

# KSU BEEF STOCKER FIELD DAY

September 21, 2017  
KSU Beef Stocker Unit



# PROCEEDINGS



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Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> annual KSU Beef Stocker Field Day. We appreciate your attendance and support of this educational event. We are fortunate to have assembled an outstanding list of presenters and topics that we believe are relevant to your bottom line.

As always, if you have any questions on the program or suggestions for future topics, please let us know. Our strength in delivering relevant information lies in working closely with you, our stakeholder.

Sincerely,

Dale A. Blasi, PhD  
Extension Beef Specialist  
Department of Animal Sciences and Industry  
College of Agriculture

## THANK YOU

We would like to express a special “THANK YOU” to Boehringer Ingelheim for their support of today’s educational program and activities for the beef stocker segment. With their financial assistance, we are able to deliver the caliber of programming that today’s events have in store for you. Please take a moment to stop by their display to see the line of products that they have to offer.



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- 9:30 a.m. Registration/Coffee
- 10:15 a.m. Introductions
- 10:30 a.m. **Beef Cattle Outlook**  
*Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University*
- 11:15 a.m. **Producer Panel: Implementing Cover Crops: How They Have Helped My Operation**  
*Dr. Jaymelynn Farney, Kansas State University*  
*Dr. Doug Shoup, Kansas State University*  
*Shawn Tiffany, Herington, KS*  
*Kelly Novak, Tampa, KS*  
*Kevin Wellnitz, Neosho Rapids, KS*  
*Harold Engle, Madison, KS*  
*Moderator: Wes Ishmael, Contributing Editor, BEEF Magazine*
- 12:15 p.m. Barbecue Brisket Lunch- View Posters
- 1:15 p.m. **Setting Calves up for Success this Fall**  
*Dr. Peggy Thompson, Boehringer Ingelheim Professional Services*
- 2:15 p.m. **A Different Intensive Early Stocking Strategy for Optimized Marketing Opportunities**  
*Dr. Keith Harmony, K-State Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS*
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Break Out Sessions (30 minutes/breakout)**  
Proper Dosing at the Chute  
*Dr. A.J. Tarpoff, Kansas State University*  
Why Vaccines Sometimes “Seem” to Fail  
*Dr. Gregg Hanzlicek, Kansas State University*  
Stocker and Backgrounding Budgets  
*Robin Reid, Kansas State University*  
Cover Crop Decision Tool  
*Dr. Jaymelynn Farney and Dr. Doug Shoup, Kansas State University*
- 5:30 p.m. Cutting Bull’s Lament 2017

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# Beef Cattle Outlook

Dr. Derrell Peel  
Oklahoma State University



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## Global and Macroeconomic Environment

- Changes
  - Political
  - Policy
- Uncertainty
  - Global Economy
  - U.S. Economy
  - Trade
    - Exchange Rates
- Volatility
  - Markets
  - Futures



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## Major Beef Market Factors

- Cattle Inventory and Beef Production
- Beef Demand
- International Trade
- Feed and Input Markets
- Forage Conditions

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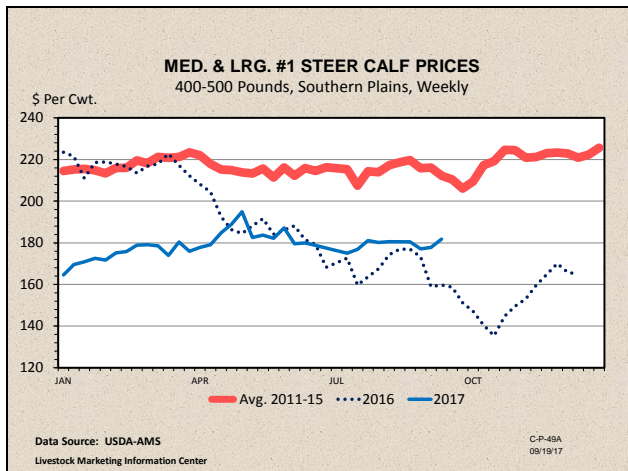
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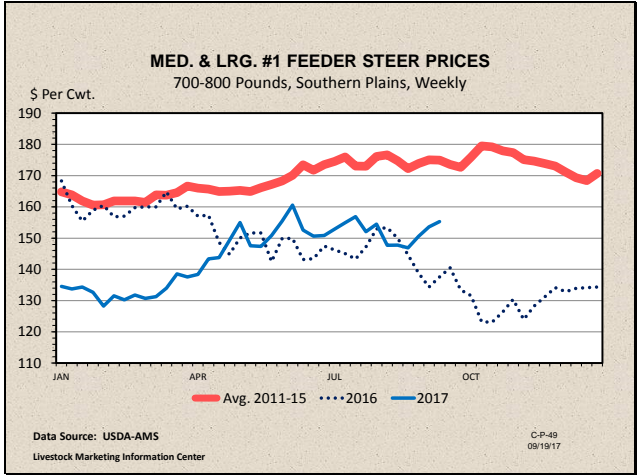
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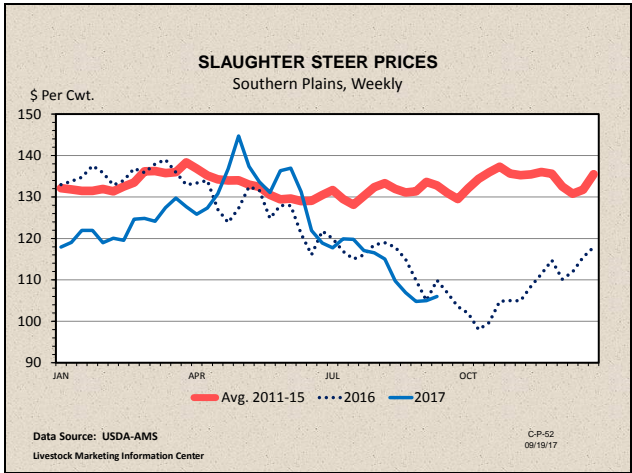
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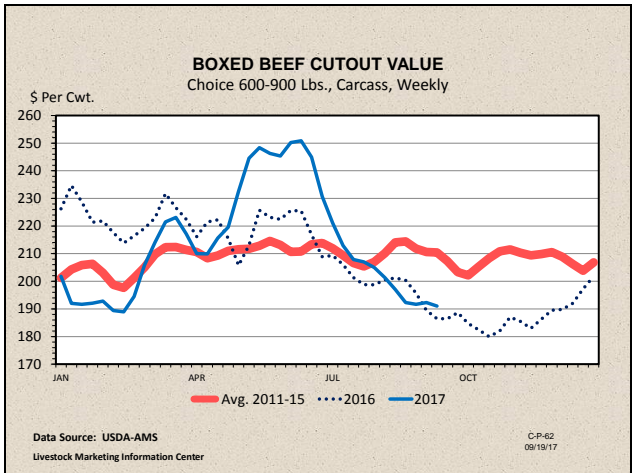
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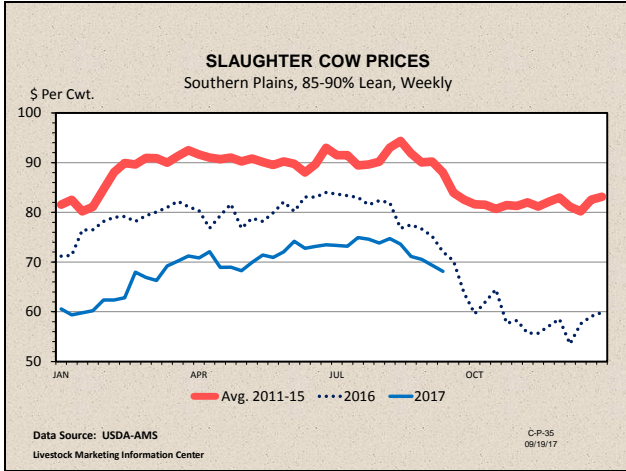
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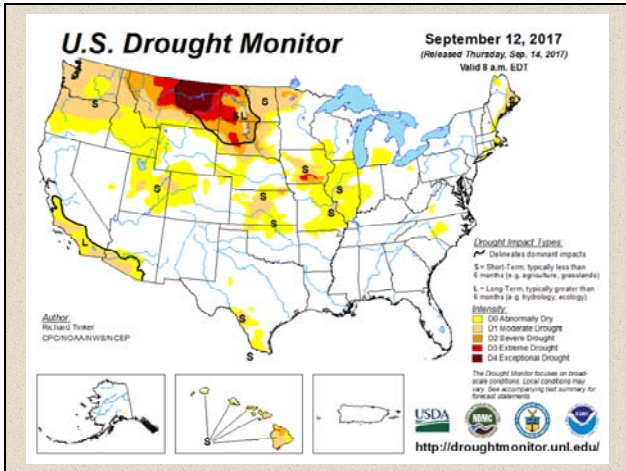
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### U.S. Cattle Inventory

