



Ranch Management Field Day

Moyer Farms LLC | Emporia, KS

Thursday, August 15, 2019 Schedule

3:00 p.m. Registration

3:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

3:45 p.m. Educational Sessions

6:45 p.m. Dinner

Background

Jaret and Shawna Moyer moved to Emporia, Kansas, in 2003 to begin a stocker/backgrounding operation. They currently start and feed lighter cattle for both themselves and several customers. This production will go on to be sold at area auction markets; grazed on wheat or native grass; or finished at feedyards in Kansas and Nebraska. The Moyers appreciate the support and work of family, employees and customers that have made their operation what it is today.

Location & Directions

Moyer Farms LLC

2571 M Rd Emporia, KS 66801

From Emporia:

From I-35 take exit 130 and go north on Highway 99 approximately 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. When Highway 99 makes a 90-degree curve to the east, continue 1 mile to M Road (located just west of the overpass) and travel north 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

From Topeka:

From I-335 (turnpike), take exit 147 and go west on Highway 56 3 ½ miles. In the town of Admire, turn south on Highway 99, travel 10 miles, follow the curve west, and go another 2 ¾ miles to M Road (just west of the overpass), then travel north 1 ¾ miles.

Moyer Farms is on the west side of the road and has white buildings with red roofs. Field Day directional signs will be posted.

Program

Identifying and Understanding Old World Bluestem in the Flint Hills

Brian Rees, Lyon County Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Lyon County is home to over 60,000 head of cattle and calves that depend on the native grasses found in the heart of the Flint Hills. Old World bluestem poses concerns to many cattlemen and cattlewomen in this region of the state. Rees will explain the issues surrounding Old World bluestem, provide live samples to assist in identifying both Caucasian and yellow bluestem varieties, and probe various ways of coping with the plant.

Exploring Possible Economic Advantages of Using Drones in Livestock Production

Dale Blasi, KSU Professor/Extension Specialist

Drones have become a very powerful and effective tool in crop production throughout the United States. Could it soon be the same in livestock production? Although no extensive research has been completed, cattle producers throughout the U.S. are pondering such possibilities. Blasi will dive into potential everyday uses on the ranch, look at possible future capabilities with advancements in technology, and cover the basics of drone use with a short flight demonstration.

CattleTrace Update and Demonstration

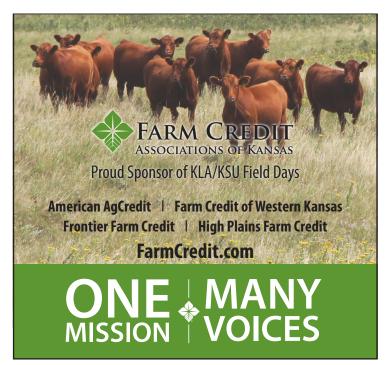
Cassie Kniebel, CattleTrace Program Manager, Beef Cattle Institute

The voluntary cattle traceability pilot project, known as CattleTrace, recently was launched and continues to be a center focus for KLA, Kansas State University and the Kansas Department of Agriculture. CattleTrace is intended to guide the development of a cost-effective national traceability program that can operate at the speed of commerce. Kniebel will provide an overview and update on the project, as well as a live demonstration to show how data connected to the high-frequency ear tags is instantly captured via calves passing down an alley.

Questions about the field day?

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