

Last week we began a series of articles that will focus on replacement females and expanding your herd size. As you begin to apply those practices to your operation, and continue to think of ways to do so effectively, it is wise to also utilize other resources available to help you with the management of your operation. Perhaps one of the most beneficial and informative resources available to cattle producers in our area is the Cattleman's Cow-Calf Clinic put on every spring.

The Cow-Calf Clinic serves as a way to help cattlemen stay informed and up to date with new products, changing health regulations, fluctuating markets, and other issues related to the cattle industry. The clinic is designed with the cattle producer in mind, and serves as a great resource for producers to take advantage of if they want to become a better cattleman and have a successful operation. A diverse group of nationally known speakers will be addressing a broad spectrum of topics at this year's clinic.

They include the following:

Extension Forage Specialist Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson: Revitalizing Pastures in 2014

Extension Specialist Tiffany Dowell: Leases and Leasing- What you need to know

Extension Beef Cattle Specialist Dr. Jason Cleere: Live Animal Working Demonstration

Animal Science Professional Dr. Todd Thrift: The Cow-Calf Producer's Benefits of Crossbreeding

Resident Director of Research Dr. John Walker: Advantages of Pasture, Range, and Forage Insurance

In addition to hearing from this wide variety of knowledgeable speakers, producers at the clinic may also enjoy the product exhibit area, and cattle exhibits. Further, 1.5 continuing education units are offered to producers that attend this clinic. The 2014 Cow-Calf Clinic is scheduled for April 3 at 3pm at the Henderson County Fair Park Complex in Athens. Cost to attend the program is \$15/person, and includes dinner. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about the Cow-Calf Clinic, contact Henderson County Extension Agent Rick Hirsch at 903-675-6130, or Laura at 903-675-5613.

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