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BQA Certification

ATTENTION! Hope that got your attention. We are now seeing a rush of people that realize the need for the Beef Quality Assurance. Several producers have rushed to the recent Beef Quality Assurance Certifications. We had a full house to say the least on Tuesday night.

The next opportunity will be at United Producers on January 29 at 2:00 p.m. Call 393-3424 to RSVP. Do not pass up these opportunities to attend and get your certification. Contact your local stockyards if you have questions about your need for this certification.

We have added another session at the Union Stockyards on Wednesday, February 13. The class will start at 6:30 p.m. but the meal will begin around 5:30 or a little before. Call ahead to register. Call Janet at 937-393-1958 to sign up for this program. There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive early so you can be finished eating by 6:30 p.m.

Ohio Tobacco Museum

In 2019 the fundraiser will be held the same as it has been in the past two years. The Scioto Ribber will cater the meal, and you can choose steak, ribs or chicken with the purchase of your ticket. The location will be the Ripley Elementary School Cafeteria and the date will be April 13, 2019. Tickets are now available and remember we only sell 300 tickets. You can contact me for more information at dugan.46@osu.edu or call 937-544-2339.

Weather Impact on Hay Supply

Winter finally got here and we had some below freezing temperatures, however the ground did not freeze much with the snow cover and excess rain that fell prior to the temperature drop. The ground was solid for one day before the temperatures went back to the 40s and more rain in the forecast.

The warmer than normal temperatures would make some think that cattle would not need as much feed. The warmer temperatures would require less nutrients if not for the mud. The constant step after step in mud that is deep in many feeding areas puts more stress than the cold temperatures.

The need to supplement nutrients in the form a dry concentrated feed may be part of a strategy to meet the nutritional needs of your herd and reduce the amount of hay intake. This may require actually gating them away from the hay for part of the day. Limit their intake so they do not stand and eat 24/7, but meet their nutrient needs with 4 or 5 pounds of corn, soybean meal, by products or whatever works for you. The hay supply may force you to do just that.



Dates to Remember

- January 29 Beef Quality Assurance Certification at United Producers Stockyards starting at 2:00 p.m. Please call 937-393-3424 to RSVP.
- January 31 Fertilizer Certification for commercial and private applicators in Georgetown in the Administration Building on the Brown Co. Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. More details to come.
- Feb. 5 2019 Southern Ohio Specialty Crop Conference at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. Go to the conference website at <http://go.osu.edu/swohfvsc> or call the Warren County Extension office at 513-695-1311 if you have additional questions. I have registration materials in the Adams Co. Extension Office.
- Feb. 5 Ohio Beef School in Adams Co. will be Frisch's in West Union at 7:00 p.m. RSVP
- Feb. 6 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at Mason Co. Extension Office in Maysville. Free program that begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 7 Fertilizer and Pesticide re-certification at Frisch's in West Union. Fertilizer starts at 5:00 p.m. with pesticide beginning at 6:30 p.m.. Please pre-register by Jan 31 for this class by calling Barbie at 544-2339.
- Feb. 21 Adams County Cattlemen Education meeting at Frisch's at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be meeting nutrient needs with poor hay and plenty of mud, plus the importance of good quality minerals.
- Feb. 28 GAP for Tobacco at Frisch's at 1:00 p.m. Call 544-2339 to RSVP one week prior.
- Feb. 28 GAP for Tobacco at Maysville Comm. College at 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 5 GAP for Tobacco at Frisch's at 1:00 p.m. Call 544-2339 to RSVP one week prior.
- Mar. 5 GAP for Tobacco at the Brown Co. Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. call 378-6716.
- March 12 Farm and Family Night at Maysville Community and Technical College.