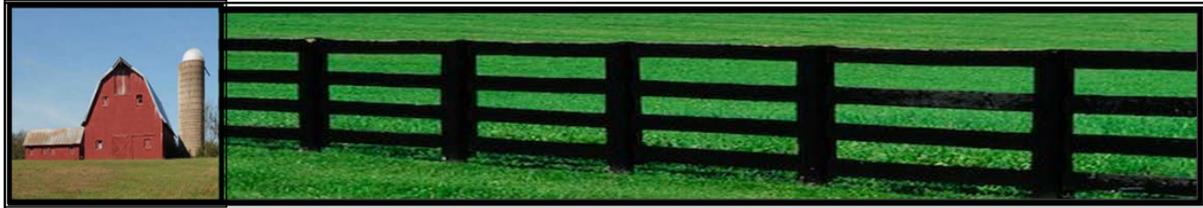




# NOBLE COUNTY EXTENSION



## Agriculture News and Updates

October 2021

### Master Cattleman training program to be offered in 2022

Noble County OSU Extension will be offering a Master Cattleman training class. We are actively searching for those which would like to participate (minimum of 12 participants) in a hands-on Master Cattleman training class. The objective of this program is to enhance the profitability of beef operations and the quality of life of beef cattle producers by equipping them with vital information on all aspects of beef production, business planning, risk management and marketing.

The Master Cattleman program includes an educational curriculum based on the Oklahoma Beef Cattle Manual. The completed curriculum is 28 total hours, both core curriculum plus electives. The classes will be scheduled to meet the days/time of the entire group beginning in January at the Noble County Fairgrounds located at 1<sup>st</sup> and Ivanhoe in Perry. Further information regarding the program can be found at the OSU Master Cattleman Program <https://extension.okstate.edu/programs/master-cattleman.html>.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Chad Webb in the Noble County OSU Extension Service by phone 580-336-4621 or by email at [chad.webb@okstate.edu](mailto:chad.webb@okstate.edu) and attend the Orientation & Organizational meeting scheduled Thursday, November 4 at 6:00 pm in the Women's Building of the Noble County Fairgrounds. Fee for this program is \$175.00; included with fee is the current Beef Cattle Manual, instructional materials and if all program requirements are met a producer certificate, Master Cattleman farm gate sign, and a Master Cattleman notebook.

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### Noble County Fall Free Fair deemed successful

The Noble County Fair Board and OSU Extension Service would like to thank everyone who attended the 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Noble County Free Fair which was held September 11th

through 16th, 2021. We appreciate all who participated, attended, and worked the week-long event making the fair another successful county-wide attraction.

## **Find Farm Management Resources on Your Smartphone**

Producers seeking to gain new financial management skills can find educational resources at the e-Farm Management website. This site contains videos, publications, software tools and webinars for use by farmers and ranchers. Viewers will find information on financial, production, marketing, and risk management topics.

One example is the Tax Issues for Farmers: Depreciation Tools video. In this video, viewers learn how to use depreciation to manage their tax liability. The video explains depreciation and which assets that can be depreciated. Lastly, the video gives an overview of the three methods of calculating depreciation and uses an example to compare the income tax savings between these methods.

To find this video and additional resources on balance sheets, go to:

<https://extension.okstate.edu/programs/farm-management-and-finance/e-farm-management-training/farm-income-statement-and-tax-issues-for-farmers/index.html>.

More information on this and other farm management topics may be found three ways:

1) contact your nearest Extension Educator 2) visit the e-farm management website (<https://extension.okstate.edu/programs/farm-management-and-finance/e-farm-management-training/index.html>) or 3) visit the OSU Ag Econ YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/OkStateAgEcon>).

## **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Blue Green Algae Poisoning**

James “JJ” Jones, Area Economy Specialist

Producers that are faced with a livestock death due to blue green algae may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) from the Farm Service Agency. If the weather conditions are proper for growing blue green algae and if a producer’s cattle have not died from blue green algae before, they may apply for the LIP program. Proof of death from blue green algae must also be supplied. Here is a brief summary of the LIP program.

### **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**

LIP compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal due to adverse. Producers will be compensated 75% of the fair market value as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture for each specific livestock category. No formal disaster declaration has to be made.

