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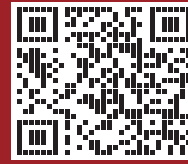
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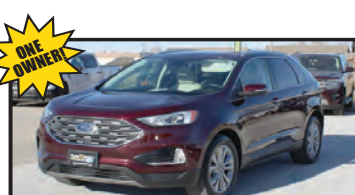
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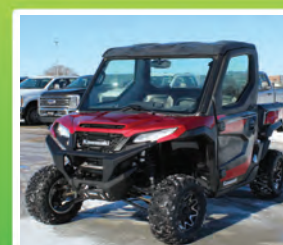
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• **Saturday, March 1, 2025–Public Auction at 10:00 a.m.** located at the home at 500 Lewis, corner of Lewis & Bedford in Cuba, Kansas. Antiques, Household and Tools. (Golf Cart, Trailer and Mower, selling at 12:00 p.m.) **James & Alice Davidson Estate, Seller. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC 785-738-0067**

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• **Monday, March 10, 2025 - Wednesday, March 12, 2025– Online Auction.** Bidding starts at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. 35.50 Acres, 100% Tillable ground located at Highway 81 and Fir Road in Republic County, Kansas. **Matt Dowell, 785-564-1256. MDowell@FarmersNational.com www.FNCRealEstate.com**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

• Friday, February 14, 2025 – Neighbor to Neighbor-Reading with Friends Preschool story time at 9:00 a.m. Pre-register at (785) 262-4215

• Cornerstone Cafe, a Main Street Tabernacle Ministry run by volunteers, is located at the corner of M and 18th St., in Belleville, Kansas. Breakfast is served Mondays & Saturdays from 7am-10am. Smashburger Nights every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5pm-8pm.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, February 12, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

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MONICA THAYER, FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENT
River Valley Extension District

Program Series "Caregiving for Alzheimer's and Dementia" Offers Education and Resources

To support caregivers and families navigating the challenges of Alzheimer's and dementia, River Valley Extension District is providing a two-part program series, "Caregiving for Alzheimer's and Dementia," in Concordia with the NCK Medical Center. This educational series aims to provide valuable resources, guidance, and support to those caring for individuals with these conditions.

The program will take place over two evenings featuring education on key caregiving topics. The first evening, **Monday, March 3rd**, will focus on the role of the caregiver, the changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing stress. The second evening, **Monday, March 10th**, will cover handling finances as a caregiver. Both sessions will begin at 6 pm each night at the Conference Room on the lower level of the NCK Medical Center, 155 West College Drive, Concordia, KS.

Attendance is free with NCK Medical Center providing participants with a meal, but registration is required to ensure adequate materials and seating. Contact the River Valley Extension District – Concordia Office at 785-243-8185 to register for one or both evenings.

For more information regarding this series, contact Extension Agents Jordan Schuette at 785-325-2121 or Monica Thayer at 785-527-5084.

MONICA THAYER, FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENT
River Valley Extension District

Check Your Credit Empowers Consumers


New Program "Check Your Credit" Empowers Consumers to Take Control of Their Financial Health

To promote financial literacy and empower consumers, River Valley Extension District Agent Monica Thayer is launching a new program, "Check Your Credit," aimed at educating individuals about the importance of credit reports and how to monitor their credit effectively.

"Check Your Credit" is designed to help consumers understand their credit reports, identify potential errors, and take steps to improve their financial standing. With identity theft and financial fraud on the rise, regularly reviewing credit reports is more important than ever. This program will provide participants with the knowledge and tools they need to confidently navigate their credit history.

"Check Your Credit" will cover topics such as how to obtain free credit reports, dispute inaccuracies, and build healthy credit habits. The program will officialy launch on **Monday, February 24th, 2025**, at 2 pm at the Wakefield Public Library (205 Third Street, Wakefield, KS 67487).

To register for the event, contact the River Valley Extension District - Belleville Office at 785-527-5084. For any questions, contact Monica at the same number or via email at mthayer@ksu.edu.

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K-State Cattlemen’s Day: Hello essential oils and goodbye ionophores?

K-State beef systems specialist researching the effects on stocker cattle performance

BY JACOB KLAUDT
K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Negative public perception and increasing governmental regulations have researchers seeking alternatives to antibiotic use in livestock. Ionophores — an antibiotic that alters rumen microbial populations to increase efficiency — have been temporarily banned in some countries.

If this occurs in the U.S., Kansas State University beef systems specialist Jaymelynn Farney said other feed supplements need to be evaluated to maintain current production levels.

