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Welcome to the sixth 2019 Edition of the Southwind Extension District - Livestock and Forage Crops Newsletter.

I look forward to assisting with your livestock production and forage crop needs in this **Summer**.

Happy Independence Day! Be safe and have fun!

Upcoming Events

Please check this and upcoming editions of the newsletter for more information about coming events. Tentatively scheduled meetings and activities include:

Weber BBQ Class	June 1
Spring Crops Field Day	June 5
Global Livestock Meeting	Sept. 9-13

Weber BBQ Class

[KSU Animal Science Department](#)

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[Kansas Livestock Association](#)

[Kansas Pork Association](#)

[Kansas Meat Goat Association](#)

[Kansas Forage and Grasslands Council](#)

[Society for Range Management - Kansas Section](#)

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GET YOUR GRILL ON!

Weber Grilling Class

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cleaver Farm and Home, Chanute



Join us for a Weber Grilling Class with the K-State Southwind Extension District! Learn how to choose and prepare the right cuts of meat, spices vs rubs, and how to crank out amazing meals and treats with charcoal!

Taste testing and fun included!

Registration fee of \$10 holds your spot in the class. All guests will get a Cleaver Farm & Home gift card back upon attending.

Contact Cassie Cleaver: 620-431-6070

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Spring Crops Field Day

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JUNE 5

Registration 8:30 - 9 a.m.
Coffee and Donuts

SPRING CROPS FIELD DAY

KSU Southeast Research and Extension Center
25092 Ness Road, Parsons, KS

PRESENTATIONS

**SOYBEAN DISEASES: IT'S WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE
BELOW THE GROUND THAT WILL COST YOU!**

Dr. Doug Jardine, Extension Specialist and State Leader, KSU

ALFALFA FERTILIZATION

Dr. Dan Sweeney, Soil & Water Management Agronomist, SE Research & Extension Center

CORN PLANTING DATE AND DEPTH: IMPACTS ON YIELD

Dr. Gretchen Sassenrath, Cropping Systems Agronomist, SE Research & Extension Center

EROSION CHARACTERISTICS OF CLAYPAN SOILS: DEMONSTRATION OF IN-FIELD EROSION TESTING

Dr. Stacey Kulesza and Mr. Mark Mathis, Civil Engineering, KSU

BIOMASS PRODUCTION AND CATTLE GRAZING PREFERENCE OF WARM-SEASON COVER CROPS

Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, Extension Beef Specialist, SE Research & Extension Center

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Beachner Grain	McCune Coop	Thomas Implement
Commercial Bank	Midwest Fertilizer	

IN CASE OF RAIN, THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD INSIDE

Public meetings by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station are available and open to the public regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Disabled individual requiring special accommodations should notify the KSU Southeast Research and Extension Center (620-820-6133) at least two days prior to the field day.

For more information or to register, please contact the Southeast Research and Extension Center at 620-421-4826.

New KSU ASI Department Head



Michael L. Day has been selected to lead Kansas State University's department of animal sciences and industry beginning Aug. 11.

For the past four years, Day served as head of the

department of animal science

at the University of Wyoming. He was on the faculty in the department of animal sciences at The Ohio State University from 1985-2015, holding a research and teaching appointment focused on reproductive physiology of beef cattle.

"Dr. Mike Day comes to us with a great reputation as a research scientist, accomplished teacher and promising administrative leader," said Ernie Minton, interim dean of the College of Agriculture and interim director of K-State Research and Extension. "He is an outstanding choice as the next academic leader for the department of animal sciences and industry and an ideal cultural fit for the department, the College of Agriculture, and K-State as a whole."

The department of animal sciences and industry is the largest academic degree program at K-State, and among the largest of its kind nationally. The department records the greatest research expenditures of any single academic department in K-State's Higher Education Research and Development report to the National Science Foundation, topping \$15 million annually.

Day holds a Ph.D. and master's degree in animal science with an emphasis on reproductive physiology from the University of Nebraska. He obtained his bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from the University of Missouri.

Since 2000, Day has received approximately \$1.5 million in funding in support of his research. He has published 99 peer-reviewed scientific papers, along with hundreds of abstracts, proceedings, books and book

chapters. He has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international settings.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the department of animal sciences and industry as head," Day said. I am looking forward to working with faculty, staff, students and stakeholders as we move the department forward as a leader in animal and food sciences."

Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock



Kansas State University will be the first U.S. host of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Meeting Sept. 9-13. The U.N. organization's annual meeting gathers leaders from government, NGOs, academia and industry to discuss innovative approaches to sustainable livestock production.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Storing Hay for Best Quality



Hay is only as good as it is the day you feed it or sell it. No matter how good your hay is today, between now and feeding time, every windstorm and rain event is going to steal nutrients from every exposed bale and stack.

Hopefully, one of the things you do is store that hay, especially your best hay, in a manner and location that will minimize nutrient losses caused by weathering.

Weathering tends to lower the yield and nutrients available from your hay by about one percent for each month of exposed storage. High value, high quality hay that will be sold or fed to high value animals like dairy cows and horses should be stored under cover. A hay shed, a partially used machine shed, or any other shelter with a roof will be better than exposing your hay to what Mother Nature dishes out this summer. Plastic wraps can be very effective, too, when good quality plastic is wrapped around bales enough times.

Next best may be tarps, especially heavy-duty ones that can be tied down without tearing in the

wind. Plastic also works, but it takes special care and a lot of luck to fasten down plastic well enough so it doesn't get ripped during storms.

If uncovered storage is your only option, place bales and stacks on an elevated site with good drainage so moisture won't soak up from the bottom. Don't stack round bales or line them up with the twine sides touching - rain will collect where they touch and soak into the bale. Also, allow space for air to circulate and dry the hay after rain.

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