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	2015	2016	2017	Jul as % of Jan
	1000 Head		1000 Head	
All Cattle and Calves	98200		102600	109.6
Beef Cows	30500		32500	104.1
Dairy Cows	9300		9400	
Beef Replacements	4800		4700	73.2
Dairy Replacements	4200		4200	
Feeder Supply	35400		37000	
Cattle on Feed	12100		12800	
	2015	2016	2017	% YOY
Calf Crop	34086.7	35082.7	36300	+3.5

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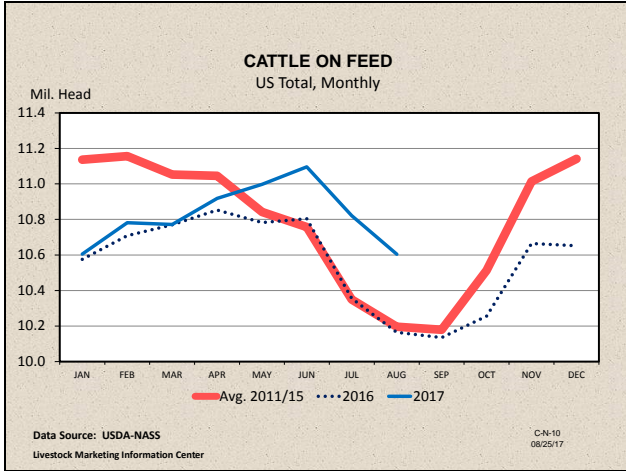
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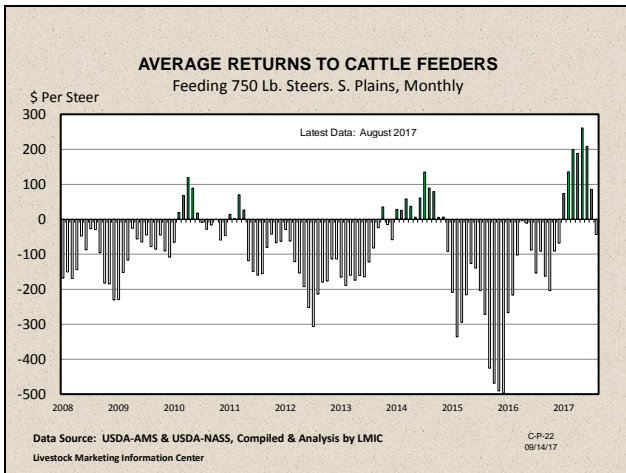
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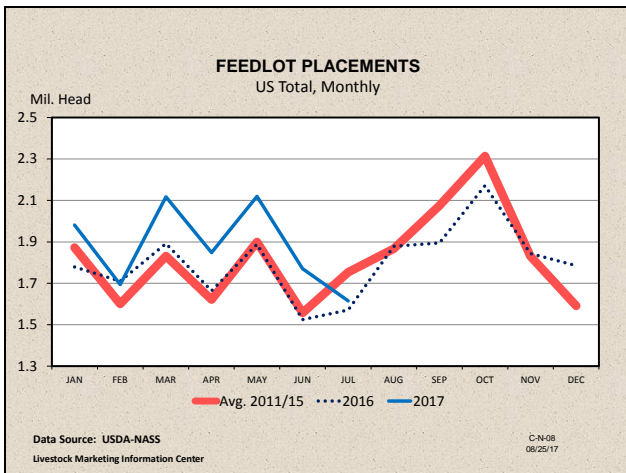
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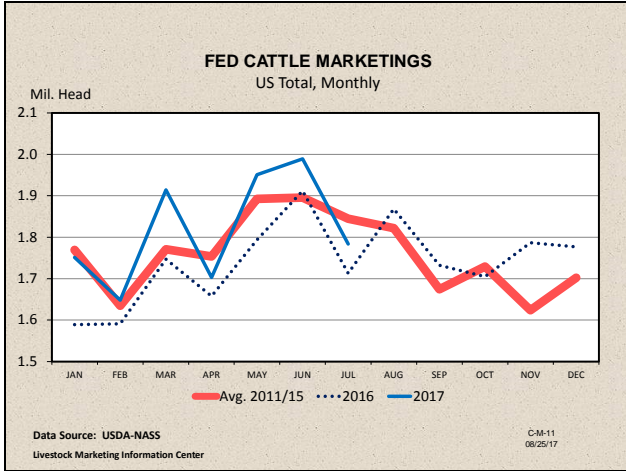
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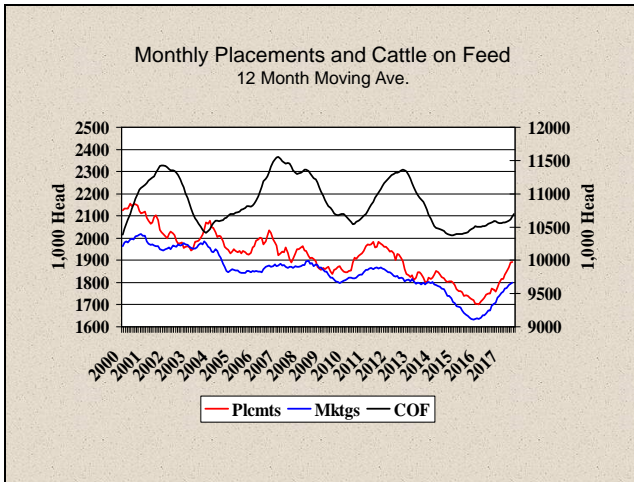
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### Cattle Slaughter Federally Inspected, 1000 Head

	2015	2016	% Change 2015 to 2016	% Change YTD 2016 to 2017
Steers	15331	16495	+7.6	+3.2
Heifers	7351	7698	+4.7	+11.4
Dairy Cows	2915	2885	-1.0	+3.7
Beef Cows	2236	2543	+13.7	+11.2
Bulls	462	494	+6.8	+13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>28296</b>	<b>30115</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>+6.1</b>

Latest data: September 2, 2017

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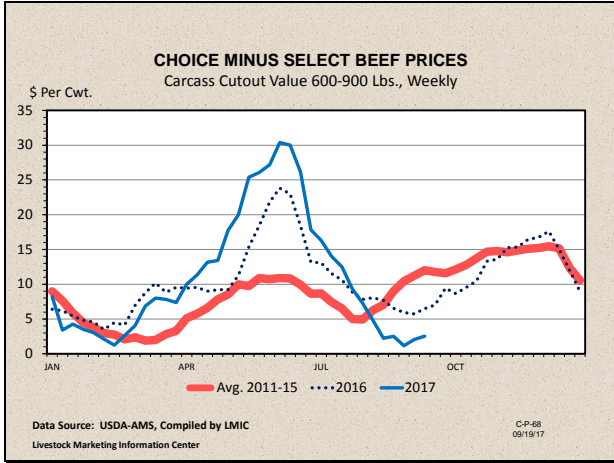
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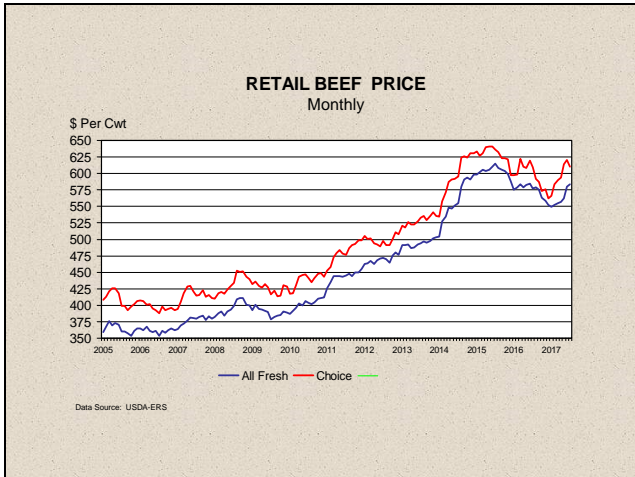
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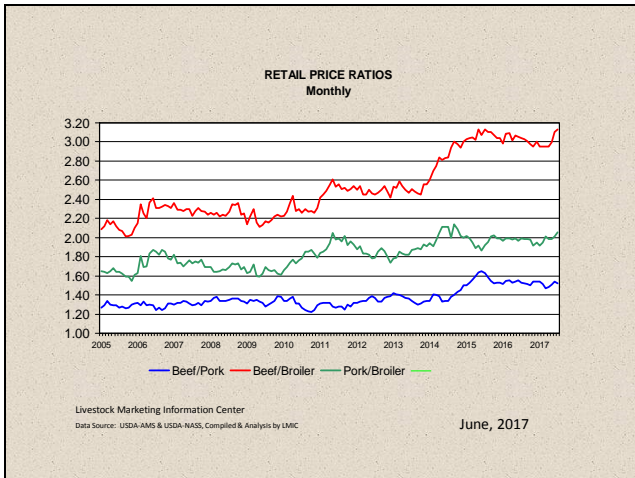
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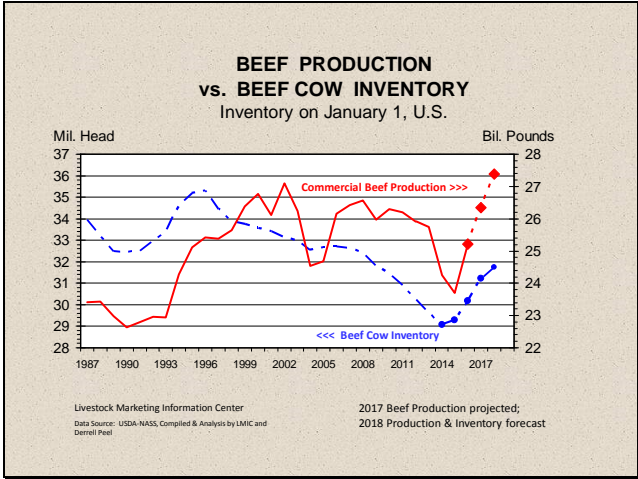
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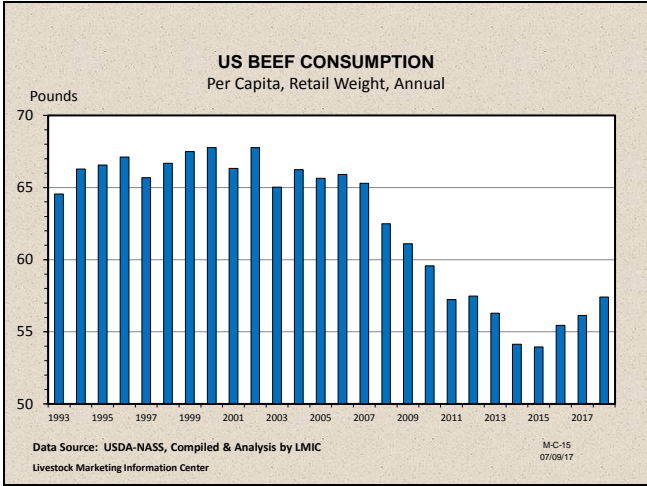
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**Major Beef Producing and Consuming Countries,  
2017 Projected**

