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President's Pen

Ross Becker, *State YF/YFW President*

Over the last 20 or so years, our membership has slowly declined for a variety of reasons. One reason is the widespread availability of the internet and smartphones making an almost endless amount of information available at the touch of a button. Another reason is that more activities and organizations are taking up people's time, and finally

the number of farmers is just simply going down. I thought it might be important to take a step back and think about what still makes the Young Farmers relevant in 2016 and beyond.

First of all, there are 340 FFA chapters with over 26,000 total FFA members in the state and one of the goals of many of our YF chapters is to operate as a "FFA Booster" and assisting their local FFA chapters with financial support by funding some of their projects and giving scholarships. Some YF chapters help the FFA chapters with projects and activities along with providing knowledge from life experiences that the Ag teacher may not have. The Young Farmers are also the next logical step for those that have outgrown FFA but still want to continue in a similar organization while advancing their knowledge about agriculture.

Next, it is hard to compete with the wealth of information available on the internet, but one thing we tend to forget is that on most websites there is no oversight to insure that all the information is factual and up to date. I did a quick google search of "average US farm acreage" and was given three different answers, just on the first page. So which one is correct? It is possible that they were each correct at one point, but the website had not been updated since, or maybe someone just thought it would be fun to build a site and makeup info and put it out there as fact. I think most of us would agree that information is only credible when it comes from a "Subject Matter Expert"; someone in person that we can ask questions of and decide for ourselves if they are credible. That is the reason that members whose lives are not Ag based, make wonderful additions to each chapter. They will get a credible education on field to fork that the average non-farmer will never know, and in exchange, we will be getting their perspective and suggestions for non ag related programs that many of us would never think about.

Of course, arguably the most important reason that Young Farmers is still a necessary voice in the Ag community is consumer education. There are too many groups out there that are more than willing to speak for us, constantly confusing consumers with fears of GMOs, organic vs. conventional, hormones & vaccines vs. antibiotic free, confinement vs. free range. We are historically humble in an age where we have to defend our integrity. We need to work together to make sure that the public is getting good information about traditional and specialized agriculture and we can do that by going out into the community and educating our neighbors on what being a farmer is truly about. As an organization we fully support all Ag methods. Lord knows how boring it would be if we never tried anything new! For instance, who would have dreamed thirty years ago that the majority of new tractors would be GPS enabled or that "tillage radishes" would be a thing?

I know sometimes it's easy to just stay home after a long day or you feel you may have too many irons in the fire (often both); but often you can learn just as much at a social event as you can at an educational meeting. Whether it's a card party, picnic or other social event, these are the best times to sit down and talk about what is going on right now, exchange ideas and

learn from each other. The agriculture industry is probably more competitive now than it ever has been so it's important to keep good relationships with each other. We are all competing with each other for land, markets and profits, but we are much better off making friends within the Ag business community instead of competitors. Remember that each and every member is a recruiter for the Young Farmers family. So for your next chapter event, invite someone new and let them see what Young Farmers has to offer.

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Member Spotlight

Article by Jordan Yoder, North Shelby Ag Leaders Member & Past MYF/MYFW State President

If you've ever attended any of the state Missouri Young Farmers functions (which you should if you like to see people and learn), you have probably run into Jesse Schwanke with his wife Diana and five kids in tow. Not only is he active in the local North Shelby Ag Leaders chapter, he used to be the adult agriculture teacher.

Jesse was born and raised near Leonard, Missouri where he grew up surrounded by farming and was knee deep in the custom application business, working with his dad's chemical and fertilizer business. His father's business is still in operation today, mainly side-dressing nitrogen in the summertime.

After being involved in FFA and graduating high school, Jesse attended the University of Missouri school of Agriculture. He graduated in 2000 as a member of the last class of Agriculture Engineering degree recipients (this degree is no longer offered). He also met his wife at Mizzou. The two returned to Leonard to the Salt River bottom where Jesse continued to work with his father and chart his own path. He began to get involved in the North Shelby Ag Leaders and eventually became the new teacher in 2004, a position he held until 2014. During that period he began his own business which grew so much he couldn't keep up with teaching.

Jesse now owns and operates On Target Agriculture. It began in 2007 when he had a desire to incorporate GPS grid soil sampling into his dad's operation. Fortunately, Alan Schwanke, Jesse's father, has often been willing to allow his son to bring new practices into the operation. Unfortunately, it was difficult to find soil samplers using GPS assisted soil sampling and computer software to create soil fertility maps and Variable Rate Technology (VRT) prescriptions. Jesse decided to start doing his own sampling so he purchased the necessary equipment and Ag Leader's® computer software.

