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DATES TO

REMEMBER:

- **May 10—**
Missouri Steer
Feedout entries
due for fall-born
calves
- **May 12—Food**
Entreprenu-
ership: A New
Way of Thinking
about Local
Food and Jobs,
Albany

2015 Missouri Steer Feedout for Fall-born Calves

Northwest Missouri beef producers that have fall-calving herds should consider entering a portion of their steer calves in the 2015 Missouri Steer Feedout. The feedout is an educational program for beef producers and gives them the opportunity to evaluate the genetics and management of their calves and how these influence their feedlot performance and carcass characteristics. Producers can do this without the risk of feeding an entire pen of cattle. The feedout is held in cooperation with the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity (TCSCF) in Lewis, IA. Seven different feedlots participate in the program and Iowa State University Extension personnel supervise the program along with the TCSCF board of directors.

Eligible steers are those born after July 1, 2014 and a minimum of five head are required with no maximum limit. Optimum entry weights are between 500 and 750 pounds. Calves must be weaned 30 days, with 45 preferred. They also must be bunk broke, dehorned, castrated and healed. Steers should not be implanted at weaning as they will be put on an implant program at the feedlot. Steers must receive these vaccinations before delivery: IBR, PI3, BVD, Pasturella (pre-weaning only, both haemolytica and multocida), BRSV and 7 or 8-way clostridial. Two rounds of modified-live vaccines are required. For added protection, some of these should be boosted before delivery. If Haemophilis somnus is given, do not use it with the first round of vaccinations, but delay it until the calves are weaned.

The entry deadline is May 10, 2015. Calves will be delivered to the feedlot on June 2. If you are interested in participating or would like a copy of the brochure and entry form, contact your livestock specialist.

“Food Entrepreneurship: A New Way of Thinking about Local Food and Jobs”

Improving and expanding Missouri’s local food system represents an opportunity to build entrepreneurship, small businesses and create local jobs. Locally produced food has captured the attention of consumers, schools, grocers, restaurants, entrepreneurial businesses, farmers, processors and distributors. Growing businesses rooted in agriculture is a proven approach to building the regional economy and local jobs.

A workshop is being held on May 12, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the MU Hundley-Whaley Center in Albany, MO to discuss and explore these possibilities. This workshop will explore issues and roadblocks beginning with a scope of opportunities and challenges including three key aspects: place, product and promotion. Participants will also learn about the benefits and challenges of shared processing facilities (commercial kitchens, incubators and food hubs) as strategies for regional business development and job creation.

There is no charge to attend the workshop, however, registration is due May 8 and is required to ensure sufficient handouts and your complimentary lunch. To register, for the workshop send your name, organization/business name (if applicable), address, phone, and e-mail to:

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KSU Focus on Feedlots Report

Kansas State University Extension recently released their March 2015 closeout information in their latest Focus on Feedlots report which includes data from ten different Kansas feedlots. The 21,491 steers averaged 1367 pounds, 162 days on feed, 3.43 average daily gain, 6.38 feed/gain dry basis, 1.37% death loss and \$89.45 average cost of gain. The 20,069 heifers averaged 1241 pounds, 175 days on feed, 2.99 average daily gain, 6.63 feed/gain dry basis, 1.73% death loss, and \$93.18 average cost of gain.

Northwest Missouri Management Intensive Grazing School



When: June 9-11, 2015 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day)
Where: The Ebenezer United Methodist Church, St. Joseph, MO
Cost: \$90 per person (second with full paid registration \$50)
Topics: Grazing Basics, Soils, Economics of Grazing, System Layout and Design, Extending the Grazing Season, Pasture Fertility, Forage Quality, Fencing, Plant Growth and Species, Matching Nutritional Needs of Livestock with Pasture, Farm Visits
To Register: Nathan Bilke, USDA NRCS
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??Question of the Week??

I was thinking about artificially inseminating some of my cows. Does the timed artificial insemination really work and what does it take to synchronize the cows?

We are seeing much more interest in artificial insemination (AI) of beef cows in northwest Missouri. Yes, timed AI does work quite well. Dr. Dave Patterson and other researchers at the University of Missouri have conducted a great deal of research (and they still are) on synchronization protocols. Your regional livestock specialist can provide you with a detailed summary of the synchronization programs and help you set up a plan to try timed A.I.

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