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APRIL SHOWERS BRING GREEN PASTURES

START THE GRAZING SEASON OFF RIGHT

By the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Turning livestock onto pastures as soon as forages begin to green up in the spring can be tempting. Research has shown that most cool-season grasses produce two - thirds of their season long yield during the spring of the year. Growth of these grasses slows as temperatures rise above 75°F. Properly managing stocking density during the rapid spring growth can help extend the stand of your grass. Being proactive in the spring will give positive results all year long.

Why should you prevent cattle from overgrazing?

Forage Considerations- Grazing forages too early can reduce stand productivity and longevity. Allowing plants a sufficient growth period after breaking dormancy in the spring, and prior to grazing, allows plants to develop photosynthetic capacity and restore some depleted root reserves. Grazing too short early hurts future forage production, stand persistence, and damages the tillers that produce new growth.

Animal Considerations- Young forage is high in water and is low in highly digestible fiber. High water content of plants can limit dry matter intake. Low levels of highly digestible fiber can increase risk to foundering cattle on pasture, though rare in occurrence. Allowing access to hay may help cattle maintain dry matter intake and adequate fiber to prevent foundering. Often, when pastures are grazed too early, available forage is sparse which increases traveling distance and reduces intake. Increased traveling and reduced bite mass leads to reduced gains for growing cattle, and increased body condition loss and lower production for lactating cows.

Provide Adequate Mineral

Be sure that cattle are supplied with proper type and amount of minerals at all times. In early spring, a high magnesium, or high "Mag" mineral (to provide 20g Magnesium) should be available for cows to reduce the risk of grass tetany and fed until daytime temperatures are consistently above 60°F.

The beginning of the grazing season is a time to be very aware of both pasture and animal health. Start the grazing season off right by adapting your system to the current conditions. Early spring management of live-stock and pastures can help to maximize success and production for the remainder of the grazing season.

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

PRETTY PRAIRIE PRODUCER MEETING

Tuesday, April 12th

Countryside Feed is hosting a producer meal and meeting at the Pretty Prairie High School.

Join us for good food, good conversations and door prizes. Serving line starts at 5:45 PM and the meeting will begin at 6:45 PM.

RSVP as soon as possible

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NEW FACES AT COUNTRYSIDE FEED

Meet Our New Sales Rep

DANIEL BAUM

Daniel (Dan) Baum joined Countryside this past March as a Sales Representative covering the NE Kansas region. Dan was born in SE Nebraska and grew up in Southern Kansas. For the last 17 years he has resided in the Wamego area where he worked for a feedlot/cattle company. Dan earned an Associates Degree from Pratt Community College, and a Bachelors in Animal Science from Kansas State University. He is also a graduate from the Worldwide College of Auctioneering.

As a team member at Countryside Feed LLC, Dan's focus is to provide excellent customer service, taking care of his customers as he would want to be taken care of. He will provide quality recommendations, prompt communication and assist with all livestock needs including beef, swine, sheep, goats, horses, etc.

At Countryside, Dan's your man! Give him a call, shoot him a text or send him an email at his contact information below!



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FLOWERS BRING?



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24 years

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