**PRODUCTION**

1. USA
2. Brazil
3. EU
4. China
5. India
6. Argentina
7. Australia
8. Mexico
9. Pakistan
10. Turkey

**CONSUMPTION**

1. USA
2. China
3. EU
4. Brazil
5. Argentina
6. India
7. Mexico
8. Russia
9. Turkey
10. Pakistan

Source: USDA-FAS, Apr 2017

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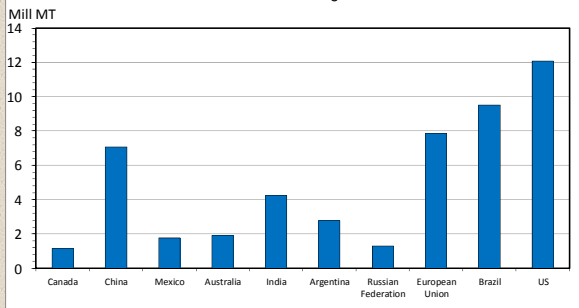
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**2017 FORECAST BEEF AND VEAL PRODUCTION**  
Carcass Weight



Data Source: USDA-FAS  
Livestock Marketing Information Center

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**Major Beef Trading Countries,  
2017 Projected**

**EXPORTS**

1. India
2. Brazil
3. Australia
4. USA
5. New Zealand
6. Canada
7. Uruguay
8. Paraguay
9. EU
10. Mexico

**IMPORTS**

1. USA
2. China
3. Japan
4. South Korea
5. Russia
6. Hong Kong
7. EU
8. Egypt
9. Chile
10. Canada

Source: USDA-FAS, Apr 2017

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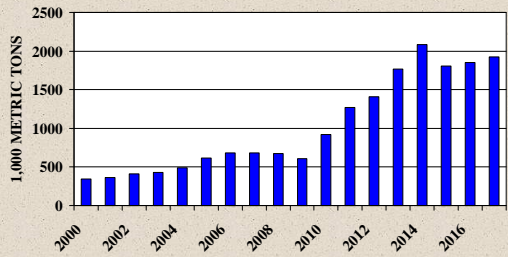
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### India: Beef Exports



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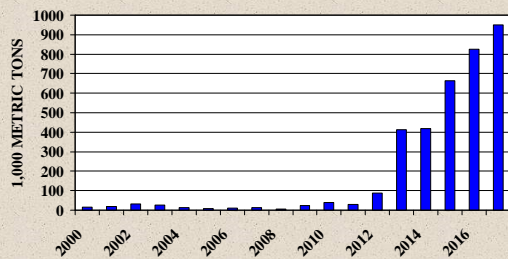
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### China: Beef Imports



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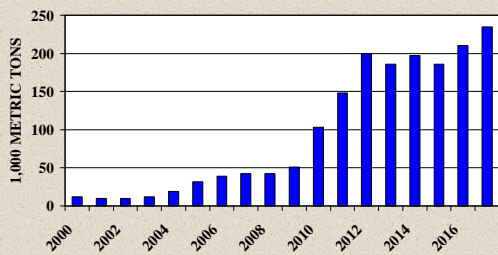
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### Mexico: Beef Exports



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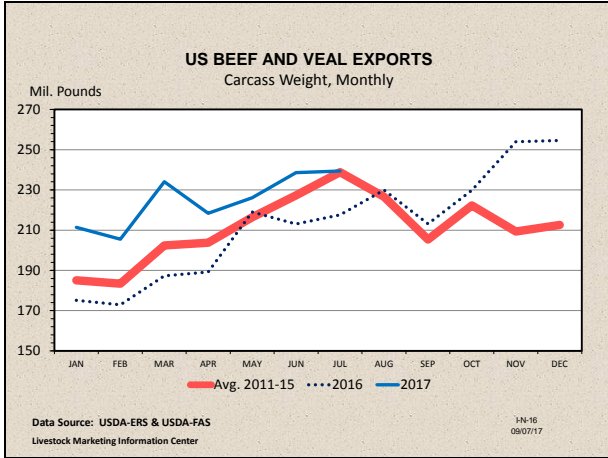
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### U.S. Beef Exports

	2015 (1000 lbs.)	% Change 2014 to 2015	2016 (1000 lbs.)	% Change 2015 to 2016	% of Total Exports	YTD % Of 2016
Japan	538353	-18.7	655516	+21.7	25.7	+25.7
Mexico	363023	-16.6	393811	+8.6	15.4	+6.5
Hong Kong	315784	-24.1	293693	-6.9	11.5	+9.2
Canada	323774	-11.1	308234	-4.7	12.1	+1.6
S. Korea	318809	+5.9	454680	+42.6	17.8	+12.6
Total	2265950	-11.9	2549810	+12.6		+14.2

YTD: Jan-Jul

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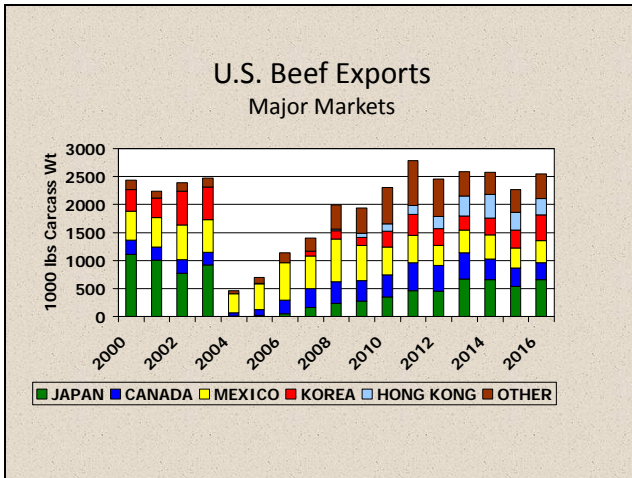
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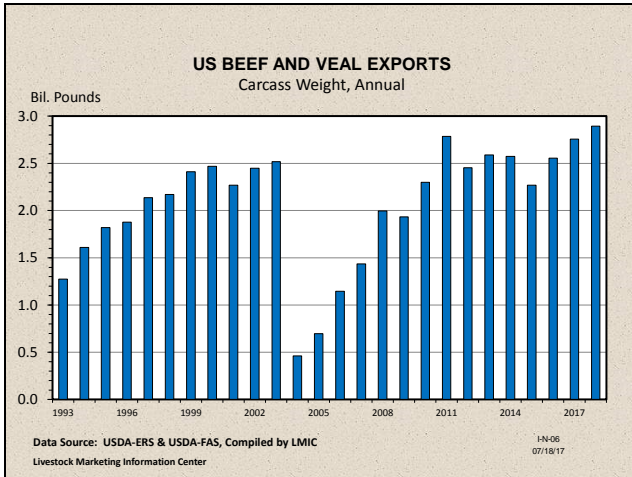
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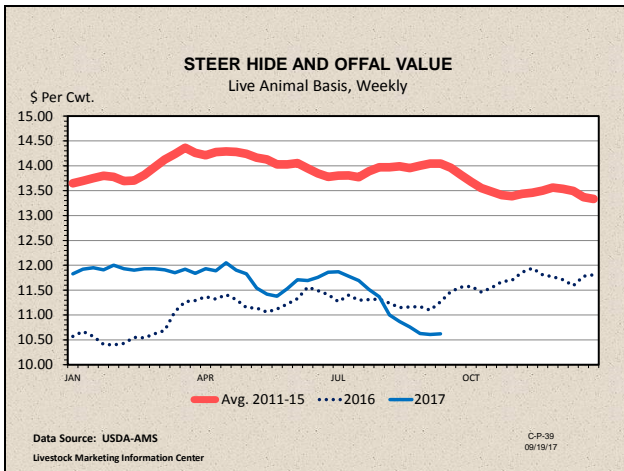
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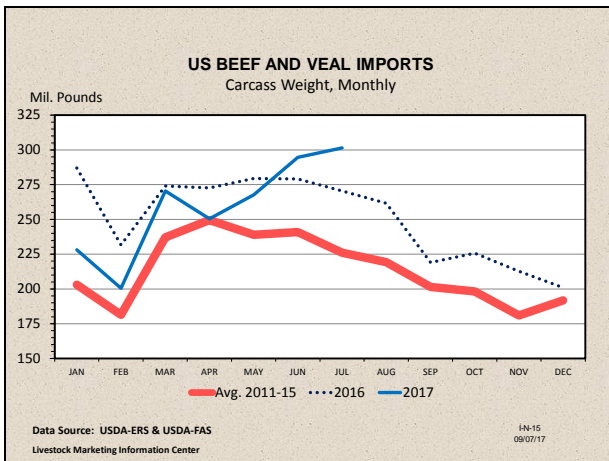
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## U.S. Beef Imports

