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DATES TO

REMEMBER:

- January 13—
Farm Bill Meeting: Decisions for Crop Producers, Albany
- January 14—
Three-State Beef Conference, Albany
- February 21—
Gentry County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting, Albany



Three-State Beef Conference

University of Nebraska – Lincoln • Iowa State University • University of Missouri

Area beef producers should make plans to attend the Missouri session of the annual Three-State Beef Conference that will be held Wednesday, January 14 at the MU Hundley-Whaley Center in Albany, MO. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6:00 p.m. Speakers and their topics are as follows:

Dr. Rick Rasby, University of Nebraska —“Evaluating Supplementation Strategies”

Dr. Bruce Anderson, University of Nebraska—“Rethinking our Forage Systems”

Dr. Patrick Gunn, Iowa State University— “Financial Impacts of Fertility and Infer-tility in the Current Cattle Market”

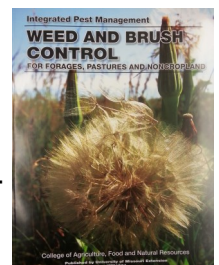
Cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes the evening meal and a copy of the conference proceedings. Pre-registration is requested by Friday, January 9. Contact your livestock specialist or the Gentry County Extension Office at (660)-726-5610 to register.

Farm Bill Meeting: Decisions for Crop Producers

There have been several meetings held throughout northwest Missouri to help crop producers understand and make decisions regarding the new farm bill. There will be one more meeting held on Tuesday, January 13 from 1-4 p.m. in Albany at the MU Hundley-Whaley Center. Topics to be covered include: Yield Update, Base Acreage Reallocation, Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Decision Support Tools. For more information contact the Nodaway County Extension Center at (660)-582-8101 or the Gentry County FSA Office at (660)-726-5525.

Updated Weed and Brush Control Manual

University of Missouri Extension has just released a new and updated version of the weed and brush control for forages, pastures and non-cropland. The new booklet contains excellent color images of the most common weed species in Missouri. It also has recommendations for chemical control. If you have interest in ordering a copy, contact your local University of Missouri Extension office.





KSU Focus on Feedlots Report

Kansas State University Extension recently released their November 2014 closeout information in their latest Focus on Feedlots report which includes data from ten different Kansas feedlots. The 14,658 steers averaged 1401 pounds, 156 days on feed, 3.81 average daily gain, 6.05 feed/gain dry basis, .90% death loss and \$87.81 average cost of gain. The 21,880 heifers averaged 1263 pounds, 155 days on feed, 3.34 average daily gain, 6.29 feed/gain dry basis, 1.16% death loss, and \$92.89 average cost of gain.

**Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program
2014 Fall Heifer Sale Summary**



	Tier II AI	Tier II NS	Tier I AI	Tier I NS	All Heifers
Head	46	37	779	562	1424
% Head	3.2	2.6	54.7	69.5	100
Sales (\$)	142,675	110,275	2,340,050	1,599,625	4,192,625
% of Sales	3.4	2.6	55.8	38.2	100
\$/Head (max)	4,000	4,000	4,050	3,800	4,050
\$/Head (avg)	3,102	2,980	3,004	2,846	2,944
\$/Head (min)	2,600	2,500	2,000	2,400	2,000

Tier I - heifers that meet the basic Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program criteria.

Tier II - heifers that meet the basic Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program criteria and are sired by bulls that meet minimum accuracy values for specific EPDs.

AI - heifers confirmed bred by artificial insemination.

NS - heifers confirmed bred by natural service sires.

Sales were held in the following locations: Joplin, Kingsville, Fruitland, Palmyra and Green City.

??Question of the Week??

I was looking into purchasing either some dried distiller's grains or dry corn gluten feed to use in a backgrounding ration. Are they currently a good buy?

University of Missouri Extension has a really neat feed cost comparison spreadsheet that allows you to compare by-product feed prices to the traditional corn and soybean meal-based supplements. It is updated weekly based on the price of corn and soybean meal and tells you what you can afford to pay for different by-product feeds in comparison to what feed value is in corn and soybean meal mixes. For help accessing this program, contact your regional livestock specialist.

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