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Calving Difficulty Workshop - Monday, February 2
Calf losses due to calving difficulty is a multi-million dollar annual cost for cattle producers second only to losses from animals failing to conceive. There are several ways to reduce calving difficulty to prevent death and maintain a healthy calf. The East Central Cattleman’s Association and University of Missouri Extension has invited Dr. Andre Oberle, DVM with the Veterinary Clinic of the Mineral Area, to speak about assisting the cow at calving. Kendra Graham will also talk about ways to prevent calving difficulty. The workshop will be held Monday, February 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the North College Center at Mineral Area College. For questions about the program or to pre-register contact the St. Francois County Extension office at (573) 756-4539 or email stfrancoisco@missouri.edu.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Private Pesticide Applicator Training - February 3, two sections offered, 9 to noon or 6 to 9 pm, Patke Room, Ste. Genevieve Co. Extension Office. Cost is $12 for pesticide manual if you do not already have one. RSVP to 573-883-3548 in case of bad weather.

Perryville Garden Symposium - February 7, 8-noon, Perryville Higher Education Center. Contact the Perry Co. Extension Office 573-547-4504.

Farmer’s Market Workshop - February 20, 9 to 3 pm, North College Center, Mineral Area College, Park Hills. Call 573-883-3548 to register.

Grow Your Farm - Mondays for 8 weeks starting February 23, 6 to 9 pm, Ironton. 573-546-7517

Soils and Crops Conference - March 3, 5:30 to 8 pm, Ste. Genevieve VFW Hall. 573-883-3548

Parkland Gardening Symposium - March 7, 8 to 3:30 pm, Mineral Area College, Park Hills. Call 573-756-4539 for a brochure.

Making Hay and Meeting Livestock Nutritional Needs, March 16, 6:30 p.m. Methodist Church parlor room, Farmington.

Grazing School, May 6 - 7, Mineral Area College. Call 573-883-3566 to register.

Mineral Area College Continuing Education Classes - Spring 2015
Call 573-518-2342 to register for classes

Raising Backyard Poultry - February 19, M.A.C. Topics include housing, feeding, disease management and marketing for meat and egg production birds.

Mushrooms and Herbs - April 16, M.A.C. Learn about common herbs, growing techniques and uses for the home gardener.

What’s Wrong with My Plant? - May 14, M.A.C. Learn how to diagnose plant problems and what control measures to take to correct it.

Food Preservation Workshops - Mondays, June 15 to 29, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., M.A.C.

**Call 573-756-4539 to register.
SEMO Bull Sale
The 76th SEMO Bull Sale will be held Friday, March 27, 2015 starting at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Livestock Auction barn. Catalogs should be available the end of February or first of March. You can also find the information on the website at www.semobee.com

SMS Heifers
If you are interested in enrolling heifers in the Show-Me-Select heifer program for the fall sale season please contact me as soon as possible at (573) 756-4539. Heifers enrolled now will begin the breeding season in May and sell in a November/December sale.

Red Books for sale
Red calf record keeping books are in the office. Only $5!

Making Hay and Meeting Livestock Nutritional Needs workshop, March 16.
According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Missouri ranks number 3 in total hay production. If you remove alfalfa production, Missouri ranks number 2 behind Texas. Producing quality hay is vital to the health and growth of our livestock. The East Central Cattleman’s Association and St. Francois County Extension have invited Matt Herring, Agronomy Specialist, to speak at a workshop to be held on Monday, March 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church parlor room in Farmington. Matt will speak about soil and hay fertility as well as nutrient management while feeding hay. Kendra Graham will also speak about meeting the nutritional requirements of livestock with hay as well as how to perform and interpret a hay test. Jeff Schoen, Sr. Sales Representative with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. will sponsor refreshments for the evening. If you have questions or would like to pre-register you can contact the St. Francois County Extension office at (573) 756-4539.