

Ohio County Farm & Home News

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CAIP UPDATE

By now everyone should have received your confirmation and most have picked up your reimbursement document packets. If you have not picked up your packet, drop by the Extension office.



REMEMBER, you must have made your purchases by September 30, 2024, to be eligible for reimbursement. Then, you have until noon on October 31, 2024, to have your projects completed and your documentation for reimbursement, turned into to the Extension Office.

If you have questions about completing the reimbursement documents, please give myself or Tammy Blacklock a call and we will assist you.

BULL VALUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – OCT 10 & 17TH



The Extension Offices in Ohio, Hancock, Daviess, McLean Grayson & Breckinridge counties are hosting the “Bull Value Assessment Program (BVAP)”. The program is a two-part educational program designed to assist producers in better understanding how to assess bulls and to get the best value for the producers’

money, when attending bull sales.

The BVAP program will be in two sessions – the first session, “Tips on buying and managing your bull” - will be in a classroom format. Areas to be discussed are:

- Targeting Selection on Specific Markets
- Bull Reproductive Considerations & the Importance of Breeding Soundness Exams
- Tools for Selection: Breed Differences, EPD’s & Crossbreeding
- Proper Bull Nutrition & Health Programs: How to Manage the Bull you Purchase
- Matching Genetics to Cow Herd & Management

The second session will be a mock auction, where participants will be responsible for buying a bull, based upon an assigned scenario. Producers can view videos of the bulls and ask questions of the sales team.

Each bull will be given an economic index, based upon its’ value for each scenario. At the conclusion of the auction, the sales team will discuss which bulls best fit the various scenarios, identify the producer which purchased the highest value bull in each scenario and discuss common mistakes/missed opportunities.

This should be a valuable opportunity for all cow/calf producers to improve their management skills.

To participate, you **MUST** pre-register by contacting the Ohio County Extension Office at (270)298-7441. There is a \$25 registration fee, which cover meals for the two nights and materials for the program. The registration fee can be paid when you register or brought to the first night of the program.



“HEART OF AMERICA GRAZING CONFERENCE” – OCT 15, 16, &17



The University of Kentucky is proud to announce the 2024 Heart of America Grazing Conference in Elizabethtown, Kentucky! The three day event will take place throughout Central Kentucky and include some dynamic speakers on all things regenerative agriculture. The Heart of America Grazing Conference is an annual conference rotated around the mid-Atlantic and southeast region.

On Tuesday, October 15, you can attend a “Pasture Ecology Workshop” at Glenmar Farms, in Cecelia, Kentucky.

We will be doing a deep dive into all things related to ecological systems and welcoming Dr. Matt Poore from North Carolina State University. Also on Tuesday, October 15 we will be having the Heart of America banquet. We look forward to recognizing individuals dedicated to promoting regenerative agriculture and supporting our mission.

Wednesday, October 16, will be the “Heart of America Grazing Conference” at the Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown. You will hear from many industry and University experts discussing all things regenerative agriculture, soil health, and pasture ecology. Topics to be covered are:

- “Healing the Land with Grazing” – Ray Archuleta
- “Soil Health – Separating Fact from Fiction” – Alan Franzlebbbers, USDA Ag Research
- “Bale Grazing for Biological Fertility & Healthier Pastures” – Greg Halich, U.K.
- “My Regenerative Journey” – Sam Kennedy, Kettle Mills Livestock, TN
- “Build It & They Will Come – Managing Soil Life” – Chris Teutsch, U.K.

- “Putting It All Together” – Matt Poore, North Carolina State University

On Thursday, October 17, you can visit Greg Brann’s Big Springs Farm in Adolphus, Kentucky. Join us to see a well-established multi-species grazing operation with one of the nation’s foremost experts on soil health.

Come to any one or all three of the events. Go to the UK Forage Website and click under Events or use this direct link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-heart-of-america-grazing-conference-tickets-920965361187>

FREE SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE TESTING



The soybean cyst nematode (SCN) causes greater annual losses in Ky than any other pathogen of soybeans.

Preliminary results of an on-going SCN survey, initiated in 2019, show that about 80% of Kentucky fields are infested with SCN. This same survey showed nearly 40% of the infested fields have SCN populations that will likely cause yield loss. Although above-ground symptoms (stunting and yellowing) caused by SCN can occasionally be observed, affected soybean plants generally appear to be healthy. Unfortunately, “healthy-looking” soybean plants that are infected by SCN can still have up to a 30% yield reduction.

To assist Kentucky producers, the Kentucky Soybean Board is continuing to fund free soybean cyst nematode (SCN) testing. Fall and Spring (before planting) are the best times to collect soil samples from fields for SCN testing.

To take advantage of this free SCN testing simply:

- Use a soil probe to collect soil 6-8 inches deep, form at least 20 locations within the field
- Follow a zig-zag pattern when sampling

- If you are sampling a field that was in soybeans this year, collect the soil cores from the soybean root zone area.
- Mix your core samples in a bucket, then place one pint in a soil testing sample bag or plastic freezer bag.
- Mark the field name on the bag
- Protect sample from the heat. Refrigerate the sample if not sending for analysis immediately
- Bring sample to Extension Office for sending to testing lab
- We will need to know the previous crop, the current crop and what you plan to plant in 2025.

If you are unable to pull the SCN samples, contact the Ohio Co. Extension office and I will pull the samples myself.

By knowing what level of SCN infestation you have in a field, you can develop a management strategy to minimize the yield loss.

UPCOMING Events

- October 10 - Bull Value Assessment Program – Session 1; Hancock Co. Extension office; 6:00 p.m.
- October 15 – Pasture Ecology Workshop, Glenmar Farm, Cecelia, KY
- October 16 – Heart of America Grazing Conference; Hardin Co. Extension Office, Elizabethtown; 7:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. ET
- October 17 – Bull Value Assessment Program-Session 2; Hancock Co. Extension office; 6:00 p.m.
- October 17 – Pasture Walk – Gregg Branns Big Springs Farm; Adolphus, KY
- October 19 – Ky Sheep & Goat Producers Association Annual Meeting; Fleming Co. Extension Office, Flemingsburg; 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. ET
- November 21 – Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Clinic; Stone Veterinary Clinic, Sturgis; 8:00 a.m. till noon