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Factors Affecting Price in Replacement Sales

Researchers evaluated prices of 2,950 bred heifers in 929 lots sold through Spring and Fall special sales. Results revealed that buyers paid more for heavier heifers sold in large lots towards the middle of the sale order. Prices tended to be higher for heifers expected to calve earliest and sire by artificial insemination. Heifers sold for more when their calves were predicted to have higher birth, lower yearling, lower milk and higher marbling EPD's (expected pregnancy difference) and tend to pay more for higher calf ribeye EPD. Heavier calf weaning EPD also increased heifer prices.

"Work is an extension of personality. It is achievement. It is one of the ways in which a person defines himself, measures his worth and his humanity."

Peter Drucker

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Did You Know?

- Cotton is grown in more than 140 counties in Texas.
- Texas traditionally produces enough cotton to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.
- Texas has more sheep and goats than the entire human population of Oklahoma.
- Texas leads the nation in wool production. In fact Texas produces enough wool to knit more than 3 million sweaters.
- Texas produces more than 90% of the nation's mohair.

Pasture Drought Recovery Seminar

If you are like most of the Denton County agriculture producers your pastures have suffered through a 2 year drought. So how do we go about recovery? The Beef, Crops & Forages Committee has put together a program to this subject. Dr. Monte Rouquette, a professor with Texas A&M University and researcher at the Extension Center at Overton, will cover this topic and others. This is a program you do not want to miss!! The seminar will be held Feb-

ruary 15, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Ben E. Keith Building in their community room. This is a free seminar and will offer 2 CEU's for pesticide applicators. For directions or more information about the program please contact Rachel at 940-349-2880 or by email at Rachel.Kreidel@dentoncounty.com

Helpful Websites for Pastures:

<http://forages.tamu.edu>

<http://www.noble.org>

<http://soilcrop.tamu.edu>

Private Pesticide Applicator License Training & Test

The Denton County Extension Office will provide two license training opportunities this spring. A Private Pesticide Applicator License issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is required to purchase and apply any state limited or restricted chemicals. The training covers application and safety procedures

pertaining to pesticide use in crops, pastures, nurseries and other agricultural related activities. After the training a TDA representative will be on hand to give the examination, which will complete the licensing process.

Location and Times: February 23, 2007 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Denton County Extension Of-

fice. Call the Extension Office to register by February 16th (to be able to order the training manuals) at 940-349-2880 or email Rachel.

If you plan to take the exam you will need to bring a calculator and \$30.00 for the training manuals.

Calf Working Clinic

The Denton County Beef, Crops & Forages Committee has scheduled a Calf Working Clinic for April 14, 2007 at the Sanger High School in Sanger, Texas. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and programs from 9 am to 12 pm. Guest speakers will be Dr. Buddy Faries, Veterinary Medicine Program

Leader, Texas Cooperative Extension and Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension. The program will include hands-on working with live cattle. Demonstrations will be conducted using techniques to process young calves to increase their value and profit-

ability of the producer. This is a free program with 1 CEU being offered for pesticide applicators. Call the Extension Office at 940-349-2880 for more information.

Up-Coming Events Calendar

February:

- 1— Beef, Crops & Forages Committee Meeting 7pm, Extension Office
- 12— Horse Committee Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office
- 15— Pasture Drought Recovery Seminar (2 CEU's), 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Ben E. Keith in Denton
- 19— County Holiday, Office Closed
- 20-21— 11th Annual Mare/Foal Workshop, TAMU-College Station
- 21-22— Estate Planning Seminar, Denton
- 23— Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing, Denton
- Jan.13-Feb 5— Fort Worth Stock Show

March:

- 1— Beef, Crops & Forages Committee Meeting 7pm, Extension Office
- 15—Denton County Livestock Asst Meeting 7 pm, North Texas State Fairgrounds in Denton
- 19—Horse Committee Meeting 7pm, Extension Office
- 23-24— 13th Annual School for Successful Ranching & 130th Annual TSCRA's Convention, Forth Worth. Registration deadline 3/14/07 contact Mark Perrier at 800-242-7820 ext 118
- 26-31— Denton County Youth Fair, North Texas State Fairgrounds in Denton

April:

- 3,12,17 & 26— Spring Horse Workshop Series, Northwest High School. \$30 per person register at 817-215-0273
- 5— Beef, Crops & Forages Committee Meeting 7pm, Extension Office
- 14— Calf Working Clinic (1 CEU) 8:30 am to 12 pm, Sanger High School in Sanger
- 16—Horse Committee Meeting 7 pm, Extension Office
- 19—Denton County Livestock Asst Meeting 7 pm, North Texas State Fairgrounds in Denton
- 28— Horsemanship 101 Clinic, North Texas State Fairgrounds from 9 am to 1pm

May:

- 3— Wheat Field Day (3 CEU's) 9 am, Prosper Research Center, Prosper
- 3—Beef, Crops & Forages Committee Meeting 7 pm, Extension Office
- 16— Farm & Ranch Tour, Denton Chamber of Commerce (for registration)
- 17—Denton County Livestock Asst Meeting 7 pm, North Texas State Fairgrounds in Denton
- 21—Horse Committee Meeting 7 pm, Extension Office
- 28— County Holiday Office Closed

New Tax Laws and Farm & Ranch Estate Planning

This seminar is offered to provide enough information on tax and estate planning matters to help people make difficult estate planning decisions. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Professor Emeritus & Extension Economist, will give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses. The seminar is designed for each of a married couple in that it discusses estate administration and tax reporting requirements of the surviving spouse. It is useful for potential executors and trustees and is helpful to all who want to make their estate settlement less burdensome to their loved ones. The seminar is two days and is scheduled for Denton County on February 21-22, 2007. The registration fee is \$125 per person (includes seminar materials, refreshments and lunches for both days). To register contact Sharon at 979-845-2226 or the Denton County Extension Office for registration forms. Registration is limited.

Spring Horse Owners Seminar

If you are a horse owner, considering owning a horse or just enjoy learning about horses, this is an opportunity you do not want to miss. The Denton County Horse Committee in conjunction with the Northwest ISD Adult & Community Education Department will be offering a "Horse Owner Educational Series" April 3, 12, 17 & 26, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Northwest High School in Justin. Sessions will include speakers and hands-on activities covering the areas of selection of the right horse, health & nutrition, equipment & safety, cost of owning a horse, facilities and basic training techniques. The cost of the series is \$30 per person and with the help of sponsors Martindale Feed Mill and Zinpro Corp., will include all handouts and a reference manual. To register call Kim Yancy at Northwest High School, 817-215-0273 or 940-648-2211, class size is limited to the first 30 paid registered.

If you can not make the seminar a condensed version "Horsemanship 101 Clinic" will be offered on April 28, 2007 from 9 am to 1 pm at the North Texas State Fairgrounds. Lunch will be sponsored by Purina Feed Mills. Contact the Extension Office for more details at 940-349-2880.

"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle."

Winston Churchill

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