The next season he had 1,000 acres to do for someone else. Jesse's soil sampling business grew rapidly due to what Jesse calls "Lucky timing". The time Jesse started sampling coincided with several custom fertilizer applicators buying fertilizer trucks with VRT capabilities. Without a single advertisement, he quickly became the largest provider of prescriptions for several local independent fertilizer applicators, as well as working with many other custom applicators. These days Jesse spends little time out in the field with a soil probe himself, due to hiring employees to serve as soil samplers. He also has a growing Ag Leader® dealership where he sells, installs, and services precision equipment for diverse agriculture applications while continuing to help his dad in addition to managing his own row crop and cow-calf operation.

Jesse has always seen value in the Young Farmers organization. He knows the importance of continuing education and finding ways to improve. He also stated the Young Farmers is "a good place for young farmers to get experience in leadership" by planning activities and being involved in the local community and state Young Farmers activities. He saw firsthand how going on tours and attending seminars can connect people, ideas, and resources to enhance each person's agricultural pursuits.



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Don't Forget:
10th Annual Centralia Young
Farmers Christmas Tractor Parade

Friday, December 16, 2016
7:00 pm–9:00 pm

There is a Facebook page (search title above or scan QR code to the left) where more information will be posted closer to the event.

Appraisals

An Important Tool in Dividing Properties

Article by Robert Chrisman



With the end of the year approaching, it is a time when many people may be working on their estate planning. They will be deciding how best to divide their estates to simplify the process of settlement by their heirs. There are also other reasons why they may want to make a division of their property and planning now will relieve stress later.

An important tool in estate planning is to have an appraisal of all assets and property, including equipment, livestock, land and other items, done by a qualified and accredited appraiser. Having this done will make it easier for family and heirs when their estate exceeds the limits of the estate tax. If plans are made now, both the estate tax and probate taxes can often be avoided.

There are several types of appraisals to be considered. The type of appraisal to be done should be decided upon with consideration as to what would be best for your personal estate and circumstances. The client may decide to share the completed appraisal with their attorney as part of the estate planning process. An accredited appraiser will only share the completed appraisal with the property owner and no one else, unless prior arrangements have been made. He is trained to advise on the best type of appraisal to meet the needs of a particular client, with consideration of a number of variables including adjustments in characteristics, market layer and the time at which it was valued.

In selecting an appraiser, it is important to choose an individual who has been properly trained and is licensed and fully accredited. Appraisals done by an accredited appraiser will stand up in court if challenged.

Whether you are seeking an appraisal to determine the fair market value, market value, order by liquidation value, replacement value for insurance claims, estate settlements, for tax purposes, or other divisions of property for estate planning purposes, it is important to choose the right appraiser for the job. In order to insure that your estate is divided according to your wishes, and not by the courts, an appraisal of your property and assets, conducted by a reliable appraiser, is an important part of the estate planning process. Having an estate plan in place will make that a reality and give you peace of mind as well as help to relieve future stress for your family and heirs.

Robert Chrisman is Past MYF/MYFW President and an accredited appraiser.



Missouri Young Farmer Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2016 Awardees

(Left to Right) Caitlyn McKibben, Missouri State University, from Lamar, MO, Wyatt Long, Missouri State University, from Aldrich, MO, Kirsten Naas, Southeast Missouri State University, from Sparta, IL, Samantha "Sam" Strodtman, Northwest Missouri State University, from Fayette, MO, Austin Ray, Northwest Missouri State University, from Archie, MO, Cheyenne Martin, University of Missouri, from New London, MO.

A Big Thank you To our 2016 Summer Tour Supporters!

On behalf of the Adult Farm Management Group and Boonville FFA Boosters – thanks to all of you that attended the State YF/YFW Tour that was held in Boonville July 28, 29 & 30. We enjoyed being your host.

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What do I do with my Yield Data?

Article by Thad Becker, *MFA Incorporated Precision Agronomy Manager*



We've all been told things like "yield data is invaluable," "you need it for the future," "it will transform the way you manage the farm." Yet every year it seems that most of the data collected goes on a memory card or thumb drive somewhere to be dropped into a desk drawer never to be seen again. It doesn't have to be like this, there are many things that yield data can be used for but until you pick out some practices and make an effort to do them, the cycle of filing data away never to be seen again will continue.

Below are my thoughts on some of the most valuable ways to use the data you collect today and their relative ease of implementation.

