



Warren County Cattlemen's Newsletter

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March Cattlmen's Meeting

March 19th
6:30pm

Barren River Livestock Center

Call 270-842-1681 to RSVP

Congrats

William Brady the Winner of the Blue Cattlemen's Jacket

President's Corner

Spring, my favorite time of the year, is fast approaching. Signs of renewal of life are all around us.

For those of us who have spring calving herds it is an especially important time of the year. Calving is in full swing and demands on the cows are increasing. The cow must not only birth a healthy calf but also produce enough milk and still maintain body condition to successfully breed back in a short time.

It is important that we realize this is a time when we must provide adequate nutrition for our cows to meet all of these demands. The highest quality hay that we have should be fed and supplemented with adequate protein, energy and minerals. This is also when we have the highest risk for grass tetany so magnesium should be included in the mineral mix.

The coming of spring hopefully provides us some optimism in spite of our slow economy. Cattle fax data shows that the cattle market has improved from February into April 24 of the last 28 years.

We now have much smaller national cow herd, decreasing supplies of competing meats and improving export demand for beef. I feel that we are well positioned to return to profitability when our economy begins to improve

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Cow Pasture, Cornfield, Cave Passage, and Your Drinking Water: Discover the Connection!

March 27, 2009



Western Kentucky University (WKU) and the USDA Agriculture Research Service (USDA-ARS) invite you to participate in a field day at Crumps Cave Education and Research Preserve located in Smiths Grove, Kentucky.

The field day, which is free and open to the public, will highlight how WKU and USDA-ARS research is working to find better solutions to animal waste management and improve the quality of your groundwater. There will be a live demonstration of a groundwater dye injection followed by a cave tour where you can witness firsthand the connection between land surface activities and underground water quality. University and government speakers will discuss best management practices for manure and pesticide application in karst areas as well as the effects of these practices on soil quality as it relates to profitability. There will also be presentations on available funding sources and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

This informal event will begin at 9 am CST on Friday, March 27, at the Log Cabin at Cave Springs Bed and Breakfast at 567 Rocky Hill Rd. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. Event will be held rain or shine. Free lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Lee Anne Bledsoe at 270-745-9224 or lee.bledsoe@wku.edu.

New Amended FDA Rule On Animal Feed

Source: Farm Bureau



Informational Alert:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the Federal Register 21 CFR 589:

Substances Prohibited from use in Animal Food or Feed, a final rule to revise animal feed regulations to prevent the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) – “Mad Cow Disease”. The amended feed regulations requirements will go into effect at the end of March.

The rule is a direct response by FDA to try and strengthen the '97 Ruminant to Ruminant Feed Ban and reduce the BSE risk by requiring rendering facilities to remove Specific Risk Materials (primarily the brain and spinal cord) from cattle before rendering. The thought is that even though the proteins resulting from rendering are being used in non-ruminant feeds (including poultry, hog and pet food production) there is a possibility for cross contamination in ruminant feeds because many feed manufacturers produce both types of feeds.

Materials classified as high risk in the new rule include: the entire carcass of BSE positive cattle; brains and spinal cords from cattle 30 months and older; the entire carcass of cattle not inspected and approved for human consumption that are 30 months and older, if the brains and spinal cords have not been removed; tallow containing more than .15 percent

insoluble impurities; and mechanically separated beef derived from materials prohibited by this rule.

The new rule basically brings the U.S. up to World Animal Health Organization recommendations (also referred to as OIE; Organization of International Epizootics).

International trade considerations also play into the equation. Currently, Japan and China do not accept all U.S. beef, citing the OIE guidelines as the basis for this action. The U.S., along with Canada, Chile, and Brazil, has ‘controlled risk’ status from the OIE. All fresh meat and meat products, except for the ‘specified risk materials’ from over 30 month cattle, are deemed safe for import by other countries.

Impact:

Kentucky has approximately 20 million pounds of dead stock picked up and rendered annually (Nation Brothers, Inc. picks up around 9 million pounds that Griffin renders and Griffin Industries picks up an estimated 9-11 million pounds).

Disposal of dead stock can be through incineration (the only way to destroy the BSE pathogen), rendering, composting, landfill or on-farm burial.

Also being impacted are local slaughterhouses who must now have documentation that the animal entering the facility for harvest is under 30 months of age.

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April 18th
Deadline for Conservation District Cost Share

April 16th
Cattlemen Meeting

May 21st
Cattlemen Meeting



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