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CADDO COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURAL NEWSLETTER

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LIVE WEBINAR

2021 MEAT GOAT MARKET OUTLOOK

▶ March 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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Register for the 2021 Meat Goat Market Outlook Webinar: March 9th at 6:00 pm

<https://dasnr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtduqprz4tH9x5g1NTIkZ7uPyfrGk5-BSW>

Join OSU Extension specialists and experienced professionals to learn about the USDA goat inventory and meat goat market outlook for 2021.

- **Forage and Feed Outlook:**
Scott Clawson, Area Ag Economics Ext. Specialist
- **Goat Outlook:**
JJ Jones, Area Ag Economics Ext. Specialist

Upcoming Agricultural Events

Mar. 2	Caddo County Fair Board Meeting / Caddo County Fairgrounds, Baldwin Building / Anadarko, OK / 7:00 pm
Mar. 9	2021 Meat Goat Market Outlook Webinar / Contact the OSU Extension Office for the Zoom Link / 6:30 pm
Mar. 10- Mar. 20	Oklahoma Youth EXPO / Oklahoma Fairgrounds / Oklahoma City, OK
Mar. 22	Caddo County Cattlemen's Meeting / Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center / Fort Cobb, OK / Eric Cowan APHIS will discuss Feral Hog Control / 6:30 pm / Attend in person or by Zoom
Mar. 25	Oklahoma Peanut EXPO Virtual Meeting / details have not been released
Apr. 6	Caddo County Fair Board Meeting / Caddo County Fairgrounds, Baldwin Building / Anadarko, OK / 7:00 pm

Horticulture Tips for March

Lawn and Turf

- Remove excessive thatch from warm-season lawns. Dethatching, if necessary, should precede crabgrass control treatment. ([HLA-6604](#))
- Broadleaf weeds can easily be controlled in cool-season lawns at this time with post-emergent broadleaf herbicides.
- Preemergent crabgrass control chemicals can still be applied to cool- and warm-season turfgrasses. Heed label cautions when using any weed killers near or in the root zone of desirable plantings.
- March is the second best time of the year to seed cool-season turfgrass; however, fall is the best time to plant. ([HLA-6419](#))
- Cool-season lawns such as bluegrass, fescue, and ryegrass may be fertilized now with the first application of the season. Usually, four applications of fertilizer are required per year, in March, May, October, and November. ([HLA-6420](#))
- Begin mowing cool-season grasses at 1½ to 3½ inches high. ([HLA-6420](#))

Fruits

- Continue to plant strawberries, asparagus, and other small fruit crops this month.
- Start your routine fruit tree spray schedule prior to bud break. ([EPP-7319](#)).
- Remove winter mulch from strawberries in early March ([HLA-6214](#)).



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Cattle on feed and feeder supplies

Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist

The February Cattle on Feed report from USDA showed a February 1 feedlot inventory of 12.1 million head, 101.5 percent of one year ago. January placements were 2.017 million head, up 3.2 percent year over year. Placements were higher than the average pre-report estimate but at the top end of the range of analyst estimates. The increase in placements was mostly in cattle weighing 700-900 pounds but did also include a 5.1 percent year over year increase in cattle weighing less than 600 pounds. January marketings were 1.822 million head, down 5.6 percent from one year ago and about as expected. However, January 2021 had two less slaughter days than the year before meaning that daily average marketings this year were 3.8 percent higher than last year.

The feedlot situation in early 2021 is a carryover from the disruptions and unusual dynamics last year. For the entire year in 2020, feedlot placements were down 4.0 percent. In the last half of the year feedlot placements were almost unchanged year over year, up 0.3 percent. However, this average belies dramatic dynamics as feedlot placements in the third quarter were up 8.5 percent year over year while placements in the fourth quarter were down 7.0 percent from the prior year. Total estimated feeder supplies outside of feedlots on January 1 were 25.66 million head, down just 0.2 percent year over year. The 1.3 percent year over year decrease in the 2020 calf crop, even when adjusted by decreased veal slaughter and increased feeder cattle imports, would have suggested a bigger decrease in the feeder supply on January 1. It appears that some feeder cattle were carried over into 2021 and likely is reflected in the relatively large January placements. Feeder supplies are somewhat front-loaded early in 2021 but should tighten up in the second half of the year.

Podcasts by OSU Agriculture Specialists

Several OSU Agriculture Specialists record podcasts with current topics on Animal Science, Agriculture Economics, Agronomy issues and many other topics. These can be found at the OSU Spotlight website: <http://spotlight.okstate.edu/experience/podcast/> check it out!

End of an Era!

By Derrell S. Peel, OSU Ext. Livestock Marketing Specialist

It was 18 years ago that Dr. Glenn Selk asked if I would begin contributing to the Cow Calf Corner newsletter. Though Dr. Selk retired from his full-time faculty position about a decade ago, he has continued to support the CCC newsletter and several other media contributions. He has continuously provided very practical, useful information that producers and others utilize and value. Many of you have told me for years how much you appreciate his hands-on management information. I always tell folks that reading an article by Dr. Selk is like having him riding in the pickup with you while checking cattle.

By my count, I have published 739 articles with Dr. Selk in the Cow Calf Corner newsletter since 2003. It has been a privilege and pleasure to collaborate with Glenn to bring timely and relevant information to cattle industry folks for many years. Thank You, Dr. Selk!!

This week will be the final CCC newsletter with Dr. Selk. Several faculty in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences and other OSU departments will begin contributing to the Cow Calf Corner newsletter next week. I am looking forward to collaborating with them and continuing the proud tradition of the Cow Calf Corner newsletter.

Best Wishes to Dr. Selk!

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