

## The Briefcase WEEK AHEAD

**MONDAY**  
**• WASHINGTON**  
 – Institute for Supply Management releases its manufacturing index for September, 9 a.m.; Commerce Department releases construction spending for August, 9 a.m.

**• DETROIT**  
 – Automakers release vehicle sales for September.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**• WASHINGTON**  
 – Commerce Department releases international trade data for August, 7:30 a.m.; Institute for Supply Management releases its service sector index for September, 9 a.m.; Commerce Department releases factory orders for August, 9 a.m.

Yum! Brands Inc. reports quarterly financial results after the market closes.

**THURSDAY**  
**• WASHINGTON**  
 – Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims, 7:30 a.m.; Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates, 9 a.m.

**FRIDAY**  
**• WASHINGTON**  
 – Labor Department releases employment data for September, 7:30 a.m.; Commerce Department releases wholesale trade inventories for August, 9 a.m.; Federal Reserve releases consumer credit data for August, 2 p.m.

### ENERGY

#### No change in Kansas rig count; US up 11

HOUSTON – The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by 11 this week to 522.

A year ago, 809 rigs were active. Depressed energy prices have sharply curtailed oil and gas exploration.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday that 425 rigs sought oil and 96 explored for natural gas this week.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, New Mexico gained three rigs and North Dakota was up two. Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and West Virginia increased by one apiece. Texas declined by one rig.

California, Kansas, Ohio, Utah and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. It bottomed out in May at 404.

– From wire reports



Ben Dillon stands next to his innovation in harvesting technology at the Tribine Harvester complex in Newton on Aug. 4. Dillon's invention puts a combine and a 1,000-bushel grain tank together into one machine.

Photos by Sandra J. Milburn/The Hutchinson News



The Tribine – the latest agriculture innovation being manufactured in Newton – is the cover story of this fall's Kansas Agland.

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Right: Ray Price, left, and Matt Price work on the front module of the Tribine at the Tribine Harvester complex in Newton on Aug. 4.

STORY BY AMY BICKEL  
 Kansas Agland

# Harvest innovation

## That isn't a combine, it's a Tribine in a wheat field



NEWTON – Ben Dillon tried to keep his fledgling innovation under wraps.

But when you have a harvester like his, it's not easy.

Maybe it was the fact it was an orange – not red, green or silver – machine shifting through fields of wheat during test runs. Nor did it look like a normal combine, with its mammoth back end that could hold enough grain to fill an entire semi.

It has been tough to keep the Tribine – what he calls the newest farm invention since World War II – out of the limelight for the past few years as he and his small band of

engineers tinkered with the design.

Now, however, it is D-Day – or what Dillon was calling the Tribine's launch on this early August morning at the Tribine Harvester complex at Newton. The new website was live. The engineering team was doing finishing work on the latest model before it rolled off the production-room floor.

Three weeks later, Dillon and the team unveiled the Tribine – with its 1,000-bushel grain tank – at one of the nation's premier farm shows.

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## Is there a conspiracy to overcharge for chicken? Lawsuits says yes

By DEENA SHANKER  
 Bloomberg

What do you call it when would-be competitors embark on a unified strategy to limit supply, drive up prices, and bilk customers of their hard-earned cash? An anti-trust conspiracy, of course. But what do you call it

when producers of chickens, a staple of the American diet (Wall Street even has a chicken wing index), allegedly go so far as killing their birds early, shipping more eggs, and buying one another's products to keep public supply low?

According to food distributors suing the industry, it's

called "capacity discipline."

The \$29 billion industry that churns out 90 percent of America's chickens has engaged in a price-fixing scheme for years, according to the first of a half-dozen lawsuits filed in Chicago federal court this month. And that artificial premium has been passed on to

consumers, who have been paying 50 percent more for that supermarket rotisserie bird, the lawsuits claim. While producers have been accused of rigging the market before, this litigation may be the largest effort yet to bring such practices to light.

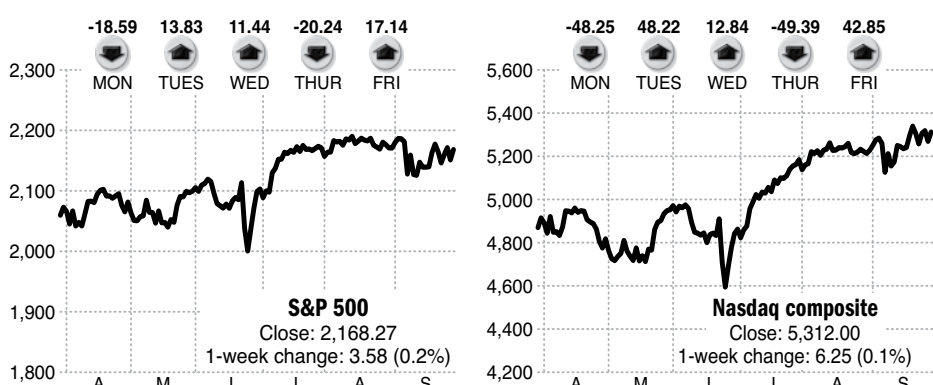
For decades, the price

of a broiler – the standard, non-organic, non-halal, non-kosher chicken that makes up 98 percent of what's sold – followed a boom and bust pattern: Rising demand led to higher prices and more production, then to oversupply and a drop in

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#### StocksRecap



52-WEEK			WEEKLY PERFORMANCE				YTD	1YR				
HIGH	LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	%CHG	%CHG	
18668.44	15450.56	Dow Jones Industrial average	18369.62	18052.16	18308.15	+46.70	+0.3	▼	▲	+5.1	■	+11.1
8358.20	6403.31	Dow Jones transportation	8105.93	7880.34	8078.79	+141.80	+1.8	▲	▲	+7.6	■	+2.6
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones utilities	698.58	664.68	668.13	-26.11	-3.8	▲	▲	+15.6	■	+15.7
10903.86	8937.99	NYSE Comp.	10764.27	10587.93	10721.73	+3.75	+0.0	▼	▲	+5.7	■	+7.5
5165.47	4088.51	NYSE International	4920.77	4806.97	4886.26	-8.09	-0.2	▼	▲	+2.0	■	+0.4
4895.50	3888.78	Nasdaq 100	4889.24	4811.28	4875.70	+16.79	+0.4	▲	▲	+6.2	■	+14.3
5342.88	4209.76	Nasdaq Comp.	5325.88	5251.32	5312.00	+6.25	+0.1	▲	▲	+6.1	■	+12.8
2193.81	1810.10	S&P 500	2175.30	2141.55	2168.27	+3.58	+0.2	▼	▲	+6.1	■	+11.1
1581.53	1215.14	S&P MidCap	1557.77	1536.33	1552.26	+1.44	+0.1	▲	▲	+11.0	■	+12.0
22785.41	18462.43	Wilshire 5000	22649.33	22320.24	22576.67	+19.57	+0.1	▼	▲	+6.7	■	+10.4
1263.46	943.09	Russell 2000	1255.94	1236.86	1251.64	-2.98	-0.2	▼	▲	+10.2	■	+12.4
387.43	302.59	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	346.25	336.74	342.92	-2.42	-0.7	▼	▲	+6.7	■	+1.4
6955.34	5499.51	FTSE 100	6941.09	6768.86	6899.33	-10.10	-0.2	▲	▲	+10.5	■	+12.6

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