	2015 (1000 lbs.)	% Change 2014 to 2015	2016 (1000 lbs.)	% Change 2015 to 2016	% of Total Exports	2017 YTD % of 2016
Australia	1258266	+16.2	767142	-39.0	+25.4	-29.6
Canada	628397	+4.4	718063	+14.3	+23.8	+2.9
New Zealand	661287	+10.7	613121	-7.3	+20.3	-13.8
Mexico	391937	+26.4	493446	+25.9	+16.4	+34.1
Brazil	149580	+83.6	152142	+2.1	+5.1	+26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3370484</b>	<b>+14.4</b>	<b>3015673</b>	<b>-10.5</b>		<b>-4.3</b>

YTD: Jan-Jul

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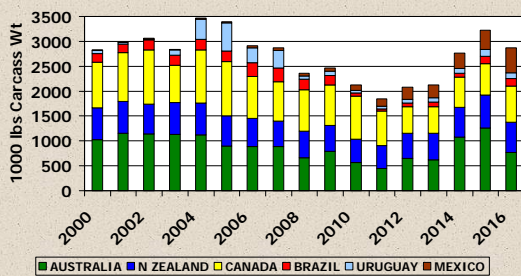
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## U.S. Beef Imports Major Markets




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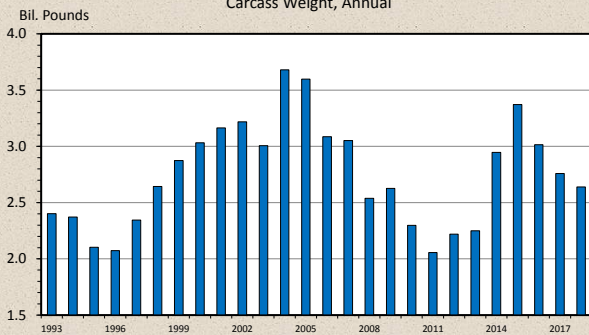
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## US BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTS Carcass Weight, Annual



Data Source: USDA-ERS & USDA-FAS, Compiled by LMIC  
Livestock Marketing Information Center

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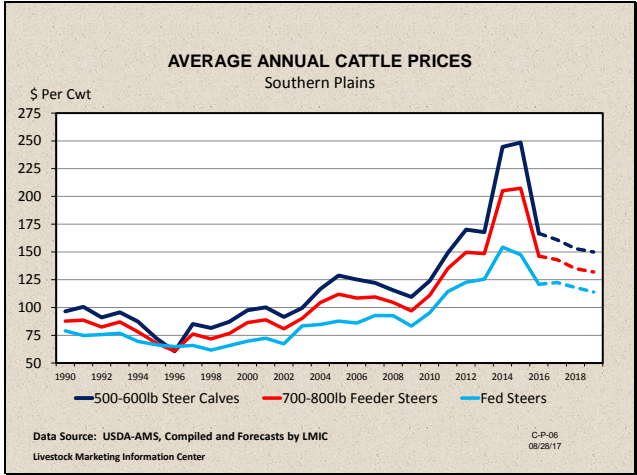
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### 2017 Cattle Price Forecasts

		Feeder Steer Price (Southern Plains)				Fed Steer	
		5-600 lb. (\$/cwt.)	% chg from Last Year	7-800 lb. (\$/cwt.)	% chg from Last Year	5-mkt avg. (\$/cwt)	% chg from Last Year
2016	IV	138.44	-32.0	129.07	-27.2	107.69	-15.7
	Annual	166.29	-33.8	145.61	-30.1	120.85	-18.6
2017	I	157.38	-19.6	132.88	-17.3	122.96	-8.8
	II	170.49	-1.9	149.30	0.0	132.76	+4.0
	III	162-164	+3.7	147-149	+2.7	111-112	-1.5
	IV	148-153	+8.7	137-140	+7.3	114-115	+6.3
	Annual	159-162	-3.5	141-143	-2.5	120-121	-0.3
2018	Annual	150-156	-4.7	133-137	-4.9	116-119	-2.5

LMIC, September 1, 2017

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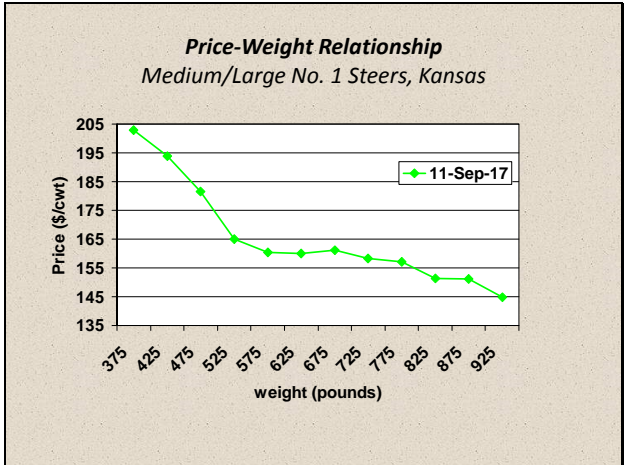
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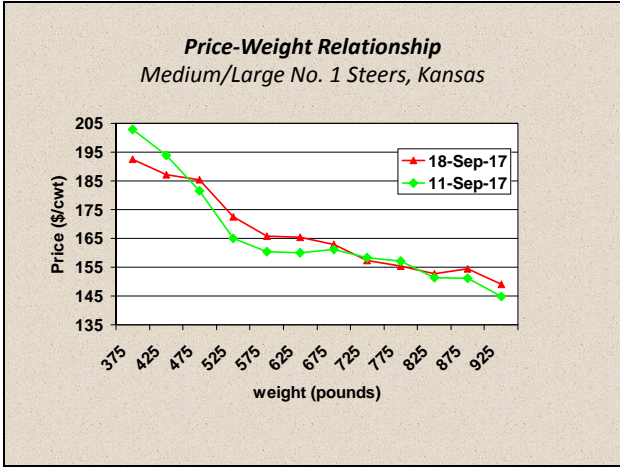
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### Steer Price, Total Value and Value of Gain September 18, 2017, Combined Kansas

Weight (lbs)	Average Price (\$/cwt.)	Total Value (\$/hd)	VOG 400 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)	VOG 450 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)	VOG 500 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)	VOG 550 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)	VOG 600 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)	VOG 650 lb. Beg. Weight (\$/lb.)
400	\$188.83	\$755						
450	\$185.81	\$836	\$1.62					
500	\$176.75	\$884	\$1.28	\$0.95				
550	\$168.57	\$927	\$1.15	\$0.91	\$0.87			
600	\$165.60	\$994	\$1.19	\$1.05	\$1.10	\$1.33		
650	\$164.16	\$1,067	\$1.25	\$1.15	\$1.22	\$1.40	\$1.47	
700	\$160.47	\$1,123	\$1.23	\$1.15	\$1.20	\$1.31	\$1.30	\$1.13
750	\$156.35	\$1,173	\$1.19	\$1.12	\$1.16	\$1.23	\$1.19	\$1.06
800	\$154.03	\$1,232	\$1.19	\$1.13	\$1.16	\$1.22	\$1.19	\$1.10
850	\$153.67	\$1,306	\$1.22	\$1.18	\$1.21	\$1.26	\$1.25	\$1.20
900	\$151.09	\$1,360	\$1.21	\$1.16	\$1.19	\$1.24	\$1.22	\$1.17

