark@iastate.edu.

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#### FRIDAY, MAY 31ST SPECIAL FEEDER AUCTION

Butcher Cows 8:00 AM\*Feeders @NOON (#2 - 7 Way, 4 Way & Pasturella, #4 - #2 with Booster,

P - Poured & W - Weaned)

**FEEDERS** 

160 Angus (P0) Heifers, 800-900 #4PW.....

110 Angus Steers & Heifers, 400-550, W... BRENT & BLAKE GENGENBACH

90 Angus Steers, 950-1000 #4PW......LAYNE SHAFER

40 Angus, Bwf, & few Char X Yrl Strs & Hfrs 700-825 #4PW .....

30 Angus Steers & Heifers, 475-600 #4PW .... JACK LONGFELLOW FARMS

4 Red Angus & Angus Steers & Heifers,

750-850 #4PW ......QUARTER CIRCLE T OPEN 6

**NO CATTLE AUCTION - JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>** SPECIAL CATTLE AUCTION - JUNE 14TH

OFFICE 308-324-4663 www.lexlivestock.com RICK SHOEMAKER, OWNER 627-7284; Jeff Rogers 325-1272 Jeff Marshall 233-4633, Ryan Rogers 325-1273 Dean Dallman 380-2615, Gary Cook 870-0414

Geoff Cook 870-2791, Brian Eberle 440-4798 

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#### **WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH** SPECIAL PAIR & BRED COW & HEIFER AUCTION **BUTCHER COWS 8:00 • PAIRS NOON**

Right Rib ..... EDSEL MATOUSEK BULLS 20 Angus (10) 2 Yrs Old (10) 18 Months Old ..... 3 Hereford Bulls 2 Yrs Old......SCHROER HEREFORDS 46 F1X Bwf Heifers w/calves-worked ......TROY JANSONIOUS 40 Angus Cows w/calves-Running Age...... 4 J FARMS 30 Angus Simm X Cows w/calves-worked-Running Age ..... 5 N FARMS 25 Angus Cows w/calves-worked-3 to 5 Yrs Old ..... .....JOHNATHAN STEVENSON 10 Angus Cows w/big calves-Running Age ......STEVE JOHNSON 15 Angus Cows w/calves-worked-Young ......STEVE KLEIN 7 Angus Heifers w/calves-worked ...... STEVE KLEIN

#### 4 Hereford Cows w/calves-worked ...... JOHNATHAN STEVENSON **BRED COWS**

30 Angus Cows-Bred Angus-Calving now-Young to Short Solid ..... STEVE JOHNSON 20 Black Simmental Cows-Bred Black-Calf

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