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#### DATES TO

#### REMEMBER:

- December 11—  
Gentry County Cat-  
tlemen's Association  
meeting, Albany
- December 21—North  
Central/Northwest  
Missouri Show-Me-  
Select Replacement  
Heifer sale, Green  
City
- December 25—MU  
Extension offices  
closed in observance  
of the Christmas  
holiday
- January 14,15,16—  
Three-State Beef  
Conference, Creston,  
IA, Albany, MO,  
Ithaca & Beatrice, NE

## Make Plans to Attend the Three-State Beef Conference

Area beef producers should make plans to attend the first annual Three-State Beef Conference that will be held on January 14, 15 and

16, 2014 with locations in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. Topics and speakers for the conference are as follows: **“Cover Crops for Grazing”**, Dr. Rob Kallenbach, Forage Specialist, University of Missouri Extension; **“Drylotting and Cow Management”**, Dr. Rick Rasby, Extension Beef Specialist, University of Nebraska; **“Pasture Rental: Balancing Economics and Relationships”**, local agriculture business extension specialists. The first session of the conference will be held in Creston, Iowa at Southeastern Community College on Tuesday, January 14 with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Missouri session will be held on Wednesday, January 15 in Albany at the MU Hundley-Whaley Learning Discovery Center. It also begins with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the program following at 6:00 p.m. On January 16, there will be two different sessions held in Nebraska. The first session will be held at the UNL Ag Research & Development Center (ARDC) in Ithaca, Nebraska. Registration for the Ithaca location will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. Later that day, an evening session will be held at the Gage County UNL Extension Center in Beatrice, Nebraska with registration is at 5:30 p.m. and the program to follow at 6:00 p.m.

The Three-State Beef Conference (formerly the Four-State Beef Conference) is designed to give beef cattle producers and others in the beef industry in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska a regular update on current cow-calf and stocker topics. The conference provides a forum of specialists from three of the United States' leading beef cattle land grant universities as well as other industry experts. We request that attendees pre-register by Friday, January 10, 2014. Calling or e-mailing with your reservation helps with meal plans and also helps keep costs down. The registration fee is \$20 per person and it includes a meal and copy of the conference proceedings. If you need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform us by December 31, 2013. For more information contact your local university extension office or visit our website at <http://extension.iastate.edu/feci/3StBeef/>.

### Is it Time to Rethink Corn?

It is the time of the year when we tend to do several feed rations for producers. Over the past few years, many have moved away from corn-based diets for backgrounding calves or stocker cattle. This has been largely due to the increased availability of by-product feeds and the increase in the price of corn. By-product feeds have many advantages in that they are low in starch, high in energy and protein and have been priced very competitively. Recently, however we have seen downward trends in the corn market and its inclusion in diets may once again be something that producers may want to consider. It is always important for producers to put a pencil to the feedstuffs that they are using. If you need help figuring out least-cost feeding options for your operation, contact your regional livestock specialist.



**Three-State Beef Conference**  
University of Nebraska – Lincoln • Iowa State University • University of Missouri



**KSU Focus on Feedlots Report**

Kansas State University Extension recently released their October 2013 closeout information in their latest Focus on Feedlots report which includes data from ten different Kansas feedlots. The 24,507 steers averaged 1398 pounds, 138 days on feed, 3.81 average daily gain, 5.88 feed/gain dry basis, 0.87% death loss and \$115.18 average cost of gain. The 32,058 heifers averaged 1236 pounds, 140 days on feed, 3.42 average daily gain, 6.03 feed/gain dry basis, 0.97% death loss, and \$118.22 average cost of gain.

**North Central/North West Missouri**



**Show-Me-Select  
Spring Calving  
Bred Heifer Sale**

**December 21, 2013, 1:00 p.m.  
Green City Livestock Marketing  
19037 Hwy 129, Green City, MO**

**200 Head of Bred Heifers Sell, Mostly Angus or Angus Cross**

**Heifers are guaranteed bred to calving-ease sires with expected calving dates and have met strict standards for vaccinations, reproductive soundness, pelvic size, body condition and weight.**

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**??Question of the Week??**

**What type of mineral program do I need for my beef cows?**

As producers look to cut input costs in their beef operations, many look at their mineral expenses. There are many different opinions on mineral programs for beef cows. Some producers utilize very simple programs and seem to get along just fine. Others use more elaborate ones and feel like they are justified due to better productivity. Before making any changes make sure to compare feed tags and see what you are actually purchasing. The bottomline is that we know beef cows have basic mineral requirements and producers need to make sure these requirements are met.

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