

Across the County

Supplement Cows to Improve Calf Performance

By
Marty
Fear



County Extension Agent

Feed your cows correctly and steer calves will gain more weight and more heifers will get pregnant. As winter forage quality declines and cow nutrient demands increase, wise operators begin to feed protein supplements to assure healthy calves plus cows that will rebreed rapidly. But protein supplements can be expensive, so we usually try to feed only as much as the cow needs to stay healthy.

New research, though, suggests that this strategy of minimizing input costs may overlook the impact supplements have on the future performance of the calf.

This research has shown that properly supplementing the cow can increase profitability of the calf she's carrying. In one study, steers from cows that received protein supplement while grazing winter range produced an extra 60 pounds of carcass weight per animal compared to steers from non-supplemented cows.

In other studies, the pregnancy rate of heifers from cows that received protein supplements while grazing corn residue or winter range was higher than heifers from non-supplemented cows. And steers from these supplemented cows graded choice more often.

This outcome, where supplementing protein to the cow improves the performance of her calves later in life is called fetal

programming. It is thought to occur because fetal growth rate is highest during the last third of gestation so nutrient requirements of the cow and her calf are higher than earlier in her pregnancy. Most winter grazing programs use low quality forages so adequate supplementing can pay big dividends.

As cows approach calving time,

Women managing farm conference set

Register Now For the Women Managing the Farm Conference

In an industry traditionally dominated by men, women have a strong and growing presence in U.S. agriculture. In fact, more and more women are choosing to own and manage their own farms.

The Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency would like to announce the 8th Annual Women Managing the Farm Conference will be held on February 10-11, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS.

The conference provides a unique situation to participate with women who see the value and importance of learning ways they can impact issues affecting today's agriculture. Over the 2-day conference, pre-

don't scrimp on the protein. Feed what is needed, both for the cow and her calf. You'll be money ahead.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

sentations regarding business planning, health, managing employees and more will be interspersed with opportunities for networking and learning from others attending the conference. It has been developed for all women involved in an operation from the fulltime manager to the absentee landowner needing a bit of insight about managing their investment.

Registration and other details can be obtained at www.togpartners.com/wmf. The registration fee is \$145, if paid by January 27, 2012 and will increase after that. If you do not have web access and wish to register or obtain further information, please contact The Odyssey Group at 320-224-0154.

Idalia News

By
Chuck
Wright



Feb. 4, 9-11 a.m. Chuck Wright will host a digital photography workshop at the Cornerstone Center. All interested photographers from beginner to advanced are invited to come discuss basic camera set-up, basic exposure concepts, and special lighting situations. Bring your camera, questions, and photos to show off! For more information call Chuck at 354-7522.

Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Idalia residents are invited to a free showing of the

movie, "The Help," at the Cornerstone Center.

St. John news

Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m., the worship service will be a "5th Sunday" worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be, "The Value of Competition," I Corinthians 9:24-27. The annual Bible Trivia Football Game will be played.

The Men's Bible Study continues to meet at the church weekly on Thursdays, 7 a.m. All Idalia men

are invited to join in a time of Bible study, discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

Idalia School news

Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - The Southern League Junior High Basketball Tournament will be held in the school gym.

Feb. 6. Idalia students will be participating in the "Knowledge Bowl" at High Plains School.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 49 at Sunday School. Judy Shively gave the special number. Kiley and Treston Rose gave their birthday offerings. Saturday the young Adult group will have their supper at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 6:30. Phil Mitchell will be the morning speaker Sunday. Pot luck to follow and the Annual Planning Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brown took Violet Brown to dinner Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harms visited

Tuesday at the Bill Strangways.

Visitors at the Bill Mansfields this past week were Iona Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield, Monte Mansfield, Beulah Soehner, Joyce Brown and Bessie Dent.

The Dillon Rose family and Sylvia Madsen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and family.

Judy Shively went out for lunch Friday with Carole Whomble. Trudi Weiser and Katie visited

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways Saturday.

Judy Shively visited Merry Lu Simmons Friday evening.

Public Notice

Petition filed in court in the Guard estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RAWLINS COUNTY, KANSAS
Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of
Joan W. Guard,
Deceased.

Case No. 2012-PR-2

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition To Admit Foreign Will to Probate and Record has been filed in this Court by Harold L. Guard, Executor of the Estate of Joan W. Guard, Deceased, praying that: the foreign Last Will and Testament of Joan W. Guard, Deceased, dated July 13, 1984, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the Will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent, situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to: the minerals, in, on and under the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 SW1/4) of Section Twenty-Four (24), Township Three (3) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the Sixth P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of July 13, 1998, said reservation being restricted to production only.