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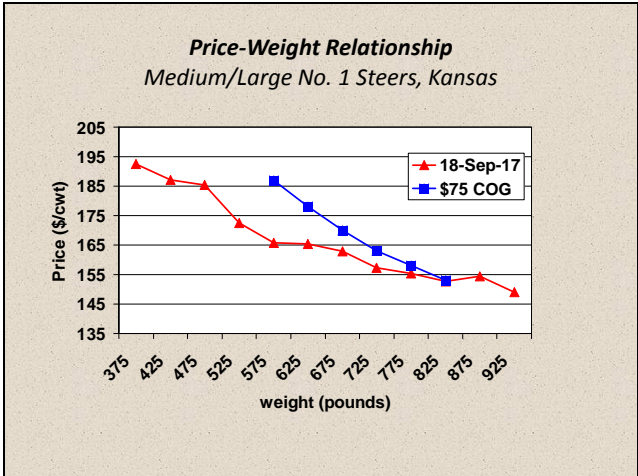
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# Cow-Calf Corner

The Weekly Email Newsletter

From OSU Animal Science and Agricultural Economics



- Send Email to [derrell.peel@okstate.edu](mailto:derrell.peel@okstate.edu)

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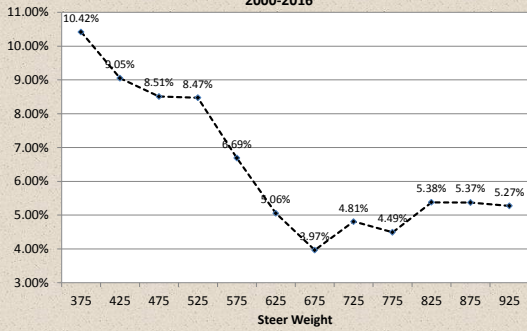
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Feeder Cattle Price Slides  
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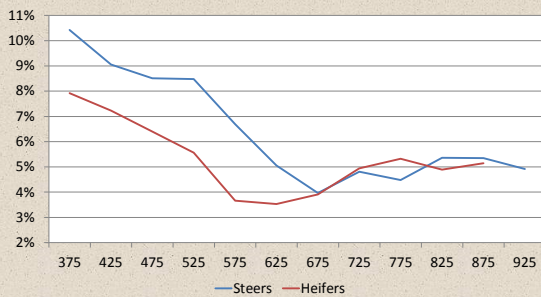
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Feeder Price Slides




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# Setting Calves Up for Success this Fall

Dr. Peggy Thompson  
Boehringer Ingelheim Professional Services



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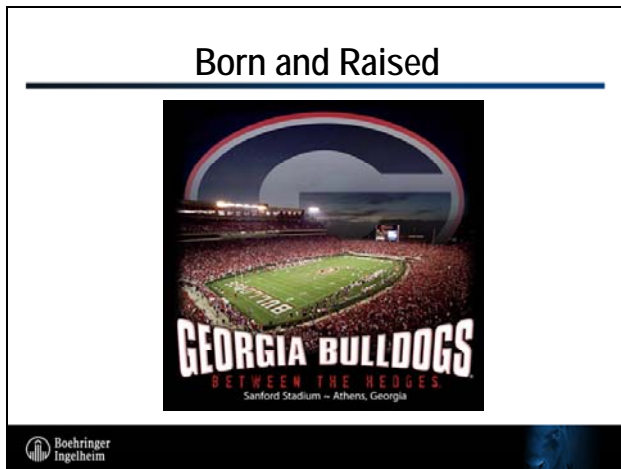
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### Prevention Works – Vaccines

- Disease prevention is key to animal health
- Prevention is preferable to treatment



The image shows a group of about seven cows of various breeds, including brown and white, standing in a grassy field. The background is a flat, open landscape under a clear sky.

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### True or False?

- Do vaccines protect animals(calves) from disease?

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## Vaccination is One Part of Preventive Medicine

- Vaccines do not protect from disease
- Immune system protects from disease
- Vaccines trigger an immune system response
- If at a later time the animal is exposed, the immune system can more rapidly respond to the pathogen



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## Terminology

- Vaccination = administering a vaccine to an animal (procedure)
- Immunization = mount an immune response against a particular antigen (pathogen)
  - Is dependent upon the animal to respond to the vaccine
  - Many factors may prevent or interfere with a protective immune response from developing



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## Bovine Respiratory Disease

- Most common, economically important disease of calves



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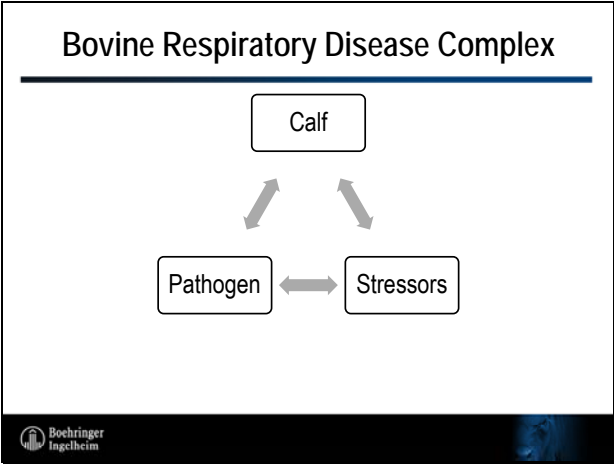
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### Why So Much Fuss Over Respiratory Tract Viruses?

- Can damage mucosa of upper resp tract ⇒ ↓ physical barrier
- Can be immunosuppressive
- Predispose to secondary bacterial infections!



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### Effect of BVDV PI Calves

“70% to 100% of susceptible nonvaccinated calves become infected after exposure to PI calves.”

Fulton RW, Briggs RE, Ridpath JF, et al. *Can J Vet Res* 2005;69:161-169.

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## Effect of BVDV PI Calves

“Exposure to a PI calf was defined as housing in the same pen with or a pen adjacent to a PI calf, which resulted in exposed cattle having a **43% greater risk** for respiratory tract disease, compared with cattle that were not exposed to a PI calf. Exposed cattle also had greater risk for treatment of respiratory tract disease and **received more treatments** than cattle that were not exposed.”

- Lonergan GH, Thomson DU, Montgomery DL, et al. *J Am Vet Med Assoc* 2005; 226:595-601.



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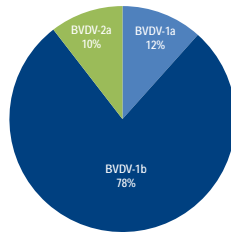
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## BVDV PI Subgenotypes

21,743 calves  
sampled



Fulton RW, Hessman B, Johnson BJ et al. *JAVMA* 2006; 228: 578-584.



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## Bacterial Pneumonia

– the disease

- *Mannheimia haemolytica* bacteria are normal inhabitants of the nasal passages of cattle
- Following stress, viral infection, etc.....
  - *Mannheimia haemolytica* multiply and invade the lungs
- Rapidly growing *Mannheimia haemolytica* organisms produce a **leukotoxin**
  - white blood cell destruction >>> lung tissue damage



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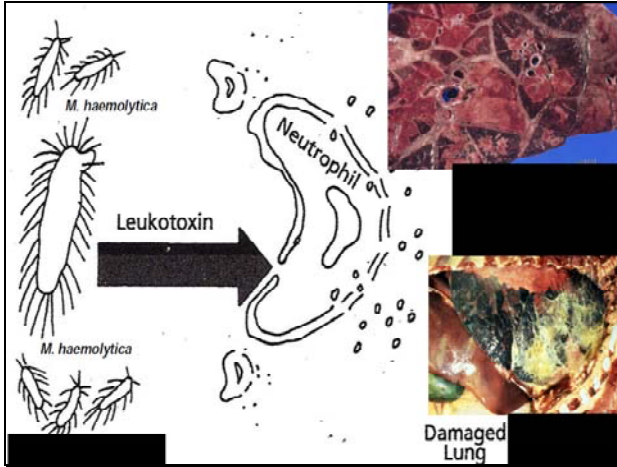
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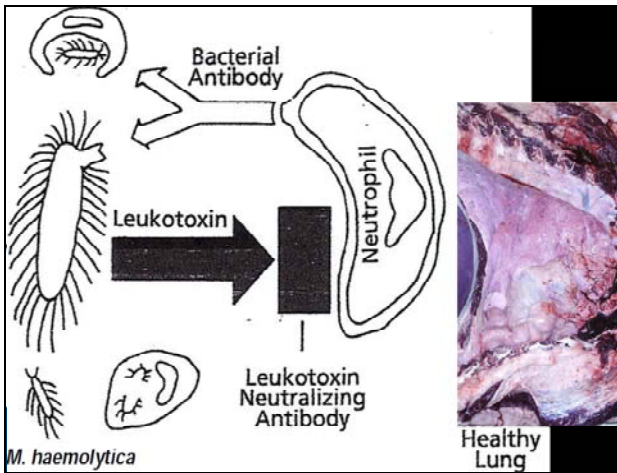
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### Risk Factors Associated with BRD

Weaning, nutrition, environment, parasites,  
transport, commingling, etc...





