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**Parking Location & Directions**

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554 N 20th Rd
Tescott, KS 67484

**From Tescott:**

Drive half a mile west of Tescott on Hwy 18. Turn north (right) on 20th Road and go 1 ½ miles. The pasture entrance is on the west (right) side of the road. “Field Day” directional signs will be posted.

**Program**

- **Bovine Anaplasmosis – An Update on Prevalence, Disease impact and Control**
  
  Dr. Kathryn Reif
  
  KSU Assistant Professor
  
  Nearly 50% of beef herds in Kansas are actively infected with *Anaplasma marginale*, the agent of bovine anaplasmosis. This stealthy pathogen often goes unnoticed, but can wreak havoc in beef herds, causing significant economic losses to affected producers. Knowledge of herd anaplasmosis status and disease transmission can help inform management strategies to reduce the impact of this disease in herds. This presentation will provide an overview of bovine anaplasmosis in Kansas, how the disease impacts cattle health and strategies to reduce disease-associated economic losses.

- **Nutrition & Reproduction Interactions with Rising Cost of Production**
  
  Dr. Sandy Johnson
  
  KSU Professor/Extension Specialist, Northwest Research & Extension Center
  
  Balancing the tightrope between nutrition and reproduction in the face of rising costs can be difficult. During this session, Dr. Johnson will discuss how feed costs, reproductive performance, calf weaning weight and breakeven prices all interact.

- **Valuing AI From a Commercial Perspective**
  
  Dr. Dave Grieger
  
  KSU Assistant Professor
  
  The lack of time and labor are two issues that face many segments of the agriculture industry. Dr. Grieger will focus his session on the commercial cow-calf sector and how producers in that segment can determine whether they are receiving a sufficient return on investment by implementing AI into their breeding program.

**Questions about the field day?**

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