Instant Gratification

These are the easy things that yield data can do, with a little set up you can reap the rewards of good data right off the monitor:

- **Yield Reporting:** weather it is the FSA Office, insurance, landlords, or bankers everyone wants production information. This information is typically available right on your yield monitor screen to use provided you do the following:
 - Make sure to Calibrate for each crop annually
 - Do a good job of naming fields correctly in the monitor
 - Change to the correct field in the monitor before you start to harvest it. Many of the newer monitors will automatically change to the correct field if you have boundaries created.
- **Measure Variety Performance:** Many monitors have the ability to track each varieties' performance as you harvest if you record where they are planted with a GPS enabled monitor in the spring. Imagine turning your entire farming operation into a test plot!
- **Strip Trial Analysis:** If you have a strip trial flagged in a field it is very simple to start a new load in your yield monitor to compare yield from your strip to the yield from the adjoining crop.

Simple Analysis

There are several ways to analyze yield data with a simple precision software package here are some common ones:

- **Query tools:** The query tool available in most software packages let you draw a custom area in a field and get all the statistics like yield, acres, moisture, and so on. Do you have a spot in the field that doesn't drain well? Did you have a "test skip" where you didn't have good weed control? Using the query tool will allow you to see what those areas cost you.
- **Yield by Variety by Soil Type:** A more in depth look at your yield as it relates to the varieties you plant and how there yield varies with placement. By seeing the effect that different soils have on different varieties you will see the importance of proper placement and can gain insights into what variety attributes are needed to perform best for each field.
- **Yield Removal Fertilizer Recommendations:** This is a great way to maintain you soil nutrient levels putting back only the nutrients you removed. By using a crop removal math equation you can turn your yield map into a fertilizer removal map and then variable rate the correct amount of fertilizer back onto the correct area of the field.

Advanced Analysis

By using your yield data in combination with other datasets or using multiple years of data you can develop a deeper understanding of your fields and leverage that understanding to manage your ground more effectively. These types of yield analysis take a lot more work and good software to do correctly.

- **Yield By anything analysis:** Once you start to get more data layers you can start to compare your yields to each of those layers. In an advanced software package you can compare to yield to things like soil tests, electrical conductivity, elevation, and many more. This will allow you to see what items drive your productivity and give you clues about the potential of the ground you farm.
- **Variable Rate Seed or Nitrogen:** Varying your N rates or Seed can pay but good recs only come with a deep understanding what is happening in your field. Use your yield data as a starting point to determine the production zones (the more years of yield the better). Then use things like Soil Type maps, elevation or topography, Electrical Conductivity, and your knowledge of the field to understand why those yields vary. Once you understand the root cause of the yield variation you can make informed decisions for the proper seeding or N rate.
- **Within field profitability analysis:** By collecting all of your input costs and assigning it to the field you can utilize yield data to see a cost of production and Profitability map for every acre. The things you learn may surprise you, like what it actually costs you to farm that 2 ac patch in the woods!



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1:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Registration** - Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room Foyer

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **NYFEA Delegate Session** - Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room

Thursday - December 8, 2016

7:00 AM **Registration** - Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room Foyer

7:00 AM **State Executive Sect. Breakfast** - Sheraton Hotel - Panfilos Restaurant

10:00 AM **Kickoff of Ag Communication Award (presentation and explanation of contest)** - Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room— *Training and Development Program on Ag Communication*

11:00 AM **Opening Program and Flag Ceremony - Lunch** - Sheraton Hotel- Ballroom

12:30 PM **Tampa Tours** : - Florida Aquarium (featuring a discussion of Water Issues in Florida),
- University of Tampa's Historic Plant Hotel (railroad industry discussion)
- Ybor City Tours (Historic District, Cigar Making, Cuban Bread and the History of Tampa)
- Copper Tail Brewery (successful example of a “not so small” micro brewery)..

6:30 PM **“Gasparilla” Pool Party** – Pirates are celebrated in this themed evening. – Dinner, Movies, Games, Music and Surprise Guests around the Pool. **DRESS LIKE A PIRATE– Win a Prize!**

Friday - December 9, 2016

6:00 AM **Registration** – Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room Foyer

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM **Breakfast with Officer Candidates** - Sheraton Hotel – Grand Ballroom

Agriculture and Farm Tour (*Coordinated with assistance of Crystal Snodgrass and Christa Kirby of the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service – Manatee County*)

8:00 AM Depart from Hotel for Strickland Ranch

9:00 AM Arrive/tour Strickland Ranch- (Mr. Jim Strickland and his family are famous for their innovative cattle operations and their marketing program.)

