

### Controlling Bindweed

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Even though the weather is cooling off we can still initiate control measures on bindweed. If it's still got green leaves, you can get it! It is time that we move beyond 2,4-D and dicamba for bindweed control as we have so many products that are better. In grassland and fallow crop fields Tordon is still a pretty good option for fall and is likely more effective in fall than in spring. You can tank mix it with 2,4-D or dicamba and gain a few more percentage points of control. Glyphosate by itself seems to work best in the spring and probably why roundup ready crops have helped eliminate bindweed in crop fields. One product that needs to be considered more often for bindweed control is quinclorac sold as QuinStar or Facet. This product has outstanding bindweed control, probably the best of any solo product and better with dicamba. I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

## Co-species Grazing

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Prior to European settlement in the grasslands bison, elk, pronghorn and mule deer grazed together across the prairies. So it only makes a certain amount of sense that we can graze cattle with sheep and or goats and have good results. Yeah, this is going to go right against the grain of a whole lot of people but sheep will utilize more browse, meaning that they eat woody shrubs, and goats even more and then the cattle will focus more on the grass. I'm starting to see some really interesting results from co-species grazing and it's ability to help control or at least reduce the prevalence of woody shrubs and even sericea in Flint Hills pastures. It isn't a replacement for better management and I'm not telling you to rush out and buy a bunch of sheep, but start keeping your eyes open for some of these studies and results! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Have A Happy Thanksgiving

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. One year ago, as we were preparing for Thanksgiving, we had no idea what was headed our way. Now we have no idea when we'll be moving out of this and if normal will ever seem normal again. Many of us are forgoing our traditional large Thanksgiving gatherings and staying home with those in our households. Many people may be thinking that this is a very thankless Thanksgiving, I feel that it is far from that. If all we do is focus on what isn't happening it'll be very easy to slip into the abyss of negativity. We have plenty to be thankful for and we need to focus on the positivity of it all. We appear to be close to having vaccines available and that alone is something to be thankful for. From now until the end of the year we need to focus on the positive and be thankful in our hearts for all we have. Happy Thanksgiving! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Thanksgiving Day - No Program

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## Ag Lease Termination Deadline

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. It's that time of year that I'll be starting to talk more and more about agricultural leases. Part of the reason is because after the grazing season and fall crop harvest it is just a natural time for tenants and landlords to sit down and talk about the year and the leases. This is the time of year that those talks often include renegotiation of lease terms. It's important to get these negotiations done before the end of January for the simple fact that if you can't come to terms on a new lease and you wish to get a new tenant, as a landlord, you have to give notice to terminate an oral lease at least 30 days prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is state law and can only be changed by having a written lease with different terms and ending dates in it. If you don't come to terms and the landlord does NOT give proper termination, the lease continues for another year. I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.