

**Annual Meeting:** Friday, December 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall in Gerald, MO

## **Upcoming Events for Franklin County Cattlemen**

We have scheduled some meetings this fall that should be of interest to you if you are a landowner, renter, wildlife enthusiast, or a producer interested in getting the most from the dollars you spend. No pre-registration is required and the meeting is free and open to anyone interested. The Franklin County Cattlemen will provide refreshments for each of the meetings.

**Landowner Issues** – Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in Conference Rm 3 Memorial Auditorium in Union  
Dennis Twyman from the Missouri Department of Conservation will talk about landowner liability issues, poaching, trespass, posting property and other issues he sees as a conservation agent. Also, Jeff Dierking, Private Land Conservationist with MDC will discuss ways to improve wildlife habitat and increase wildlife numbers on your farm. They will also cover any programs available to help landowners through MDC.

Then University of Missouri Extension Ag Business and Livestock specialist, Ken Bolte will review the current fence law and rental issues.

**Reducing Production Costs** – Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm in Room 3 Memorial Auditorium in Union  
The cost of fertilizer has risen dramatically over the last several years. Matt Herring, Franklin County Extension MU Agronomist will review how a \$15 soil test can increase productivity and save you money in the long run. Take the guess work out of fertilizing and learn more about the results from your soil tests. Also, what is my manure worth? Is it an asset or a liability?

We all know feed costs are the major expense in beef production. Ken Bolte will review how to forage test results and ration balancing can help better meet the nutritional need of your animals. Many farmers in our area were unable to get their hay baled this year in a timely manner. A forage test will tell you how good or poor your hay is, the best use for it, what and how much supplementation you may need and how much you can expect the cow to consume. *Yes, cows can die with a full stomach!*

**Squeeze the Most from your Input** – Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm Rm 3 Memorial Auditorium, Union  
Major topics for this session will include best use of growth promoters such as ear implants, what's up with the by-product feeds, pre-conditioning, and understanding carcass results. More on information on this meeting in October and November meetings.

Until next time,

Ken Bolte  
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