AND

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to: her mineral interest in, on and under the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Five (5) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39), West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of July 13, 1998, said reservation being restricted to production only.

You are required to file any written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of February, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Rawlins County District Court in the City of Atwood, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard.

Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Harold L. Guard, Petitioner

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Francis. It was an interesting and unusual event held twice.

"I always enjoyed helping Grace Flying Service with the Stearman Fly-in - it was fun!

A couple of the earliest events she helped with was a breakfast and auction which raised money for the Cheyenne County Hospital.

"I believe the Chamber raised close to \$30,000 for the hospital," she said.

Christmas was an event that the Chamber was always involved in. She and Chamber members had a lot of fun decorating Santa's Hut in an old beauty shop next door to First National Bank. The Chamber members made the lights for the trees on Main Street before they got so big. Mrs. Bracelin was also instrumental in organizing the Christmas Light Parade.

"We always had a good time doing these projects," she said. "Of course all these things happened because of the support of the community and volunteers."

Through the years, she found it difficult to get members to attend Chamber meetings. It also made her nervous when outdoor events were planned and then hoping the weather was good and people would show up.

Chamber disbands

In November, the Chamber members met for a meeting and it was agreed to dissolve the organization. But, now what will happen?

Mrs. Bracelin said she thinks that most of the events that the Chamber started, will continue.

"They were all being run by the same people year after year anyway," she said. And these people have stepped forward to say they will continue the events."

For instance, she said, Western State Bank is the "new kid" on the block - they have taken on "Christmas Opening" with the Herald staff helping them.

Chamber has always been a member of the Northwest Kansas Travel Council, a group that promotes tourism in northwest Kansas. Thanks to Ross Manufacturing paying the dues, Mrs. Bracelin said, we will be able to continue being a part of that group. Eddy and Sherry Schultz and Mrs. Bracelin and her husband, Kenny, will be going to the Kansas Sampler Festival this year.

"We will be manning the 'popcorn corner' and promoting our

community and Northwest Kansas," she said. "We will also be able to get our brochures displayed at the many travel shows that the Travel Council attends."

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation will be keeping part of the local brochures current and distributed. The Breaks Driving Tour and Cherry Creek brochures will be kept up by Carol Ross and Mrs. Bracelin.

Why retire?

Mrs. Bracelin said, while she enjoyed being in the Chamber office, she felt like the time had come for her to retire. In 2008, Kenny went on dialysis and they did home dialysis for 18 months, then there was a kidney transplant.

"I decided it was time to really put family first," she said.

Now she will have more time to "tag along" with Kenny (I'm sure he is excited about this! she said.) She will also spend more time keeping

all the books in Kenny's business.

Most recently, she has found a new place to spend time - that is in the basement of the United Methodist Thrift Store where she is organizing, sorting, cleaning and tagging items.

When she is not there, she said she is on the road going to tennis or basketball events in Nebraska, or off to basketball games and wrestling tournaments in Kansas where she has grandchildren participating.

Still helping

She is going to continue to help with the scrip account which the Chamber started several years ago. There will be more information on the scrip money in the future.

"I'm having no problem finding things to do," Mrs. Bracelin said. "Thanks to everyone who supported chamber and I hope you will continue to support the events that will still be taking place."

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I plan to work with the schools, clubs and other organizations, she said. In the future, she will be available to speak with organizations about economic development and the different available programs.

By working with the different economic development groups, she knows the importance of involvement with the state and economic development directors in other counties. She will also be exploring where to apply for grants which will help economic development.

The Cheyenne County Devel-

opment office is located at 107 W. Washington, St. Francis. People are welcome to stop by and visit with Mrs. Dobbs. For now the office hours will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Wednesday and Friday she will be visiting within the county, but will be available for appointments or by phone by calling 785-332-3508.

Mrs. Dobbs and her husband, Terry, live just across the line in Sherman County. Mr. Dobbs is a contractor and together they have nine almost grown children.

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fic around the school and set up a command post at 11th Street and Cherry while waiting for Highway Patrol units with explosive-sniffing dogs from Hays to arrive. Three fire engines and an ambulance were also called out and placed on standby at the scene.

School stayed in session, with teachers conducting study halls at the college. School board members contacted parents to inform them of the situation.

A Kansas Highway Patrol Special Operations search teams ar-

rived on scene about 10 a.m.. The dogs checked the high school building first, and then the fieldhouse, but were unable to find any threatening devices.

At 10:45 a.m., teachers were released back to their classrooms. Superintendent Bill Biermann told them to check their rooms for anything suspicious.

Couch gave the all clear at 11:20 a.m. and students resumed regular classes.

The Goodland Police are conducting an investigation into who left the threatening message.

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