

Bourbon County Cooperative Extension Service

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Dates

November 26-27th - Thanksgiving - Office CLOSED
December 1st - Paris CPH Sale, Paris Stockyard
December 7th - Heifer Improvement Seminar
December 17th - Forage Production Meeting
December 21st - Open House
December 24th-January 1st - Extension Office CLOSED
January 15-16th - KCA Convention, Owensboro
January 25th - Farm Transition Seminar

AG PROGRAM UPDATES

This fall has been as busy as any other with ups and downs, interesting weather and lots of changes being made on farming operations. Not to wish away the upcoming holidays but I am looking forward to the New Year and am thinking of ways to improve the ANR programs here in the county. It's also a great time to take a look at the past few years on your farm to see what worked, what didn't and what you can change or improve. How can you be more efficient with your time, labor and money? There are several programs coming up that may be beneficial to you when trying to answer these questions for your own operation.

Phase I Cost Share

- Producers will only receive **ONE** check regardless of the number of projects turned in. You must be finished spending your approved funds before a check will be written.
- Producers must attend an educational session to fulfill their requirement.
- It is always best to check to be sure your planned project is cost share acceptable before making a purchase.
- Deadline for all projects is May 1, 2016.

Elite Heifer Sale Results

The 25th Elite Bred Heifer Sale averaged \$2,377 on November 2nd.
There were 350 heifers and 136 AI sold by 6 consignors.



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2015 Sheep and Goat Health & Production Webinar

Bourbon County Extension Office

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2015

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

RSVP is required: (859) 987-1895

Presentation Schedule

- **Utilizing herd performance programs to increase productivity**
Dr. Kenneth Andries, Extension Goat Specialist, Kentucky State University
Record keeping programs for producers and how to best utilize these to improve overall herd productivity
- **Causes, Diagnosis, Prevention & Treatment of Sheep/Goat Abortions**
Dr. Beth Johnson, KY Dept of Agriculture-Field Veterinarian
Bacterial and viral causes of abortions and early embryonic deaths that occur in sheep and goats. Emphasis will be placed on zoonotic potential of some of these diseases.
- **The Veterinary Feed Directive's Impact on Small Ruminants**
Dr. Beth Johnson, KY Dept of Agriculture-Field Veterinarian
The Food and Drug Administration has established the Veterinary Feed Directive to limit the use of antibiotics in animal feed to treat, control or prevent diseases as described on the VFD drug label. It specifically states the amount of antibiotic that can be placed in the feed, at what rate the feed is to be fed, how long it is to be fed, to what type of animal it is to be fed, what the withdrawal time is, any special instructions and any cautionary statements that are necessary for use of the VFD drug. In the past, most small ruminant producers have been able to utilize antibiotics not approved for use in small ruminants through extra label drug use by your veterinarian who had established a valid veterinary-patient-client relationship with their producer. Extra label use of a VFD feed (or any other medicated feed) will not be permitted. This rule went into effect on October 1, 2015. What does this mean to the small ruminant producer and veterinarian?

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SOIL
TESTED THIS FALL. TESTING IS
FREE FOR BOURBON COUNTY.

FREE DEAD ANIMAL
REMOVAL:
1-888-744-1186



Heifer Improvement Seminar

Bourbon County Extension Office

603 Millersburg Rd., Paris

December 7, 2015 6:30-7:30 pm

Presentation Topics:

Selecting Genetics - Jacob Reynolds
Reproduction Practices - Hilary Ambrose
Health Protocol - Chisum Kirby
Izabela Gomes - Nutritional Improvement



Due to limited space in our meeting room, please RSVP to (859) 987-1895.



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Pasture and Forage Production

Speaker: Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky

December 17th, 6:00 PM

Bourbon County Extension office



Presentation will cover forage quality and be applicable to all species.

Holiday Open House and Celebration



December 21st 10 am - 1 pm

The Bourbon County Extension Office is hosting an open house to gather and celebrate the retirement of our Staff Assistant, Verndalene Lyons after 9 years of service. Please join us anytime between 10 am and 1pm to visit and wish her well!

We look forward to seeing you!