10:00 AM Depart for Jones Potato and Green Bean Farm

11:00 AM Arrive/tour Jones Potato and Green Bean Farm

(Mr. Allen Jones will describe the multiple dimension operation. Beans will be in the middle of the harvest and the new 40,000 sq. ft. processing plant will be operating on the farm.)

1:35 PM Depart for Wish Farms Strawberry

(Lunch will be on the bus as we move from stop to stop.)

2:30 PM Arrive/tour Wish Farms Strawberry (Mrs. Amber Maloney will coordinate the tour of the strawberry fields. Harvesting and processing will be on-going.)

2:30 PM Depart for West Coast Tomato Farm

2:45 PM Arrive/tour West Coast Tomato Farm (Mr. Gary Reeder will give an explanation and host the tour. Tomatoes will be in the fields and harvesting will be on-going)

3:45 PM Depart for Keel & Curly Winery

4:30 PM Arrive/tour Keel & Curly (Fruit wines, beer- Happy Hour)

5:15 PM Depart for Feeding Tampa Bay

5:45 PM Arrive/Tour Feeding Tampa Bay

6:15 PM Dinner will be provided.

(Speakers will share the story of Feeding Tampa Bay and farmers will describe how it all fits together)

8:30 PM Limited Free **Shuttle to the Hard Rock Casino** (10 minutes) Make reservations prior to Friday tOurs

Saturday - December 10, 2016

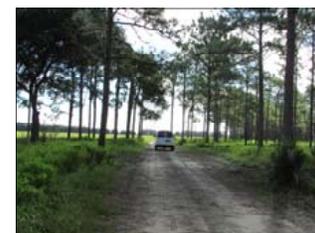
7:00 AM **Registration** – Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room Foyer

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM **NYFEA Delegate Session** - Sheraton Hotel – Brandon Room

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **NYFEA Live Auction** - Sheraton Hotel – Palm Room

10:30 AM – Noon (BRUNCH) **Ag Decision Makers College Banquet** - Sheraton Hotel – Ballroom

Featuring: The Ag Decision Makers College speakers (Mr. Allen Jones of the Jones Potato, Green Bean and Diversified Agricultural Businesses), Officer Installation Ceremony and The Institute Previews.



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4:00 PM **50th Celebration Meal** at the Gwazi Pavilion

6:00 - 6:45 pm **A Salute to 50 years of Success**— Featuring Past Institute Leaders!! Plus, veterinarians will share how Busch Gardens manages its 300 acres and multiple animal species. (Busch Gardens Theater).

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM **Shuttles** will return to the hotel on an as needed basis. Enjoy the Christmas Spirit of Christmas Town at Busch Gardens and the other unique features of the park!!!

Sunday - December 11, 2016

8:00 am – 3:00 pm **Optional Tours** to Clearwater for the Beaches. Limited to 50 people. Must have 25 and must register separately for this by Dec. 1. Cost = \$60/person for round trip. Mail to: Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120

Free Shuttle Bus to airport departs on an hourly basis beginning at 5 am on Sunday. Shuttle stops at noon. Must register at the Institute Registration Desk to confirm seat availability.

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NYFEA Daily Rate is \$120 inclusive for each day Friday # _____ @ \$120 ** = _____

NYFEA Daily Rate is \$120 inclusive for each day Saturday # _____ @ \$120 ** = _____

** (Individual meals are available separately for \$50 per event. Must be confirmed by Dec. 1)

NYFEA Student Rate is \$300 all events # _____ @ \$300 = _____

(Students must attend AG Decision Makers College & YALE on Saturday. Student rate includes 3 nights hotel and registration . Students must be willing to share a room if the room rate is included)

..... Child Registration (under age 10) # _____ @ \$175 = _____

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State Missouri Young Farmer/ Missouri Young Farm Wives Convention February 3rd & 4th, 2017

Located at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, MO.

Ag Tour, Workshops & More!

An ag tour is being lined up for Friday afternoon, February 3rd and workshops are planned for Saturday that include: DOT Rules for Farmers; Marketing for dummies—when to sell grain to hit higher markets; How is this ag downturn different than the others?; climate; What does your lender really want to know?; Crafts; Gun rights; Diesel Engine Emissions – EPA Regulations Explained; Agritourism; Alternative Strategies for Marketing Livestock.

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More details and the registration form will be in the winter issue.



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