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Controlling Lice on Livestock

As livestock group and huddle up during cold weather the chances of lice becoming a problem increases. Treating livestock for lice is an important part of management. As we are concerned about meeting the nutritional needs of livestock with poor quality hay and supplementing additional nutrients we need to make sure those nutrients are not being robbed by parasites.

Worms and lice can both be a problem. In many cases the same products will help reduce both worms and lice. With the lice issue, many products will need to be used twice to kill the adults and eventually the lice that were eggs on the first application. A week or two after the first application, a second application will take care of the next generation.

With lice and worm control make sure to read the label. With lice there are both biting and sucking lice. Make sure you have a product that will work for both. Also make sure to take note of the withdraw time for cattle that could be sold in the coming weeks. With any and all products like this it is a good idea to consult with you veterinarian when deciding which products to use. Keep in mind you may want to use different products from one year to the next to reduce the chances of resistance.

Fairs Are Vital for the Next Generation Of Farmers

County Fairs are most often a big deal for the youth that are involved in 4-H and FFA. That is the same for Southern Ohio and Adams County. The support from local businesses in the area just confirms the importance of the County Fair. The following is an article from the state of Washington that is saying pretty much the same thing.

When you think of educating the next generation of farmers and consumers, where does the local fair fall? If you ask Kady Porterfield with Washington Young Farmers and Ranchers, she'll tell you local fairs are one of the best resources a community has to bridge that generational gap. She said most local fair across Washington do a great job sticking to their agricultural roots, making education for consumers who may never set foot on a farm a priority.

“And that gives people who aren't involved in agriculture or don't live on farms or ranches a chance to come to the fair, and maybe have an interaction with an animal in the barn, that they might not have in their everyday lives. And the local fair may be the only place they get that type of interaction.”

Porterfield added local fairs are great opportunities for young people to network and develop relationships that will benefit them and their future operation for years to come. And local fairs are much better than larger, regional, or even state fairs for showcasing local farming and even local history.



While the fair season is months away, Porterfield asked all Washingtonians when legislation supporting local fairs comes up in Olympia to support that legislation, supporting their community's fair.

“We are an avenue for 4-H and FFA, and we want to stay that way, and we want to keep those doors open for agricultural education and we are struggling right now in Washington state to keep any help from the legislature alive in our funding. So, please reach out when we call out for letters or anything like that. 4-H and FFA has a huge impact because everyone understands the impacts on youth and how important it is.”

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 16 Pesticide and Fertilizer Testing for Private and Commercial Applicators at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Register by calling ODA at 800-282-1955 or online go to <http://pested.osu.edu>

- Feb. 5 Ohio River Valley Agronomy Day at the Mason County Extension Office starts at 9:00 a.m. Call 606-564-6808 to register for this free program.