

December 20, 2007

UPCOMING DATES:

January 15, 2008

Show-Me-Select Annual Meeting
Columbia, MO

January 18-19, 2008

Ag Expo
Black River Coliseum
Poplar Bluff, MO

January 28-29, 2008

Cattle ITV Program
Regional TCRC Locations

February 1, 2008

Show-Me-Select Heifer Program Enrollment Deadline

February 11, 25-26, 2008

Cattle ITV Program
Regional TCRC Locations

February 14, 21, 28, 2008

Equine Business Program
Poplar Bluff Telecenter
7-9 p.m.

February 21, 2008

Fence Law Program
Poplar Bluff Telecenter
7-9:30 p.m.

March 10-11, 2008

Cattle ITV Program
Regional TCRC Locations

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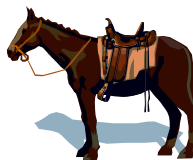
EQUINE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERIES

The University of Missouri Extension Telecenter will be offering an Equine Business Management series February 14, 21, & 28 from 7 to 9 pm. The program will cover record keeping, income taxes, business structures, and developing a business plan. Classes will be held at the E.K. Porter Distance Learning Center on the TRCC Poplar Bluff Campus.

The presenters will be James Thompson, Agriculture Business Specialist, and Mick Gilliam, Business and Industry Specialist, both from the University of Missouri Extension. Topics will include what type of records are needed and why they are kept, recording systems, income taxes as they pertain to the equine business, and the mechanics of putting together a business plan.

For additional information or to register, please contact the Telecenter by calling 573-840-9450, email at craffc@missouri.edu, or visit www.MUTelecenter.com.

The University of Missouri Extension Telecenter is a community based facility that links citizens to information, education, and expertise throughout the world by using two-way interactive video, satellite and computer networks. It is a partnership derived from the University of Missouri, Three Rivers Community College, and the City of Poplar Bluff.



AG EXPO 2008

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The 2008 Ag Expo will be January 18-19 at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff. Over 118 agriculture exhibits will be available for viewing and educational seminars will occur both days. This is the 22nd year of Ag Expo, which is sponsored by Butler County University of Missouri Extension Council and the Ag Club of Three Rivers Community College.

The event will be held Friday, January 18 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and the two days are packed with activities for the whole family. Entertainment and events include gospel, jazz, and contemporary music; agriculture seminars; beauty pageants; and toy tractor pedal pull contests for youth ages 4 to 9. There will be tractor driving contests for FFA members; petting farm; an old time auction; a milking contest; and baking contest. Two additional events will be an agriculture photography contest and a duck calling contest for youth and adults. Agricultural seminars will include understanding weather alerts, meat goat grading and marketing, winter feeding options for livestock, and many gardening topics.

For more information, to rent an agriculture booth, and to register for the beauty contest, contact the University of Missouri Extension Center, 222 North Broadway, Poplar Bluff (686-8064). Visit our website:

www.extension.missouri.edu/butler

SHOW ME SELECT HEIFER SALE, ANNUAL MEETING AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The Spring calving Show-Me-Select heifer sale was held Saturday, December 1st at the Fruitland Livestock Auction. There was 134 heifers that sold for an average of \$1290 each. The AI bred lots averaged \$1,319 and the natural bred lots averaged \$1,255. The high lot sold for \$1,575 and the consignor with the highest average was \$1,450. Four out-of-state buyers from Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois purchased heifers. I thought the sale went really well considering the drought we had this summer and hay shortage.

If you are interested in enrolling heifers into the next spring-calving sale the deadline is February 1st. We need your name, address, phone number and \$5 membership fee for the year 2008.

The Show-Me-Select annual meeting will be January 15 at 12 noon in Columbia. If you are a member and would like to attend let me know. This is the meeting where the requirements for the program are set and voted upon. We need to have as many voting members as possible attend.



GOAT RECORD KEEPING BOOKS

Good records are essential to a profitable goat operation. Now there is an easy way to keep all those records on breeding dates, kidding dates, weaning weights, parasite control, and health. The Kaeco Group Inc., Andrew County Extension Council, and University of Missouri Extension has produced a Meat Goat Pocket Calendar. This little book will come in handy for the upcoming kidding season and the book is free. Contact me if you are interested as I have a short supply right now.



RED CATTLE RECORD KEEPING BOOKS

The red cattle record books are in and available at several county Extension offices. They are a great pocket-sized tool to keep calving records, breeding records, bull records, vaccination dates, pasture usage, feeding records and body condition score information. The cost is \$3.75 per book. If you are interested please let me know as supplies are limited.

HAY FOR SALE

I have a few people from Southwest Missouri call and tell me they had hay for sale. If you are looking, there is hay to be found. The price seems to be around \$25 per bale if you haul it. Be sure to evaluate the price based on nutrient content because some feed supplements can be cheaper than feeding hay.

MAKING BEEF PRODUCTION PROFITABLE SEMINAR

A series of 7 seminars on various cattle production topics will be held on January 28-29, February 11, February 25-26. and March 10-11 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at various telecenter locations. Cost is \$70 for all sessions or \$15 per session. See flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

CATTLE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SCHOOL

The cattle artificial insemination school that was to be held in Farmington this fall did not happen and has been rescheduled to March. If you are still interested in attending one of these trainings contact Ben Davis at 573-756-4539.

MISSOURI FENCE LAW PROGRAM

A program concerning the Missouri Fence Law will be held on February 21, 2008 at the Poplar Bluff Telecommunications center on the campus of Three Rivers Community College. Contact Kevin Anderson at the Poplar Bluff Telecenter at 573-840-9450, visit the website at <http://telecenter.missouri.edu/poplarbluff/> or contact your local Extension office for more information.

CENSUS GIVES FARMERS A VOICE IN THEIR FUTURE
2007 Census of Agriculture Coming Soon

America's farmers and ranchers will soon have the opportunity to make their voices heard and help shape the future of agriculture for years to come.

This opportunity will come to their mailboxes in the form of the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Census is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

"The Census of Agriculture provides information that is not available anywhere else – information that benefits agricultural producers and their communities in myriad ways," said Gene Danekas, Director of the Missouri Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"For instance, policy-makers factor Census data into decisions concerning agricultural and rural programs. Community planners use Census to document needs and target services to rural residents. Companies rely on Census data when determining where to locate their operations. And farmers themselves can use Census data to help make critical decisions about their businesses," he explained.

NASS will mail out Census forms on December 28, 2007 to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, they have the convenient option of completing the Census online via a secure web site.

"We're committed to making this Census the best count ever. It's about the future of agriculture and rural communities in our state," Danekas said. "Regardless of how large or small their operation is or what kinds of products they produce, Missouri farmers and ranchers will help themselves and their communities by completing the Census of Agriculture and returning it promptly," he added.

"We want farmers and ranchers to know: the Census of Agriculture is **their voice, their future and their responsibility.**"

For more information about the 2007 Census of Agriculture, please contact the NASS Missouri Field Office at 800-551-1014 or visit www.agcensus.usda.gov online.



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Happy Holidays!



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