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## Risk Factors Associated with BRD

Inadequate  
Passive  
Transfer



**3 TIMES**

more likely to be  
treated for BRD in  
the feedlot



(Wittum & Perino, 1995)



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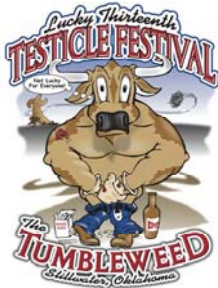
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## Risk Factors Associated with BRD



- Bulls 3.32 times more likely to have BRD than steers
- (Richeson, 2013)



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## Risk Factors Associated with BRD

- Starter rations containing  $\geq 75\%$  concentrate



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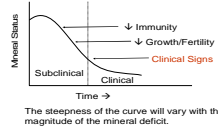
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## Immune System Function

- Vital parts
  - Energy
  - Protein
  - Copper, selenium, zinc..
  - Vitamin A, D, E

Effects of Mineral Deficiencies over Time



Dr Jeff Hall, Utah State Univ



## Prevention Starts on the Farm

Newly weaned, non-vaccinated calves are:

- Stressed
- Exposed to new pathogen isolates
- Minimal or no protection
- Not able to develop maximal immunity
- High risk of developing pneumonia



## Vaccine Goals

- Vaccination  $\Rightarrow$  Immunity
- Immunity  $\Rightarrow$  Disease resistance
- Disease resistance  $\Rightarrow$  Improved performance
- Improved performance  $\Rightarrow$  Increased potential revenue/profits



## Vaccine Goals

- Goal = Raise the level of immunity (resistance) in the herd to prevent severe disease outbreaks
- Reduces the occurrence of outbreaks with high morbidity and/or mortality
  - ↓ # of animals that exhibit clinical disease and/or minimize clinical disease in some to allow a more rapid recovery
- Not all animals will be protected – some individuals may still get sick/die



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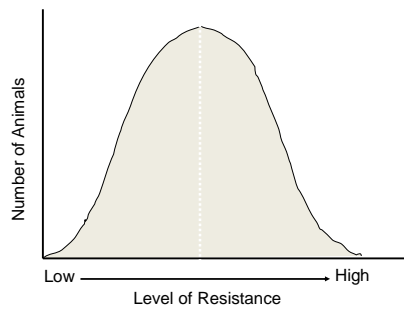
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## Disease Resistance



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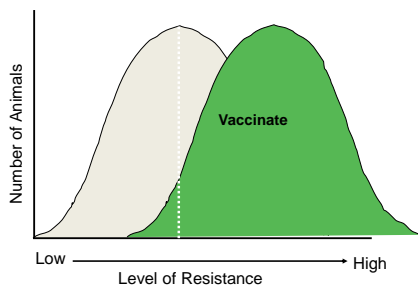
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## Disease Resistance following Vaccination



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## Risk Categories

- Low-Risk
  - preconditioned
  - castrated (healed)
  - dehorned (healed)
  - vaccinated
    - resp viral vaccines
    - ? blackleg shot (most programs include)
    - ? pasteurilla shot (most programs include)
  - weaned
    - not walking fence or bawling
  - bunk broke



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## Risk Categories (cont.)

- High-Risk, Exposed
  - generally put together cattle (small farms, 1 or > auction markets)
  - commingled
    - ↑ exposure to pathogens
    - added stress (nutrition, social, etc.)
  - many may be sick upon arrival



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## Arrival Considerations

- Let cattle settle down & relax
- Stress: decreases immune response
- Provide good quality hay
- Provide clean water



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## Processing Considerations

- Process 12 – 24 hours
- PI test?
- Viral vaccine- IBRV, BVDV I & II, PI3, BRSV
- Recent data = in certain situations may delay viral vaccinations
- *Mannheimia haemolytica*?
- 7 way Blackleg?
- Dewormer
- Metaphylaxis?
- Work cattle quietly



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## Things to Consider before Purchase

- Work with your veterinarian on an arrival vaccination protocol
- Work with your nutritionist on a receiving/starter ration



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## What about Maternal Antibodies?

Pyramid® 5 vaccination of 4-5 week old calves:  
0% death loss in vaccinates  
33% death loss no vaccine  
significantly less clinical signs  
positive weight gain advantage 14 & 21 days post-challenge



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## Long Haul High Risk Calves

- May consider...



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PEER REVIEWED

Effects of delayed respiratory viral vaccine and/or inclusion of an immunostimulant on feedlot health, performance, and carcass merits of auction-market derived feeder heifers

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## Study Design

- 5179 high-risk crossbred heifer calves
  - OK & TX origin, 8/25/2015 through 10/15/2015
  - 624 lb ave (602-650 lb range)
  - large commercial feedlot in western KS
- Cattle penned by treatment group:
  - 15 x 4-pen replicates (60 pens total) ~ 85 head/pen
- Calves randomized at processing chute



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## Study Groups

Treatment	On Arrival	30 DOF ± 5
Arrival Pyramid® (AP)	Micotil® + Presponse® SQ + Pyramid® 5	Pyramid® 5
Arrival Pyramid® + Zelinate® (APZ)	Micotil® + Presponse® SQ + Pyramid® 5 + Zelinate®	Pyramid® 5
Delayed Pyramid® (DP)	Micotil® + Presponse® SQ	Pyramid® 5
Delayed Pyramid® + Zelinate® (DPZ)	Micotil® + Presponse® SQ + Zelinate®	Pyramid® 5

Courtesy of Del Miles




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### Health performance @ 60 DOF

	DP	AP	DPZ	APZ	P-value Pyr.	P-value Zel.	P-value P*Z
No. Calves (pens)	1296 (15)	1290 (15)	1293 (15)	1300 (15)	-	-	-
BRD 1 Treatment, %	22.92	23.17	22.92	21.78	0.70	0.55	0.55
BRD 2 Treatments, %	8.36	9.39	7.49	9.67	0.04	0.66	0.44
BRD 3 Treatments, %	4.34	4.98	3.53	3.95	0.35	0.10	0.92
BRD Case Fatality, %	11.88	14.03	8.61	11.63	0.16	0.12	0.70
BRD Mortality, %	2.85	3.45	1.98	2.54	0.19	0.05	0.86
Overall Mortality, %	3.26	3.79	2.15	2.79	0.20	0.03	0.74

Courtesy of Dave Renter

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### Health performance at close-out

	DP	AP	DPZ	APZ	P-value Pyr.	P-value Zel.	P-value P*Z
BRD 1 <sup>st</sup> treatment, %	26.03	25.50	25.18	25.16	0.82	0.63	0.83
BRD Retreat. Risk, %	37.95	43.59	36.17	44.35	0.01	0.84	0.64
BRD Case Fatality, %	13.44	16.08	10.28	13.11	0.14	0.10	0.85
BRD Mortality, %	3.61	4.36	2.65	3.36	0.15	0.06	0.88
Overall Mortality, %	5.35	5.88	3.79	5.02	0.13	0.04	0.45
BRD Outs, % (Dead+Removal)	4.17	4.98	3.47	4.21	0.16	0.18	0.95



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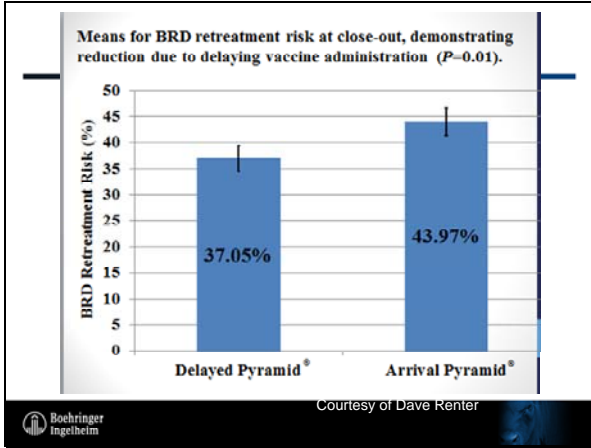
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Live performance of feedlot heifers at close-out

	DP	AP	DPZ	APZ	P-value Pyr.	P-value Zel.	P-value P*Z
ADG							
Deads In	2.67	2.68	2.72	2.72	0.96	0.30	0.82
ADG							
Deads Out	2.92	2.95	2.92	2.95	0.16	0.90	0.83
DMI, lbs	17.63	17.84	17.58	17.87	0.12	0.96	0.82
F:G (Deads In)	6.64	6.69	6.48	6.60	0.33	0.12	0.64
Final live weight, lbs.	1233.6	1242.3	1234.8	1242.9	0.08	0.85	0.95
HCW, lbs	793.56	798.71	794.09	801.53	0.07	0.62	0.74

Courtesy of Dave Renter

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## Conclusions for this Study

- No differences in final performance
- Delaying the MLV vaccine for 30 d resulted in a significant decrease in the number of calves requiring additional treatment for BRD
- The inclusion of Zelate® consistently improved survivability

Courtesy of Del Miles and Dave Renter

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**Package Insert**

**PYRAMID<sup>®</sup> 5 + PRESPONSE<sup>®</sup> SQ**  
For Veterinary Use Only

**Indications**  
For vaccination of healthy dairy or beef cattle as an aid in the prevention of disease caused by infectious bovine rhinotracheitis virus, bovine virus diarrhoea (types 1 and 2), bovine parainfluenza 3, bovine respiratory syncytial virus, and as an aid in the reduction of severe pneumonic pasteurellosis caused by *Mannheimia haemolytica*. A duration of immunity of 217 days has been demonstrated against respiratory disease caused by BVD type 1b. Vaccination provides a protective effect against the development of post-challenge viremia and leukopenia. This product aids in the prevention of persistent BVD type 1 and type 2 infection of the fetal calf when it is used subcutaneously in the cow or heifer 30 to 60 days pre-breeding. This vaccine may be used in pregnant cows or calves nursing pregnant cows provided the cows were vaccinated pre-breeding, according to label instructions, with any Express<sup>®</sup> IP vaccine, Pyramid 5, Pyramid 10, Pyramid 3, Pyramid 3 + Presponse SQ, or Pyramid 5 + Presponse SQ.

