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Scours, A Systems Approach

The cattle markets continue to amaze people in the beef production industry. Getting calves weaned and to the market will be coming soon for many who calve in January/February. Now that we are in August, scours is not “hopefully” a hot topic of discussion. However, scours can be devastating to a cow/calf operation, thus taking a toll on the number of calves that you may have been preparing to wean vs. the number you will wean.

I recently read (this morning) a topic in the Tuesday edition of the Beef Blog that gives a systems approach to reducing the problem with scours. In a nutshell it deals with grouping calves by age at birth. This will take a few fields, but it is pretty workable, and will probably take less time than treating a bunch of sick calves.

With most problems occurring when calves are 7 to 14 days old, this would involve moving the cows that have not calved. The first 2 weeks on a pasture, and all cows and calves born in 2 weeks would remain, with the remainder of the herd being moved to a new, clean, pasture. Then after a week, move all of the cows that have not calved to a third pasture except those that have had calves born during that week.

The entire post can be found on the Beef Blog for Tuesday, August 5. I e-mail this to everyone on my beef cattle mailing list daily. If you would like to be added, simply send me a request at Dugan.46@osu.edu

Farm Science Review Tickets

Farm Science Review tickets are available at all of our OSU Extension Offices. The FSR is September 16-18 this year and the ticket prices remain the same. Ten dollars at the gate, or you can get them for \$7 in advance at the Extension office or other locations that offer the advanced purchase of tickets.

Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show

The 44th Reunion of the Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show will take place August 7-10 at the OVAM Showground on the west side of Georgetown in Brown Co. The showground is located about 1 mile west of Georgetown on SR 125.

There is a daily parade of all equipment, a Garden Tractor Pull on Friday and an Antique Tractor Pull on Saturday, with an Antique Car Show on Sunday. There will also be live music all 4 days, plus lots of good food and many things from the past. Admission is \$5 daily or a membership is \$10. Senior Citizen Day is \$3 on Thursday. They also have camping available.

For more information check it out on the web at www.ovams.com or call 937 378-4480. The website also has a history of the event and you can go to the Facebook page.

Dates to Remember

August 12 Southwest Ohio Corn Growers Field Day in Fayette County from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

- August 14 Hops Field Night at OSU South Centers in Piketon. Pre-registration is required. The field night is at the South Centers from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The South Centers is located on SR 32 about a mile east of US 23 in Pike County. The cost is only \$15 and the deadline to register is August 12. You can register by phone or online. Simply contact Charissa McGlothlin at 740.289.2071 ext. 132 or mcglothlin.4@osu.edu
- August 18 Brown Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- August 19 Farm Bill meeting sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America on the Wilmington College Campus starting at 7:00 p.m.
- August 26 Adams Co. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- August 28 Jackson Beef and Forage Field Night at the Jackson Branch of OARDC. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration deadline is August 25. Includes dinner. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. (come early to visit with our sponsors/speakers). Program begins promptly at 6 p.m. Make checks payable to Ohio State University/OARDC. Mail to Kenny Wells, 019 Standpipe Road, Jackson, OH 45640.

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