A herd health program is a vital component of a profitable beef cattle operation. Many farmers vaccinate their cattle against diseases. Good vaccination programs serve as the foundation of good herd health programs and prevention many of the "train wrecks" that we have all heard about. Vaccination programs must be individualized for different farms and management systems. Knowledge of the factors involved in developing these programs will help you and your veterinarian develop a better overall herd health plan.

On November 13th Rockingham Co Cattlemen will have a Cook Out & Program discussing Beef Cattle Vaccination programs. Dr Irene Brown-Crowder, with Novartis Animal Health will be presenting a program titled - “Do you need to Vaccinate even in tough times?” Irene will not only be presenting the program but she will be providing & cooking our dinner!

If you are planning to attend this event, PLEASE CALL or EMAIL Melissa Lynch, Extension Livestock & 4h Secretary at 336-342-8248, or melissa_lynch@ncsu.edu by NOON MONDAY, November 10th TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR DINNER!

REMEMBER - DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOON, MONDAY NOVEMBER 10.

This year's Rockingham County Cattlemen's Christmas gathering will take place on December 11th Rockingham Counties Cattlemen's Program, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Rockingham Agricultural Center in Wentworth. (525 NC Hwy 65, Wentworth) This program is once again being sponsored by Southern States Reidsville Service.

As always, this event will be a great festive and educational program for area cattle producers. If you are interested in attending this event, Please RSVP to the good folks at the Reidsville Southern States at 336-349-7074 BY MONDAY DECEMBER 8th, to reserve your place. The Reidsville Southern States is located at 341 Us 29 Bus in Reidsville.

REMEMBER - DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY DECEMBER 8 - 349-7074

If so, you are invited to attend the Rockingham County Small Farm Day program. Come learn about alternative crops to grow, important production decisions, and marketing techniques for small farms. You can successfully make a profit on small amounts of well-managed farmland. Each attendee will receive workshop materials, including a copy of the book, “Building A Sustainable Business.”


TO REGISTER - Select the workshop you want to attend each session. · Pre-register by November 7.
- Call the Rockingham County Extension office at (336) 342-8230 with your registration choices.
- Late registration will be accepted at the door. QUESTIONS? CONTACT Kathryn Holmes, Horticultural Agent, NCCE Rockingham County Cooperative Extension, (336) 342-8230 kathryn_holmes@ncsu.edu

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Cattle Management Reminders

November - Fall Calving Cows should be calving so observe frequently and give assistance if needed. Place heifers with calves on high quality forage to maintain feed & supplement level. ID animals and start checking estrus in yearling heifers. Maintain nutrition level for bulls.

Spring Calving Cows on lower quality pasture. Stockers fed to gain 1.5 lbs/day. Replacement heifers should be gaining 1 to 1.5 lbs/day.

December - Fall Calving - Start breeding yearling heifers...December 20, they should weigh between 600 & 800 lbs. Conduct breeding soundness exams on bulls. Start checking for estrus. Consider creep feeding calves on 1st calf heifers.

Spring Calving - Prepare for calving season. Maintain condition on cows. Check identification on all animals. Clean & disinfect calving area.


Forage Test.

Forage Management Tips - (November - December)
Take soil samples to be overseeded or planted next spring. Plant winter annuals (rye, wheat, etc.) as soon as possible if you have not done so already. Early planted winter annual pastures may need nitrogen application (30-50 lbs/acre) Sample all hay prior to feeding to livestock and prevent possible problems such as nitrate poisoning & to ensure adequate nutrition. Feed hay stored outside before using hay stored inside. Allow lactating cows access to best quality pastures and hay be fed to cows with nursing calves. Limit grazing of winter pastures by feeding hay on pasture or restricting acres available to animals. Check alfalfa plantings for nodule formation & complete weed control. Stretch grazable feed by cross fencing with electric wire. If pasture availability is limited, graze one day in 2 or 3 or 2-4 hours per day. Don't graze permanent pastures planted in the fall until the root systems have developed sufficiently to withstand the "plucking" action of grazing animals. Rule of thumb, don't graze until growth reaches 6 to 8 inches. Rotate or Clip pastures as needed. Drag pastures to break up manure piles. Keep good records for tax purposes, and for future management decisions. Weed control in fall plantings of legumes should be done November early January.

HAY DIRECTORY - A Hay Directory is maintained by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for the Rockingham County and Guilford County area. This directory is intended as a service to both hay producers and buyers in the area. If you are in need of hay or would like to be added (or removed) from this list please call me at 1-800-666-3625 or 342-8235 and let me know your name, address & phone #, type of hay, number of bales, (square or round bales) and weight per bale.

Bull Hunting - I still have some folks looking for Bulls. If you have a bull to sell, please send me an E-mail at ben_chase@ncsu.edu and put in the body of the message your name, and the Email mailing list you wish to be on and you address. This will make it easier to get information to you quicker and cheaper.

Calendar of Events
November 10 – Noon – Call In Deadline for the November 13th Cattlemen’s Program – call Melissa at 342-8248
November 13 - Rockingham County Cattlemen’s Program & Cook-out – 6:30pm, Rockingham Co. Ag. Center
November 18 – Guilford County Cattlemen’s Program 7pm, Guilford County Ag. Center
December 8 - Call In Deadline for the December 11th Cattlemen’s Program – Call Southern States at 349-7074
December 11 - Rockingham County Cattlemen Christmas - Southern States
December 16 - Guilford County Cattlemen Christmas
January 3 - Waynesville Bull Test Sale
January 10 - Butner Bull Test Sale

The Rockingham County Extension Staff would like to wish you all a very Safe & Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I always want to know what you think of the Cattle Round Up, good or bad, especially if it has had ANY IMPACT on you. Please let me hear from you!

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Please Don’t Forget Our Troops!