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**Things to Remember when using Vaccines**



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**Thank You and What Questions Do You Have?**

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Notes - Notes -- Notes

# A Different Intensive Early Stocking Strategy for Optimized Marketing Opportunities

Dr. Keith Harmony  
K-State Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS



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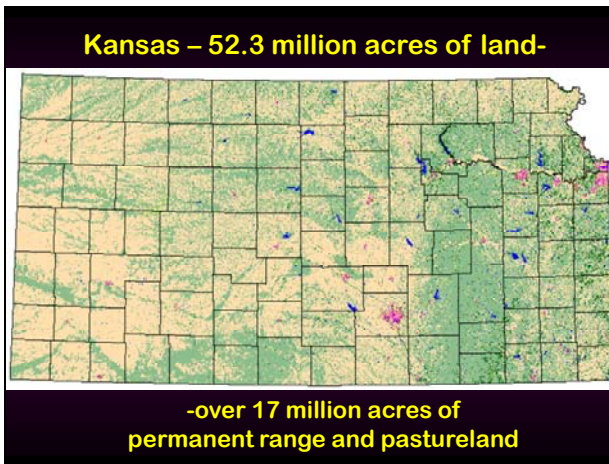
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**Eastern Kansas Tallgrass**

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**Central Kansas Mixedgrass**

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**Western Kansas Shortgrass**

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### The Primary Use and Goal



Efficient beef production per acre-  
to get maximum individual gain from the  
greatest number of animals

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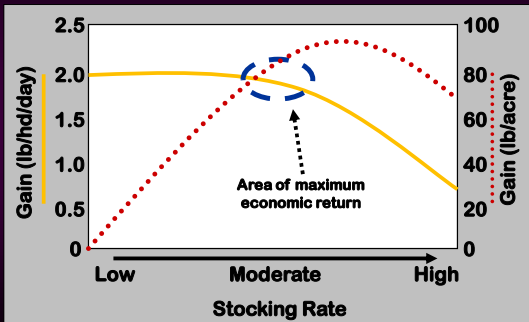
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### Relationship of Stocking Rate, Animal Production, and Economic Return



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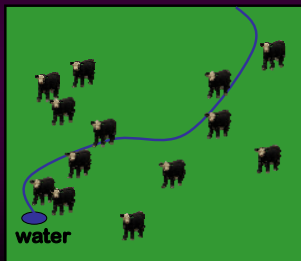
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### Season-Long Stocking (SLS)

-stocking animals on one pasture  
for the entire grazing season (5-6 months)

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Nov  
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## Season-Long Stocking

-1X moderate stocking rate and density for the growing season

-Selectivity of most nutritious plants and plant parts, important for late season gains

-Individual animal gains of 230-250 lbs

-Production per acre from 50-65 lbs

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## Intensive-Early Stocking (2X IES)

-stocking 2X the season-long number of animals during the early grazing season (2.5 – 3.0 months)

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## Intensive-Early Stocking (2X IES)

-1X moderate stocking rate, but 2X stocking density for the first half of growing season, animals removed at mid-season

-Animal density greatest when grass is most nutritious

-Reduces some selectivity, ~70% of area grazed

-Early season animal gains equal to SLS

-Production per acre greater than SLS in the east, equal to SLS in the west

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## **Intensive-Early Stocking (2X IES) with prescribed spring burning**

-same stocking attributes as 2X IES

- high forage quality, no carryover residual forage at spring turnout
- greater animal intake
- improved individual animal performance and production per acre over 2X IES

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## **Modified IES (1.6X + 1)**

-stocking 1.6X the season-long number of animals during the early grazing season (2.5 – 3.0 months), reducing density to 1X during the late season

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1.6X

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## **Modified IES (1.6X+1)**

-Utilize positive components of both SLS and 2X IES systems to maintain individual performance and increase production per acre

- 1.6X animal density for first half of growing season, heaviest animals removed at mid-season
- 1X animal density the last half of growing season

- Animal density greatest when grass is most nutritious
- Allows more animal selectivity late in the season

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## Season-Long Stocking vs. Modified IES (1.6X+1) Hays, 2002-2008

	Early Season (~May 1-July 15)		Late Season (~July 15-Oct 1)		Beef (lb/ac)
	ADG (lb)	Total Gain (lb)	ADG (lb)	Total Gain (lb)	
<b>SLS</b>	1.71 <sup>a</sup>	128 <sup>a</sup>	1.35 <sup>a</sup>	106 <sup>a</sup>	69 <sup>b</sup>
<b>IES 1.6X+1</b>	1.54 <sup>b</sup>	115 <sup>b</sup>	1.37 <sup>a</sup>	107 <sup>a</sup>	85 <sup>a</sup>

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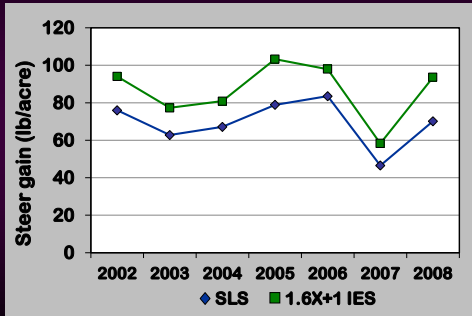
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## Steer Performance on Native Range 2002-2008, Hays




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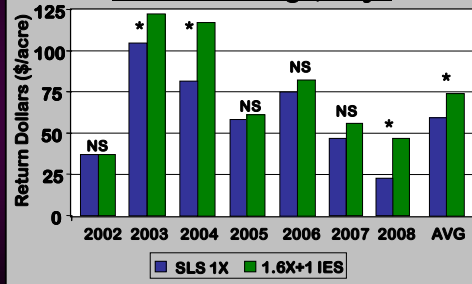
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## \$ Return Per Acre on Native Range, Hays




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### Carcass Comparison

Trait	SLS		1.6X+1	
	SL	Avg.	Oct	July
Feedlot Start Wgt, lbs.	846 *	794	801	783
Finished Wgt, lbs.	1394 *	1333	1331	1335
Carcass Wgt, lbs.	868 *	825	827	820
Marbling Score	5.54 *	5.27	5.42	5.23
Dressing %	64.5	63.9	64.4	63.2
Feedlot Gain, lbs.	546 *	539	531	552
Ribeye area, in <sup>2</sup>	13.4 *	13.0	13.0	12.9
Days on Feed	150	147	150	144
Number of Head	278	446	280	166
<b>Net Value, \$/head</b>	<b>46.00</b>		<b>38.92</b>	<b>89.70</b>

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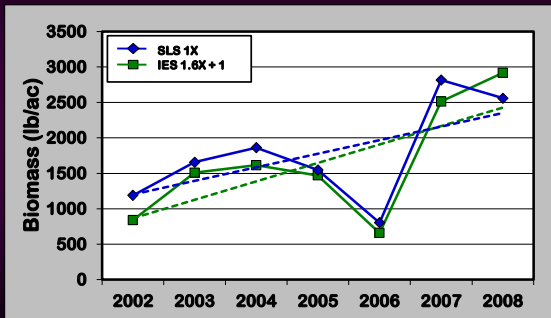
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### End of Growing Season Biomass, Hays




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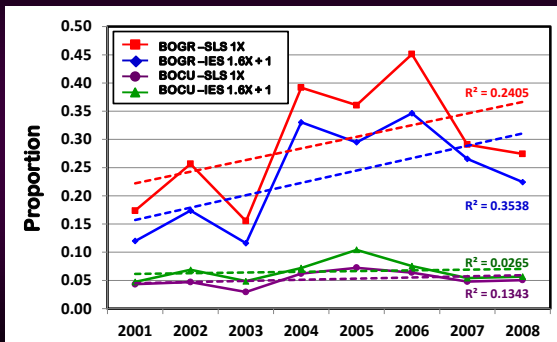
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### Blue and Sideoats Grama Composition on Short Grass Rangeland




