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Fair Time in Adams Co.

As I write this Tuesday morning the fair is off to a good start. The Lamb Show was held Monday night, and there are more shows each day in the Junior Fair Arena. The weather has been good so far and the forecast that was given last week has been changed. The recent forecast is calling for much cooler temperatures than what was predicted last week. The recent forecast is calling for highs in the 80s. With nice weather, come on. Come to the Fair.

Beef Quality Assurance Training

With the announcement from some of the major fast food companies concerning purchasing beef in the future only from farms that are Beef Quality Assurance certified, we will offer training in the new few months. There will be at least four opportunities to get certified in the coming months. The dates, times and locations are listed below. This will be a joint effort between OSU Extension, local stockyards, local veterinarians and more. As far as OSU Extension is concerned these trainings will be a joint effort between Agriculture and Natural Resources Educators in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland Counties. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Blackleg in Livestock

With many local producers operating with a calving season in March, April and May, now is a good time to think about a vaccination program for blackleg. The Beef Blog on Monday had a post that discussed the history of the disease and vaccination program. The following is a small part of the post. If you would like to read the entire post written by Dr. Ron Clarke, go to: <http://thebeefblog.com> and look on July 9 for “A Vaccine that Saved the Cattle Industry”.

Blackleg, a disease of many ruminants, is universal. It is most commonly seen in sheep, cattle and goats. Outbreaks have been reported in farmed bison and deer. The acute nature of the disease makes successful treatment difficult.

This disease is characterized by a sudden appearance of lameness, followed by a rapid development of muscular and subcutaneous swellings containing gas. These symptoms are followed by prostration and death in 12 to 48 hours.

“Losses from blackleg are greatest during the seasons of the year when calves are making their best gains — in the spring after the calves have been put on pasture and in the fall when they are taken off the dried pastures and put in the feedlot.



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Dates to Remember

- August 13 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Pre-register at 800-282-1955 or <http://pested.osu.edu>
- August 14 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the Union Stockyards in Hillsboro at noon.
- August 28 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the Union Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.
- October 25 Beef Quality Assurance Training at the United Producers Stockyards in Hillsboro at 6:30 p.m.