In response to this change in animal husbandry, Farney and her team at the Southeast Agricultural Research Center in Parsons have started examining whether essential oils make a satisfactory substitute for ionophores.

“Some essential oils have similar ruminal effects as ionophores and impacts on feed efficiency, volatile fatty acid production and other efficiency areas,” she said. “We were interested in looking at this in stocker cattle because most of the work has been in feedlots or in vitro.”

Farney used 281 head of blackhided steers split into eight pastures. Four groups received free-choice mineral infused with essential oils, and the others infused with ionophores.

“We found that they performed essentially the same,” she said. “We had a 2.15 lb. average daily gain for ionophores and a 2.13 lb. average daily gain for essential oils over 90 days.”

She added: “The cattle fed ionophores gained 204 pounds total, and the essential oils group put on 203 pounds. Also, both groups had a very similar intake of mineral.”

While metrics like mineral consumption were comparable, the actual cost of the two supplements differed. Farney said the price of Solus — the brand of essential oil examined — calculated to \$13.09 per unit while the ionophores cost \$14.34.

“We fed a garlic oil product plus the Solus — a proprietary blend of ingredients,” Farney said. “When you open the mineral bag, you smell cinnamon, oregano, lemongrass and capsaicin.”

Outside of determining differences in performance, Farney has also set out to observe changes in functional behavior through GPS ear tags. Researchers noted no differences in the amount of time eating, resting, walking and ruminating. Yet, they saw a trend in slightly elevated heart rates in the animals fed essential oils.

“This was intriguing because many essential oils have been identified and marketed as vasodilators, or substances that allow for easier blood flow,” Farney said. “We’re

not sure yet if that means anything to performance, but it was cool to see.”

This study will be conducted annually for four more years as a part of an overarching research project, said Farney. After her team collects the data and comes to conclusions, she hopes their results open a natural marketing avenue for producers.

“One of the big downsides of natural and organic systems is that ranchers have to get paid a significant premium because cattle do not gain as well as without antibiotics (ionophores),” she said. “If you can increase gain and feed a product like an essential oil that could be certified through those marketing schemes, you might get the best of both worlds.”

Farney will present her team’s results during K-State’s 112th annual Cattlemen’s Day, set for Mar. 7 at the National Guard Armory in Manhattan. Her session will take place during the morning portion of the program.

Registration costs \$25 for those who register by Feb. 21 at noon, or \$35 on the day of the event. There is no charge for students who pre-register. Registration is available online.

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K-State’s Cattlemen’s Day, March 7

Annual event moves to National Guard Armory in Manhattan

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A featured talk on genetic modifications in livestock, and an economic outlook on the beef industry highlight the annual Cattlemen’s Day hosted by Kansas State University’s Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

The event will be held at the National Guard Armory in Manhattan due to ongoing construction of a new indoor arena and improvements to Weber Hall on the K-State campus.

Cattlemen’s Day, now in its 112th year, begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 7 at the Armory, located at 721 Levee Drive. The cost to attend is \$25 for those who register by Feb. 21 at noon, or \$35 on the day of the event. There is no charge for students who pre-register. Registration is available online.

Allison Van Enennaam, an extension specialist in animal biotechnology and genomics at the University of California-Davis, will discuss ‘Genetic Modifications in Livestock.’ Also, K-State agriculture economics professor Glynn Tonsor will give a beef industry economic outlook.

“We’re excited to announce our 112th K-State Cattlemen’s Day program,” said A.J. Tarpoff, K-State associate professor and Cattlemen’s Day co-chairman. “With the demolition of Weber Arena, we are moving the event off campus for one year with plans to host the 2026 event in the Billrey Family Event Center (off Kimball Avenue in Manhattan).”

“Our goal with Cattlemen’s Day is to share the latest information and research with attendees to better prepare them for management decisions in the upcoming year.”

The day starts at 8 a.m. with registration, refreshments sponsored by Lallemand Animal Nutrition, educational exhibits and a commercial trade show.

“This year we have numerous participants signed up for our allied industry trade show,” Tarpoff said. “Although the trade show will look a little different not hosted in Weber Arena, it will continue to provide a forum for the attendees to observe what’s new in the beef industry and network with key industry leaders.”

Lunch will be smoked brisket sponsored by U.S. Premium Beef and trade show exhibitors. Cajun-spiced catfish will also be available. Call Hall ice cream will also be served, sponsored by Huvepharma.

The afternoon program will include a talk by Dale Woerner, Texas Tech University Cargill endowed professor, who will discuss what is new in yield grade technology. K-State animal science graduate students will wrap up the program with their research roundup.

