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Welcome to the eighth 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 **Fall!**

May you have a blessed and fun-filled **Labor Day Weekend!**

## Upcoming Events

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

<b>Farm Bill Meeting</b>	<b>Sept. 3</b>
<b>KSU Stocker Field Day</b>	<b>Sept. 19</b>
<b>Global Livestock Meeting</b>	<b>Sept. 9-13</b>
<b>Grazing School</b>	<b>Sept. 28</b>
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## Farm Bill Meeting September 3

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The 2018 Farm Bill was passed in December, 2018. Though it has much in common with the previous farm bill, there are some significant differences. These

in-depth Farm Bill meetings will cover the new provisions of the programs, economic decisions to consider when making a decision, and present a new decision tool for producers to use. Specifically the discussion will look at commodity programs, particularly the economics of the ARC/PLC decision and the OSU-KSU Farm Program Decision Aid. There will also be discussion of SCO and changes in crop insurance.

Speakers are Dr. Mykel Taylor, Dr. Monte Vandever, Robin Reid, and Dr. Dan O'Brien, as well as local extension agents and FSA personnel.

[For additional information, including an online registration link, click here!](#)

## KSU ASI Names New Department Head



Mike Day began work August 12 as the head of the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at Kansas State University, a position he said is ripe with opportunities to serve a bustling livestock agriculture sector.

"All aspects of the landgrant mission - teaching, research and extension - were a big draw for me to come work for this department, as well as working with the people that are here," Day said.

"K-State has one of the largest departments of animal science in the U.S.," he added. "We have students from across the country with a wide variety of interests. And a big thing in Kansas that I've looked at from afar for years, is the interactions with the stakeholders and producers. In my mind, it's the right way that a university and the producers should work together to improve the efficiency of production and the quality of life in agriculture."

Day was previously the department head for animal science at the University of Wyoming, and was a researcher and faculty member at The Ohio State University and University of Nebraska for a combined 35 years before that. He has a strong background as a beef cattle reproductive physiologist, specializing in fertility and estrus synchronization.

At K-State, Day said he's excited to build on the university's strength in animal and food science research.

"It's exciting to think of working in a department where we have such a broad range of people who work in research, from food science to meat science to all of the traditional animal science disciplines," he said.

He's not yet ready to set big goals, except one that he says is clear: "We want to be the best animal science department in the country, and the department is well on its way in many areas."

For more information about K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, visit [www.asi.ksu.edu](http://www.asi.ksu.edu).

**20th KSU Beef Stocker Field Day**



Health management of high-risk calves, humane euthanasia practices, beef cattle market outlook and a panel discussion on beef parasite control are among the topics planned for the Kansas State University Beef Stocker Field Day on Thursday, Sept. 19.

"We are excited to host the 20th annual edition of the KSU Beef Stocker Field Day," said Dale Blasi, a professor of animal sciences and beef cattle extension specialist. "Like all the other events in the past, we bring the latest information on marketing, nutrition, health and technology for attendees to apply to their operation."

Hosted at the K-State Beef Stocker Unit (4330 Marlatt Ave. in Manhattan), the event starts with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10:15 a.m. Niman Ranch will provide a prime ribeye lunch, and the day ends with an evening social featuring prairie oysters and Call Hall ice cream.

Attendees will have a chance to win door prizes, including a fishing trip, ATV sprayers and more. Attendees can also tour the new student housing at the Beef Stocker Unit.

**[For More Details, Including how to Register, Click here!](#)**

## **Grazing School**

A one day grazing school is scheduled for Saturday September 28, 2019 in Bourbon



County, Kansas. The School will feature classroom style presentations, on topics such as the economics of grazing, and extending winter grazing with cover crops. Two ranch visits are also tentatively scheduled, featuring a rotational grazing system, and alternative methods of pasture production including bermuda grass, and switching from spring to fall calving on fescue pastures. Contact your local extension office in early September for more details!

## 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!](#)

## Wildlife Damage Control Meeting



Save the date of October 30th, to learn more about wildlife Damage control. K-State Research and Extension Wildlife Specialist Charlie Lee, will speak on the subject including deer, racoon, and armadillos. This meeting will be an evening event to be held in Neosho County, Kansas. Details such as time, location, and registration information are forthcoming. Stay tuned! Contact Southwind Extension District Agent's Christopher Petty or Krista Harding for more information.

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