

Winter Feeds Workshop To Be Held In Buffalo Dec. 9

BUFFALO, MO.

University of Missouri Extension conduct a Winter Feeds Workshop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 9 in the meeting room at the O'Bannon Bank South (on Hwy. 65), Buffalo.

The purpose of this workshop is to help area beef and hay producers interpret a hay analysis and use the results to adjust their winter supplements accordingly.

"Knowing how much or how little to supplement a cow to maintain her through the winter months can impact a producer's bottom-line," said Dona Goede, livestock specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

How much supplement to add to a cow's winter ration is largely dependent on the quality of forage or hay the cow is consuming.

"The key to being profitable in beef production is managing what it costs to feed a cow throughout the year," said Wesley Tucker, agriculture business specialist with University of Missouri Extension. Tucker also will be speaking on ways to control costs and make a beef operation more profitable.

Those who participate in this workshop are strongly encouraged to bring the results of a current hay test. Results should include, but are not limited to, moisture content, crude protein and total digestible nutrients (TDN).

"Those who bring their own test results will know how much feed they will need to maintain their herd through the winter when they leave the workshop," said Goede.

If participants do not have a current hay analysis, a testing packet is available at the Dallas County Extension office in Buffalo. Packets will include how to sample hay, pricing and a postage-paid envelope. The turn-around time for hay testing through Custom Laboratory (Golden City, Mo.) is about one week.

Please check the turn-around time for other laboratories to insure your results are obtained in time for the workshop.

Pre-registration is required by Dec. 6 and space is limited to the first 35 registrants. To pre-register, contact the Dallas County Extension office at (417) 345-7551. Δ