

**JANUARY 2012**



## *Beef/Dairy & Forage Newsletter*

### **Rains Cattlemen's Association Lunch and Learn**

Due to the rising cost of hosting the Cattlemen's Association Banquet and Steak Dinner, the Rains Beef and Forage Committee has decided to restructure the program. Potts Feed Store, along with Dow Chemical, will assist in hosting a Cattlemen's Lunch and Learn Program. The program will be held at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center (Highway 276), in Emory on Wednesday, **March 14, 2012** from 11:00 A.M. until approximately 2:00 P.M. The program will include herbicide updates, sprayer calibrations and fertilizer updates.

The cost of this event is \$10.00. You will receive lunch, membership in the Rains Cattlemen's Association and 3 CEU.s.

Please RSVP by **March 2, 2012** to 903-473-4580 **OR** e-mail: [s-gowin@tamu.edu](mailto:s-gowin@tamu.edu) in order to obtain an accurate meal count.

### **Northeast Texas Cow-Calf Clinic**

The Northeast Texas Cow-Calf Clinic will be held on Wednesday, **January 25, 2012** at the Winnsboro Livestock Commission. Please RSVP by **January 18th** to 903-473-4580.

The program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Counties of Wood, Titus, Rains, Camp, Hopkins and Upshur. The registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and the program will start

promptly at 8:50 A.M. Registration costs \$15.00, which includes lunch, refreshments, handouts and CEU's.

Topics for the program include: Brand Renewals/Theft Prevention, Winter Feeding Options, Stretching Hay Supplies and Common Byproduct Feedstuffs; Proper Handling Techniques; and Outlook for the Beef Industry.

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### **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

I will be conducting two demonstration projects in the County/Area this year: Green Briar and Fence Row.

Once the demonstrations have been tested and are complete, we will hold a tour showcasing our results. This will typically be held during the last two weeks of August.

If you have any questions regarding the research, please call me and I will be glad to share our findings.

## *Holiday Wishes*

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The year 2011 has been extremely tough and I am hopeful that 2012 will be better. The recent rains have helped tremendously and some of the ponds are catching some water.

From what I have been hearing, the drought is still not over. According to the State Climatologist, a below average rainfall is predicted until the end of May. So who knows what will happen. Hopefully, the ponds will fill up and rye grass will continue growing.

If you have any questions or need me to visit your property, please call the office to schedule an appointment.

## Upper Sabine Cow-Calf Clinic

Rains, Van Zandt, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties will be holding the Upper Sabine Cow-Calf Clinic on Friday, **March 30, 2012** at the Van Zandt Livestock Auction Barn located at FM 47 and Interstate 20. The cost of the clinic will be \$20.00 per person and includes a rib-eye steak sandwich lunch. **CEU's** will be given.

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45 A.M. Once details are finalized, the information will be provided in my news article in the Rains County Leader.

Topics include: Stress-free cattle handling; Fly control (horn and house fly) - Synopsis of Result Demo Work Done with Kaufman, Dallas and Van Zandt Counties; Intensive Managed Grazing and use of temporary electric fencing; Weed ID Control; Assisting Calving Problems; and Drought Recovery.

If you have any questions about either of the clinics, please contact Stephen Gowin at 903-473-4580.

## East Texas Fruit and Vegetable Conference

On **February 28, 2012** the East Texas Fruit and Vegetable Conference will be held at the Tyler Rose Garden Center.

Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and the program starts at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude at 3:00 P.M. Registration fee is \$30.00 which includes lunch and participants will receive **3.0 CEU's** toward their private applicator's license.

## **EAST TEXAS FORAGE CONFERENCE**

On **February 22, 2012**, an East Texas Forage Conference will be held at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center (Highway 276), Emory, Texas, for all beef, dairy and forage producers in the area.

Registration starts at 9:30 A.M. and the program will begin at 10:00 A.M. and last until 3:00 P.M. Topics include: Herbicide Updates; Water Resources - Planning for the Future; Nitrate and Prussic Acid Poisoning; Pasture Renovation/Re-Establishment; and Electric Fence Basics. Registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch and refreshments and **3 CEU's** will be given..

This program is held by the Texas AgriLife Extension Offices in Rains, Wood, Van Zandt and Hopkins Counties. Please RSVP to your respective County Extension Office by **February 15, 2012**.