#### Eligible livestock include:

- Beef cattle
- Dairy cattle
- Buffalo and Beefalo
- Sheep
- Swine
- Goats

- Alpacas
- Emus
- Horses used as a part of the commercial operation
- Llamas
- Elk
- Poultry
- Deer
- Reindeer

Non eligible livestock include:

- Show animals
- Hunting animals
- Animals kept for home consumption
- Pleasure animals
- Pets
- Rodeo stock

The loss of the animal must occur within 60 days of event and producers will need to file a notice of loss with the Farm Service Agency within 30 days of the loss of the livestock. Proof of death of the livestock may also be requested in the form of but not limited to rendering truck receipts, veterinary records, private insurance documents, or a measurement service as requested by the producer and completed by FSA.

For more information about LIP, producers can download the [USDA LIP fact sheet](#) or contact their county FSA office.



## 5 THINGS TO KNOW

about Horse Week streaming October 3-9, 2021

- 1) What is Horse Week?**  
Horse Week offers over 25 hours of fresh high-quality educational and inspiring video content that riders and horse lovers of every level and discipline will enjoy.
- 2) How/where do I watch Horse Week?**  
Viewers can stream all Horse Week video content from any smart device by tuning into [www.horseweek.tv](http://www.horseweek.tv).
- 3) How much does it cost to watch?**  
Horse Week is 100% FREE! Viewers will have complete access to all Horse Week content for no charge.
- 4) What type of content can I expect?**  
Incredible and compelling stories of the impact horses have on the lives of others from all walks of life, clinics with industry leading professionals, profiles on both equine athletes and equestrians from across the different disciplines.
- 5) How can I get horse week updates?**  
Subscribe to our Horse Week newsletter at [www.horseweek.tv](http://www.horseweek.tv) or follow along on Equine Network LLC Facebook and Instagram!



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## BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM CLINIC

Northeast Oklahoma

Join us to learn about the importance of bull fertility and the factors that can affect a bull's performance.

Participants will have a thorough breeding soundness exam conducted on their bulls prior to breeding season.

Limited space, registration required

▶ **To register, call:**  
Northeast Area Extension  
Office, 918-686-7800

▶ **Cost:** \$40 per bull

### DATE & LOCATION

▶ Wednesday, Oct. 20th, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

▶ Alexander Veterinary Services  
Dr. Mike Alexander, DVM

40301 N. 4000 Rd  
Collinsville, OK 74021

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## Cow-Calf Producers Facing Poor Forage Conditions May Want to Consider Early Weaning

By *Brian Freking*

Late summer conditions are once again leading many cattle producers to manage for diminished pasture resources and a possible lack of harvested forage resources.

Producers who still own spring-calving cows that are nursing calves should consider the option of early weaning. The purpose of early weaning is to give the cows the best opportunity to maintain body condition going into winter.

South Dakota State University scientists examined this scenario using mature cows and comparing the effect of weaning date on performance of the beef cows. They weaned half of the cows at the time of the first cool spell in their case, Sept. 14 and weaned the other half at the more traditional time of Oct. 23. The scientists then monitored body condition and rebreeding performance of the cows.

Be aware that this study included two different nutritional levels: A low group to mimic an early winter or a dry summer and a moderate group to mimic more ideal summer and early winter seasons.

The data for the low group reflects the expected performance of cows in drought conditions similar to what Oklahoma producers have experienced and indicates that 40 days earlier weaning allow cows to maintain a better body condition score going into winter. More of the early-weaned cows should be cycling at the start of the breeding season, conceive early in the breeding season and should wean heavier, older calves the following year.

In addition, a small amount of high protein supplement such as cottonseed meal or soybean meal will enhance the cow's ability to utilize the declining quality of the late summer forage or low-quality grass hay, thereby allowing more body condition to remain on young cows before frost arrives.

This combination of management techniques should be a cost-effective way to slow the decline in rebreeding rates of forage limited, spring-calving cows.

Of course, taking care of the early-weaned calves becomes another challenge that must be met, if the calves are not sold immediately. If properly vaccinated, the early-weaned calves will be ready for any of the special value-added calf sales that require 45-day weaned-calves. Fence-line weaning would be a recommended practice for these light calves. If a producer chooses to wean in hot weather, ample supplies of fresh water must be provided on both sides of the fence. Feeding programs for light, early weaned calves need to be carefully planned and implemented. Suggested rations for these calves can be found in the OSU Extension Fact Sheet ANSI 3031, "Nutrition and Management Considerations for Preconditioning Home Raised Beef Calves," available online at <http://osufacts.okstate.edu> via the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

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