

Beef Update

August 2021



Greetings!

In this Beef Update newsletter, you will find:

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As always, please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance with ration development for your cattle. Take care!



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Beef Basics

Home study course designed to sharpen your cow/calf management skills within the comfort of your home or office.

2021 Forage Field Day

Aug. 4

**Southeast Research Farm
Beresford, South Dakota**

Aug. 5

**Haskell Research Lab
Concord, Nebraska**

**Registration Fee: \$30
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Managing Summer Calving Herds during the Breeding Season

Many producers have moved from spring to summer calving to avoid death loss from inclement early spring weather and to see a reduction in labor and winter feed costs. Just as there are upsides to changing timing of calving, there are also downsides, which may include reproductive challenges and decreased calf weaning weight. It is important to understand the change in management practices when converting to a summer calving herd. [Read more.](#)



Nebraska Grazing Conference

WHEN

Monday, Aug. 9th, 1pm to Wednesday,
Aug. 11th, 11:30am

WHERE

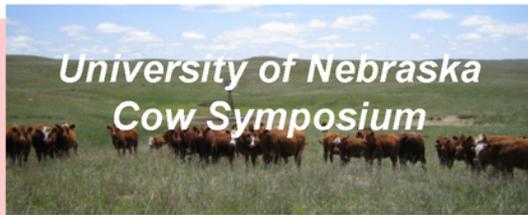
416 West Talmadge Road
Kearney, NE

MORE INFORMATION

The Nebraska Grazing Conference is back as an in-person event this year! The Younes Convention Center, Kearney, NE, is the site for this year's August 9 through 11 conference. An August 9 pre-conference tour at Larsen Land & Livestock in Lexington, NE will feature speakers addressing conservation practices, grazing management, prescribed burning, and plant identification. The August 10 morning conference sessions focus on grassland conservation and the value of pollinators in grasslands. The 2020 Leopold Conservation Award recipients, Ed and Leta Olson, will be recognized for their work at the morning sessions. Managing wet meadows, including the history and issues related to managing wet meadows, e.g., plant communities, grazing wet meadows, and meadow wildlife, will be addressed in the afternoon. Presentations continue on August 11 with sessions on grazing systems and risk management. The program will conclude with reflections of the conference offered by Tim Kalkowski, Regional President/Loan Officer, First State Bank of NE.

New to the NGC is a live-streamed webinar, which takes place Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The webinar provides an opportunity for those unable to attend the full conference with a means of participating in a small part of conference activities. Greg Ibach, USDA Under Secretary in Residence, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Dave Aiken, Professor, Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Roric Paulman, a Sutherland, NE producer, will be speaking on the topic of grassland carbon credits and markets.

Visit <https://grassland.unl.edu/nebraska-grazing-conference> for more information.



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*Tuesday, August 24th, 2021
Boone County Fairgrounds
11th St. & W. Fairview
Albion, NE*

*Please RSVP online at:
<https://go.unl.edu/cowsymposium>
or call Jacque at (308) 696-6700 by August 17th for the complimentary lunch.*

Please join us at the 2021 University of Nebraska Cow Symposium sponsored by Elanco. We are bringing together trusted professionals to discuss issues and share industry insights and solutions. Our agenda is designed to provide you with tools you can use to better manage your beef cow herd.

AGENDA

Time CDT

8:30 AM	Registration
9:00	Welcome – Jerry Gross, Elanco & Brad Schick, UNL
9:15	Sustainability & Media's Influence - Leah Beyer, Elanco
10:00	Rumensin - Benefits for cattle - Frank White, Elanco
	◆ Early Calf Hood immunity - Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Elanco
10:30	◆ Cow Vaccination - Dr. Brian Vander Ley, Great Plains Veterinary Education Center
	◆ Flies & Lice Control Strategies - David Boxler, UNL Livestock Entomologist
11:30	Q&A Session Panel - Speaker Panel
12:00	Lunch
	◆ Cattle Markets Update - Dr. Elliot Dennis, UNL
1:00	◆ Livestock Risk Protection - Dr. Jay Parsons, UNL
	◆ Q&A Panel - Speaker Panel
2:00	Live Demonstrations - Refreshments Available
	Round 1 ◆ Cow Condition Scoring
	◆ Proper Insecticide Application
	◆ Proper Implanting Steps
	Round 2 ◆ Range and Pasture Assessment
	◆ Forage Sampling
3:00	Adjourn

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Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory Open House

WHEN

Wednesday, Aug. 25th, 8:30am

WHERE

Whitman, NE, USA

Whitman, NE

MORE INFORMATION

The 22st annual University of Nebraska–Lincoln Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory (GSL) Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. This year's Open House will be a hybrid format with our traditional in-person event held at GSL along with being live streamed online webinar. The online webinar will only cover the morning sustainability topics.

The morning session starts off with Dr. Elliot Dennis, UNL Livestock Extension Marketing Specialist, with an update of current livestock markets. Dr. Jason Sawyer, King Ranch Institute of Ranch Management, will discuss what sustainability means at the ranch level. To continue with the sustainability topic, Leah Beyer from Elanco will discuss media's influence on sustainability. To wrap up the morning session, Brianna Buseman, UNL Youth Meats Extension Assistant Professor, will moderate a Q/A panel with local producers on their perspectives on direct marketing to consumers.

In the afternoon, Drs. Brian Vander Ley, Great Plains Veterinary Education Center, and Brett Terhaar, will discuss calfhood immunity and vaccination strategies. In addition, the afternoon session will be wrapped up by range and beef research updates provided by research faculty from West Central Research and Extension Center and Panhandle Research and Extension Center.

To register for the in-person or online webinar and view the scheduled agenda, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/westcentral/gudmundsen-sandhills-laboratory/>. The cost to attend is free. If planning to attend in person, please register by Wednesday, August 18th for a meal count. For more information or questions, contact Travis Mulliniks (308-696-6707, travis.mulliniks@unl.edu).

Save the Date

HERD THAT! CONFERENCE

● Sept. 15, 2021 ● Lincoln, NE

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The Nebraska Women in Agriculture program along with the Nebraska Beef Quality Assurance Program are excited to announce the first annual Herd That! Conference on Sept. 15, 2021 in Lincoln, Neb. The conference will focus on the five areas of risk management specific to livestock. The highlight of this year's inaugural event will be a live cattle handling demonstration with Temple Grandin, Ph.D., Colorado State University and Dean Fish, Ph.D., ranch manager, Santa Fe Ranch. [Read more.](#)

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Assessing Drought Conditions



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