Also on March 7, the 48th Annual Legacy Bull and Female Sale will begin at 4 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center (2200 Denison Ave). Visit asi.ksu.edu/legacysale to learn more about this year’s offering and to request a sale catalog.

On March 6, the evening before Cattlemen’s Day, Richard Porter will be honored as the Stockman of the Year at the Annual Stockmen’s Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center. A separate registration is required for the dinner. Information can be found online at asi.ksu.edu/stockmensdinner.

Cattle Chat: Hay feeding strategy

K-State beef cattle experts share how to incorporate older hay into the diet

BY LISA MOSER
K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — To help reduce waste and stretch the food dollar, many people look for ways to use items in the refrigerator before they spoil.

Beef producers with old hay stored on their operation often look for appropriate ways to incorporate that into the forage feeding strategy. This was the topic that Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute experts addressed on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

In this case, a listener runs spring and fall-calving cows in the same pasture and is trying to determine how to best meet the varied nutritional requirements with hay that is 2-3 years old.

“Depending on the type of hay, when it was cut, and how it was stored, there could be a lot of variability in the quality of that forage,” K-State nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said.

To help determine the quality of the hay, K-State veterinarian Bob Larson recommended producers keep track of the harvest date.

“If we know the harvest date and are familiar with the maturity pattern in the area, we will have a pretty good idea about the nutrient quality of that hay,” Larson said.

Lancaster said the highest quality hay needs to be fed to lactating cows that have high maintenance energy requirements. He said producers can use older hay, but they will likely need to offer a vitamin and mineral supplement as well.

“In 2-3-year-old hay that is stored outside, the beta carotene in those bales deteriorate rapidly, so it is important to offer them a vitamin A supplement,” Lancaster said, adding that the minerals need to be fresh.

In some herds, producers can separate the fall and spring calving cow herds, allowing them to offer the older hay to cows with lower maintenance requirements, such as cows in mid-gestation. But in this case, the cows are maintained together and that leads to a different strategy, the experts said.

“With the fall-calving cows just coming out of the breeding season and the spring-calving cows in their last trimester, I recommend primarily offering them hay cut this year, but every once in a while, you could throw them a bale of the older hay to try to use it up and that should allow them to keep from getting too thin,” Lancaster said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to Cattle Chat on your preferred streaming platform.

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Cattle Chat: Managing mud

K-State beef cattle experts share how mud can negatively impact cattle health

BY LISA MOSER
K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — As rising temperatures melt the snow, what often follows are areas of mud. Just as it is hard for people to walk through a muddy path, it is also a challenge for livestock, say experts in the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute, speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

“Mud management is important because it can negatively impact the health and performance of cattle — particularly young cattle,” K-State veterinarian Bob Larson said.

K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster said when cattle walk through mud, there is a decrease in their performance and an increase in their maintenance requirements.

He added: “When cattle have mud caked on their haircoat and it is damp and cold, cattle lose a lot of body heat, and so cattle have to burn a lot more energy to maintain their body temperature.”

Along with changes in performance, cattle standing in mud can also have hoof issues, K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers said, adding that these issues can develop even if cattle are standing in mud as shallow as their pasterns.

“Hairy heel wart and foot rot are two of the conditions that cattle maintained in a muddy environment can develop,” Lubbers said. “If cattle stand in a wet spot for extended periods, the hoof wall can lose its integrity and become soft and that can lead to other hoof issues such as sole abscesses.”

Mud isn’t always the result of too much rain or snow melt, Lubbers said.

“If cattle are densely stocked in a pasture, the urine can also create a muddy environment,” he said.

To manage the mud, the experts suggest that producers fill the muddy areas with rocks or gravel to provide more solid footing. In some cases, it might make sense to pour concrete, Larson said.

K-State veterinarian Brad White suggests producers look at moving hay to different areas of the pasture to keep mud from accumulating around the feeder.

“It is also important to feed hay in a place where there is good drainage to reduce the amount of mud that the cattle have to deal with,” White said.

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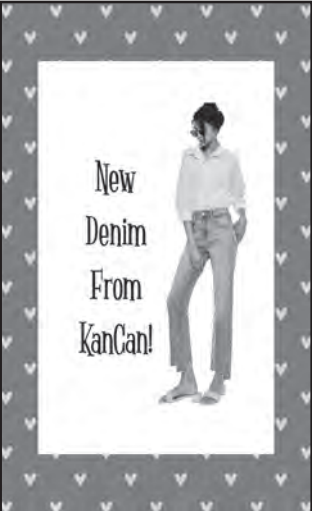
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