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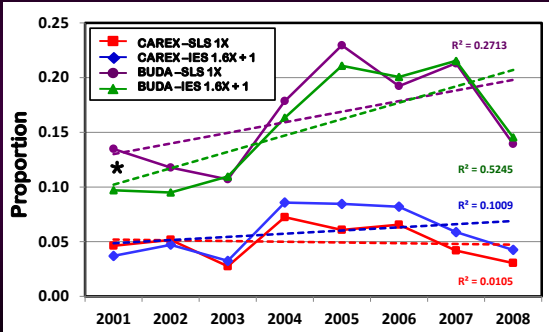
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### Buffalograss and Sedge Composition on Short Grass Rangeland




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### 2X IES + Late Season Grazing (2X IES+LSG)

-Utilize positive components of both SLS and 2X IES systems to maintain individual performance and increase production per acre

-2X animal density for first half of growing season, half of the animals removed at mid-season  
 -1X animal density the last half of growing season

-A System that alternates years between 2X IES and 2X IES+LSG

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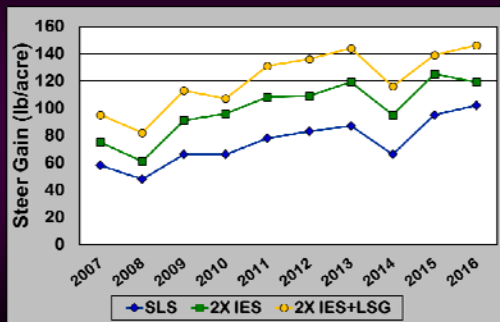
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### Steer Performance on Native Range 2007-2016, Manhattan




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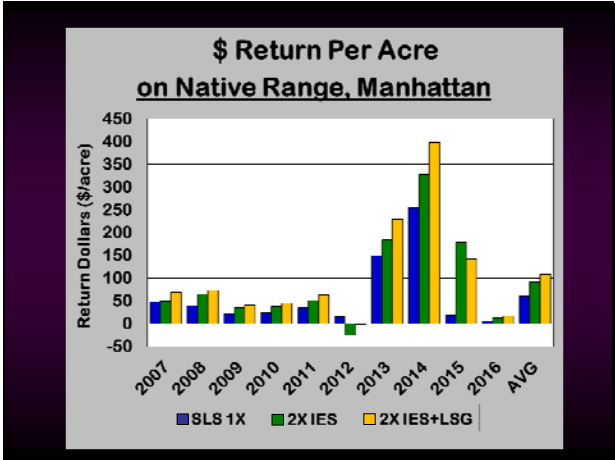
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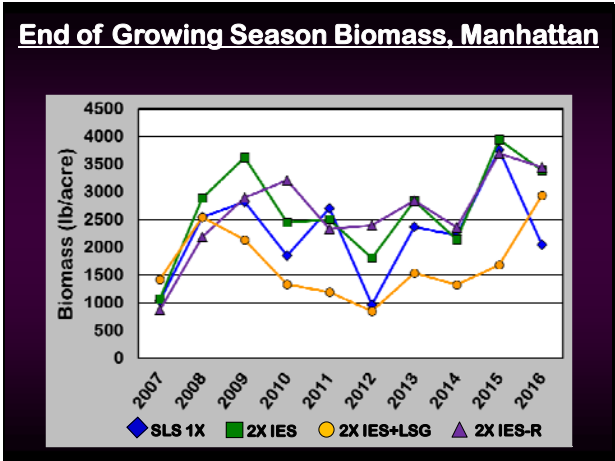
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### Main benefits of Modified IES (1.6X+1) or 2X IES+LSG System

- Increased beef lb/acre produced (26% at Hays, 43 and 23% at Manhattan)
- Increased net returns/acre (19% at Hays, 75 and 18% at Manhattan)
- No change in vegetative production the year after modified stocking or late season grazing

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## Other benefits of Modified IES (1.6X+1) or 2X IES+LSG System

- Potential for light stockers to put on more weight
- Lessens marketing risk
- Opportunity to market in other production sectors

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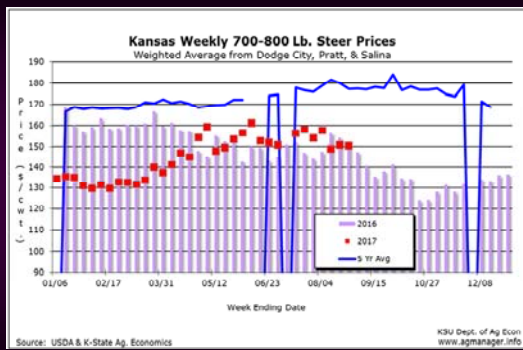
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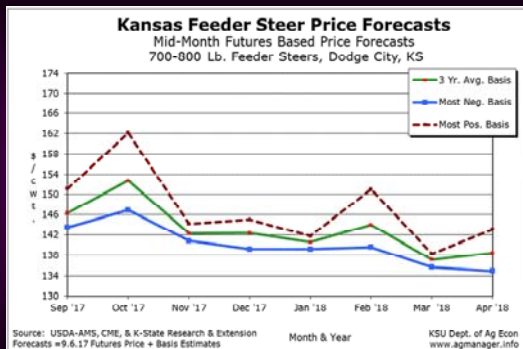
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### Lessens Risk

-The Modified IES system had a greater net return/acre than SLS for 22 of the 25 years.

-A previous 2X IES+LSG system had a greater net return/acre in 30% of the years, yet never had the lowest net return compared to SLS and 2X IES.

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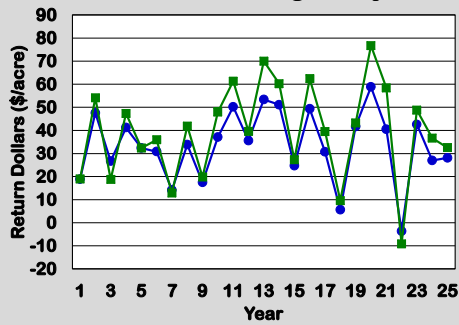
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### Estimated \$ Return Per Acre on Native Range, Hays



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### Opportunity in other beef production sectors



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**Comparison of SLS and Modified IES 1.6X+1 with Heifers**

	<u>May</u> Heifer BW lb	<u>July</u> Heifer BW lb	<u>October</u> Heifer BW lb	<u>Early</u> Gain lb/acre	<u>Total</u> Gain lb/acre	<u>FSCR</u> %
<b>SLS</b>	772	909	987	34	54	52
<b>MIES</b>	770	900	980	52*	73*	44

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**Comparison of SLS and Modified IES 1.6X+1 with Heifers**  
-Residual Pasture Dry Matter Availability

<u>Heifer Stocking Treatment</u>			
<u>July</u>		<u>October</u>	
<u>SLS</u>	<u>MIES</u>	<u>SLS</u>	<u>MIES</u>
<u>lb/acre</u>			
2174	2052	1986	1974

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Potential use in the cow/calf sector?

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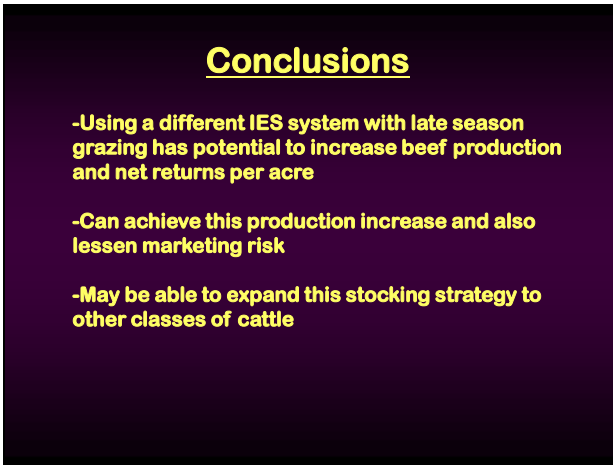
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### Conclusions

-Using a different IES system with late season grazing has potential to increase beef production and net returns per acre

-Can achieve this production increase and also lessen marketing risk

-May be able to expand this stocking strategy to other classes of cattle

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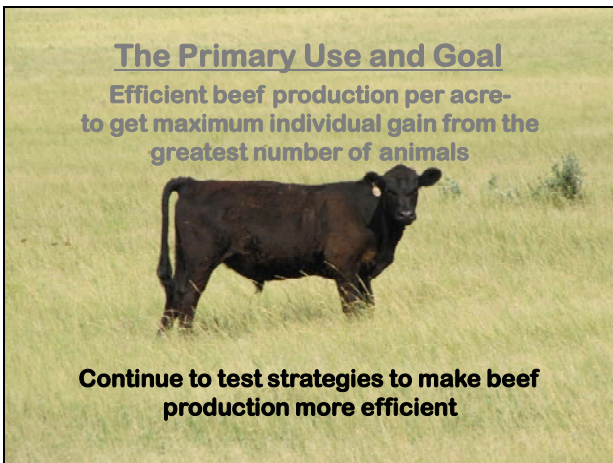
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### The Primary Use and Goal

Efficient beef production per acre-  
to get maximum individual gain from the  
greatest number of animals

Continue to test strategies to make beef  
production more efficient

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