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Animal Disease Traceability

There have been a few meetings discussing the Animal Disease Traceability Laws. This is a federal law, but the regulations are basically different for each individual state. This law only comes into play when livestock are going to cross state lines. I have been to three of these meetings over the past 6 months and I am still not real sure how everything works. This is not the easiest thing to get a grip on. Our state veterinarian said as much in the recent meeting in Maysville.

This law deals with all livestock, but most of the meetings have discussed cattle. Again, it only becomes an issue when you transport livestock to another state.

In a nutshell, any sexually intact beef cattle 18 months of age and older must have an official identification when you take them across a state line. Slaughter cows and feeders do not need this if they are a beef breed. However, there is a need for having an OSS (Owner-Shipper Statement) and health papers which are now called an ICVI (Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection). I have these at the OSU Extension Offices, but you can also get these online through the Ohio or Kentucky Department of Ag. Other neighbor states would also have them, but it appears the same information is needed regardless of which state's you use.

Dairy breeds are different. All dairy animals regardless of age need to be tagged.

The bottom line, you need to check with the two states involved with interstate transport of livestock. This will most likely be an issue for Ohio and Kentucky for most producers in this area. Below is a list of phone numbers that I would suggest you contact to make sure you have and do what you need to do to cover your backside.

Ohio Department of Agriculture	614-728-6220
Kentucky Department of Agriculture	502-564-3956
USDA APHIS VS Kentucky Office	502-848-2040
USDA APHIS VS Ohio Office	614-856-4735

Fence Building Field Night

Take advantage of the opportunity to learn the latest in fence construction techniques from some of the industry's most experienced representatives. We will provide an interactive, hands-on demonstration of construction of high quality woven-wire fencing. Light Refreshments will be provided, no meal. This is a free program.

The program is Thursday, May 22nd starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Agricultural Research Station of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center located at 019 Standpipe Rd. Jackson, OH 45640. Contact Kenny Wells at 740-286-3803 or wells.296@osu.edu.

Strawberry Field Night

Strawberry Plasticulture Field Night will be held at the OSU South Centers on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Plasticulture and matted row strawberry field research will be showcased.

Topics to be covered will include:

- winter protection techniques
- Israeli drip irrigation demonstration and management

- row cover management
- cultivar evaluations
- pest and disease control
- Spotted Wing Drosophila monitoring and trapping
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques

Cost to attend is \$15.00. Registration deadline is May 19th. To register for the workshop, please contact Charissa McGlothlin at mcglothlin.4@osu.edu or call 740.289.2071 ext. 132.

Dates to Remember

May 12 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Register with Ohio Dept. of Ag at 800-282-1955 or go to <http://pested.osu.edu>. This is for private and commercial applicators.

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