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Looking at IBC's growing resources

Feed research highlighted in Center's new publications

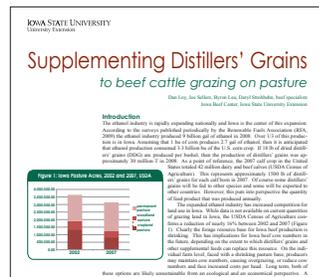
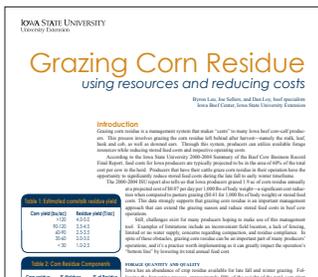
Iowa Beef Center beef program specialists, with funding from the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, conducted two studies that have been summarized into new four-page factsheets available on the Iowa Beef Center Web site.

The first study compared continuous corn residue grazing without grain/co-product supplementation to strip-grazed cornstalks with distillers' dry grain (DDG) supplementa-

tion.

The second study evaluated the potential benefits and drawbacks to utilizing distillers' grains to supplement declining pastures. The authors found, among other observations, that pasture consumption decreased at higher levels of supplementation.

To read more on both topics, as well as useful observations from these studies, go to www.iowabeefcenter.org.



McDonald

Center welcomes new beef specialist

A new face has been added to the Iowa Beef Center team with Iowa State University Extension Beef Program Specialist Clint McDonald. Clint is the former Harrison County Extension Education Director.

McDonald will be serving the following counties in southwestern Iowa: Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie, Pottawattamie, Cass, Adair, Mills, Montgomery, Adams, Fremont, Page, and Taylor.

If McDonald is serving your area and you'd like to be in contact with him regarding your beef cattle issues, you can feel free to contact him by email at clint@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-644-2105.

Welcome to the team, Clint!

IBC starts new online community with blog

Stop by and say "hi" – online!

The Iowa Beef Center is debuting its new blog in an effort to keep everyone "in the know" on the latest happenings with the Iowa Beef Center, but we're also beginning blogging to have more conversations with the growing online community of those in the livestock industry.

Hoping to hear about upcoming Iowa Beef Center events and the latest research and publications put forth by the organiza-

tion? Check out the blog!

Looking for timely tips and advice by Extension experts and guest "speakers"? Check out the blog!

But the Iowa Beef Center blog will not only be your place to hear about livestock production - it's also your place to chime in!

Members of the Iowa Beef Center team and guests will be entering short entries into the blog and through the "comments"

feature you can respond to them!

Maybe you want more information on the blog topic, or you have a completely unrelated question - feel free to comment on the blog and we'll make sure to respond. Comments, questions, and suggestions are all welcome, so stop by today and see what's happening! You can find us through the IBC Web site at www.iowabeefcenter.org or go directly to the blog at <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/iowabeef>.

Weaning management meeting available online

New meeting format brings great resources to you at home

Hoping to attend a meeting that fits perfectly into your schedule? We'll bring the latest Iowa Beef Center meeting straight to your door!

In-person meetings are one of the most successful ways of acquiring up-to-date, useful information, but sometimes schedules don't allow you to attend an important conference, or perhaps that meeting you're interested in is just too far away.

In coordination with local meetings and statewide, in-person conferences, a new format, the online meeting, is being debuted by the Iowa Beef Center.

The online meeting is a great way to receive information on your own time in between attending local events. You have access to a meeting agenda that is the same as an in-person meeting, only this agenda links you directly to the research and advice you seek.

Instead of waiting for a meeting to listen to a speaker, you'll receive the same information from livestock experts via a variety of avenues: factsheets, voice-over PowerPoint presentations, newsletters, spreadsheets, and podcasts.

The Iowa Beef Center's first online meeting focuses on timely tips for this upcoming season: "Fall Cowherd Decisions: Herd and Calf Weaning Marketing and Management."

The "sessions" you can attend for this meeting cover nutrition, health, marketing, cow culling, and weaning strategies. You can feel free to attend any and all sessions that appeal to you simply by clicking on the included links for that session.

For instance, in the session on "Mak-

ing use of this online meeting is entirely up to you. Perhaps you want to go through the entire meeting from the beginning, starting with a welcome podcast from the Iowa Beef Center Director John Lawrence. Or, maybe you only "attend" the sessions that you're most interested in, and you look through one



Weaning Management Meeting Topics

1. Nutrition Concerns During Weaning Time
2. Vaccinating for Maximum Calf Health
3. Making Marketing Decisions This Fall
4. Finding a Successful Weaning Strategy
5. Culling Your Cows During Weaning Time

ing Marketing Decisions This Fall," you can choose to listen to a podcast from John Lawrence, Iowa State University Extension livestock economist, on fall marketing outlook; you can also view his voice-over PowerPoint presentation, "Factors Impacting Feeder Cattle Prices at Iowa Auctions." A useful tool to take away from that session is the spreadsheet on feeder cattle marketing assessment.

session a week, finding 30 minutes here and there to sit down and look through some of the material.

If any of the sessions leave you with questions, we've also included expert contact information for each topic for any necessary follow up.

Ready to join the meeting? Go to www.iowabeefcenter.org to attend.

IBC peer groups bring people together

Looking for like minds in the livestock industry?

In light of recent interest the Iowa Beef Center is developing peer groups to bring together individuals who share common interests and concerns.

If you're interested in forming a group with your peers where you can trade information and share advice, contact Iowa State University Beef Program Specialist Russ Euken at reuken@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856. The peer groups will be formed based on

interest, so when you give Russ your contact information to indicate you'd like to be part of a peer group, let him know the kind of peer group you'd like to have formed – do you want to chat with individuals who are local to you, fellow feedlot operators of a particular size, or those interested in a particular subject?

Let us know about your operation and interests so we can help bring you together into a peer group that will help support you most!

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