

K-State's Winter Ranch Management Series Set for Late January and February

The seminar series will focus on management and profit strategies for beef producers and allow producers to ask questions of their local, district and state extension specialists.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Profit enhancing strategies included in the topics for the 2020 Kansas State University Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series. Hosted at five sites across the state of Kansas, the meetings will feature presentations and comments by extension educators to enhance management and marketing strategies employed by cow-calf producers.

The meetings will also feature a popular “town hall” style question-and-answer session between Kansas cattle producers and extension specialists. “The series has a history of being a successful stretch of meetings, which are hosted throughout the state of Kansas,” says Bob Weaber, K-State extension cow-calf specialist. Weaber, along with other state, district and local extension staff, will take part in the series to help answer producers’ questions. The specialists will answer a wide range of questions on beef cattle issues including animal health, nutrition, management, genetics and reproduction.

“The previous year’s variable and wet weather across Kansas presented many challenges for farmers and ranchers. Our extension team continues to field questions from beef producers related to environmental effects and their impact on cow herd performance, especially reproduction,” Weaber explains. “The Winter Ranch Management series provides another great opportunity for state and local specialists to take our expertise out in the country for a series of impactful face-to-face meetings. Our extension team has a breadth of experience in beef cattle management, reproduction, genetics, animal health and nutrition. We’re here to help solve and prevent production problems with reliable information.”

Topics to be discussed at each location include a discussion on the value captured in the marketplace from improved production practices by cow-calf producers and understanding pregnancy loss. Local extension agents will present a topic focused on forage sampling and testing or proper handling and storage of vaccines.

“Early in the year is a great time for producers to think and plan for the coming year,” says Weaber. “Many producers have a number of experiences in 2019 to reflect upon, so early in the year is a good time to consider opportunities to improve management practices that enhance profitability.”

2020 Winter Ranch Management Locations/Contacts:

1. Ulysses

Hosted by: Grant, Stanton, Kearny, and Hamilton Co. Ext.

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020; Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Grant Co. Civic Center
1000 W. Patterson Ave
Ulysses, KS

RSVP by January 23, 2020 to:

Elizabeth Kissick, Grant Co. Extension
620-356-1721; emrogers@ksu.edu

2. Ashland

Hosted by: Clark, Comanche and Meade County Extension

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020; 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Clark Co. Fairgrounds
11th Avenue and Kentucky Street
Ashland, KS 67831

RSVP by January 23, 2020 to:

Kalee Krier, Clark Co. Extension
620-826-5307; krier@ksu.edu

3. Plainville

Hosted by: Twin Creeks, Golden Prairie, Midway and Phillips-Rooks Extension Districts

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020; Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Location: First State Bank
120 W. Mill St.
Plainville, KS

RSVP by February 4, 2020 to:

Rachael Boyle, Phillips-Rooks Ext. Dist.
785-425-6851; rboyle@ksu.edu

4. Mankato

Hosted by: River Valley, Central Kansas and Post Rock Ext. Districts

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020; 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Mankato Community Center

214 N. High Street

Mankato, KS

RSVP by February 4, 2020 to:

Brett Melton, River Valley Ext. Dist.

785-243-8185; bmelton@ksu.edu

Sandra Wick, Post Rock Ext. Dist.

785-282-6823; swick@ksu.edu

5. Yates Center

Hosted by: Southwind and Wildcat Extension Districts

Greenwood and Coffey County Extension

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020; 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Woodson County 4-H

713 S. Fry.

Yates Center, KS

RSVP by February 20, 2020 to:

Dale Lanham, Southwind Ext. Dist.

620-625-8620; dlanham@ksu.edu

Meeting times and registration fees vary by location, but all will include a meal. Participants are asked to RSVP for a selected location by one week prior to the event. Interested participants should contact their local host contact for registration and RSVP details.

More information about the K-State Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series is available at KSUBeef.org.

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The Kansas State University Animal Sciences and Industry department serves students, livestock producers and the animal and food industries through teaching, research and education. The K-State ASI department prepares students for careers in the animal and food industries. The curriculum includes the study of nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, meat science, food science with production, management, and agribusiness skills. For more about the K-State's ASI department visit asi.ksu.edu.

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