

Ohio County Farm & Home News



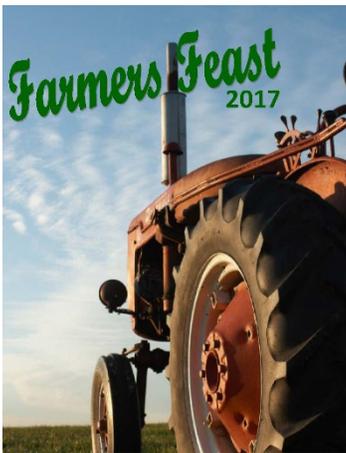
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2017 FARMER'S FEAST – SAT. SEPT. 16TH

This Saturday, September 16th, the Ohio County Extension Service, Perdue Farms Inc., Beaver Dam Community Farmers Market, Ohio Co. Farm Bureau, and T.C. and Tyson Sanderfur Insurance will host the second annual “Farmer’s Feast”. The



program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with entertainment by “East To Nowhere”.

What is the “Farmer’s Feast”? We want celebrate the success of the Beaver Dam Community

Farmers Market and the ability of our local farmers to the provide food and fiber needed to sustain the U.S., as well as, the world, during this harvest season. Many of our local Farmer’s market vendors will be there for you to get to know. Most people who use the Farmer’s Market like to develop a relationship with the person producing their food. The meal is being prepared locally by Slick Back Outdoors Barbeque and Frances Southard Candy & Cakes, from locally grown and KY Proud products.

Tickets are still available for \$15 and may be purchased at the Beaver Dam Farmers Market, Beaver Dam City Hall, Ohio Co. Farm Bureau, Rice’s Pharmacy and Slick Back Outdoors.

I hope you can come join us, Saturday evening, in celebrating our local farmers while enjoying good food, entertainment, and fellowship!!!

TIPS FOR STOCKPILING FESCUE FOR WINTER GRAZING

This fall is setting up to be excellent for stockpiling fescue, especially since winter feeding is the single highest expense in cow-calf production systems. In many cases it can make up more than 50% of the total cow-calf budget. Traditionally, hay is the main feed that is used during the winter months. Producing hay that is high enough in forage quality to meet the nutritional needs of lactating brood cows can be difficult. Feeding that hay during the cold, wet, and muddy winter months can also be a challenge, especially if you work off the farm since it is dark when you leave and dark when you get home.

In contrast to hay, tall fescue stockpiled for winter grazing is almost always higher in nutritional value and will in most cases meet the requirements of a fall calving cow. In addition, grazing stockpiled grass costs about half as much as feeding hay that is supplemented. The following steps will help to optimize your stockpiling program:

- Choose a strong tall fescue sod in a field that is well drained. To get the maximum yield response to nitrogen applications you will need a healthy stand of tall fescue. Choosing a field that is well-drained will help to ensure that the stockpile can be grazed with minimal pugging damage during the wet winter months.



- Clip pastures that will be stockpiled to 3-4 inches prior to applying nitrogen. Clipping pastures removes

old growth and increases the forage quality of the stockpiled grass.

- Apply 60-80 lb of nitrogen per acre in late August to mid-September. Applying nitrogen too early can stimulate warm-season grass growth in pastures, while applying nitrogen too late decreases dry matter yield. When applying nitrogen in mid-September, decrease application rates to 60 lb/A.

- Allow growth to accumulate until mid-December before grazing. If limited grazing is available, feed hay during late summer and fall.

- Graze stockpiled pastures that contain legumes first. Legumes deteriorate at faster rate than grass and should be grazed first to minimize losses.

- Strip graze tall fescue to maximize grazing days. Ideally, allocating only enough stockpiled grass for 2-3 days will increase grazing days per acre by 30 to 40%. However, if you work off the farm, it may make more sense to allocate 7 days of grass. This would allow you move fences on days off.

- Frost seed legumes on grazed areas. Closely grazed stockpile provides an excellent opportunity to establish legumes in grass dominated pastures. Broadcasting the seed as the pasture is being grazed can enhance soil-seed contact and increase overseeding success.

CAIP DEADLINES APPROACHING

The 2017 CAIP (Cost-Share) Program is slowly winding to a close. I hope everyone has been able to find enough time to have their projects

coming close to finish. Just a reminder about the deadlines:

- Receipts must be dated between November 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.
- Eligible projects must be completed between: November 1, 201 and October 30, 2017.
- Reimbursement paperwork deadline – noon October 30, 2017.

If you are still looking for an educational session to attend, I have found a few in the area for you can attend the KY Grazing Conference or KY Sheep & Goat Annual Conference. If you have questions or are looking for an educational meeting, give me a call at the Extension Office 298-7441.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND PREGNANCY

PALPATION WORKSHOP

The U.K. Extension Beef Specialist will hold an

“Artificial Insemination & Pregnancy Palpation

Workshop on October 18-19 at

the C. Oran Little Research Center in

Versailles, Ky. The program will cover both days, from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. ET each day, and will include both classroom and chute-side training. The registration cost is \$300 and limited to the first 10 producers, on a first-come first-served basis.

To register, contact Ben Crites at (859)257-7512 or by email at ben.crites@uky.edu .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 13 – “Rinse & Return” Pesticide Container Recycling; AgriGro Farm Center; 10:00 a.m. till noon
- Sept. 16 – “Farmer’s Feast”; 2nd St. in Beaver Dam; 6:00 p.m.; tickets are \$15
- Sept. 19 – Ohio Co. Fair Ag & Garden exhibit registration; Ohio Co. Park; 3:00 till 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 21 – 23 - Ohio County Fair
- October 7 – KY Sheep & Goat Annual Producer Conference; WKU Ag Center, Bowling Green; 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.
- October 18 – KY Grazing Conference; Christian Co. Extension office, Hopkinsville; 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.
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