

Ag Radio programs for February 8 - 14, 2016

Cattlemen's Day

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. The 103rd annual cattlemen's day is coming up on the traditional first Friday of March, March 4, 2016. You do need to pre-register and that can be done via the mail or online with a credit card. The good news is that this year that registration includes a parking permit for parking on the north and east side of Weber Hall, which is again the site for the events. You will receive information on obtaining your permit when you register. Everybody seems to have a different part of Cattlemen's Day that they look forward to - There will be the trade show booths and educational exhibits that open at 8 a.m. The morning program kicks off at 10 a.m. The keynote speaker will be bringing an insight from the customer point of view again. Paul Heinrich is the CEO at Encore Food solutions. Paul grew up in the cattle business and will bring insights that as producers, we sometimes seem to forget the end use of that animal we are raising. Glynn Tonser and Ted Schroeder will also taking a look at the economics side of the industry and implications for the beef markets in the coming year. There are numerous concurrent sessions in the afternoon. One that I've already had a chance to hear, and found fascinating, is Dr Travis O'Quinn's discussion of customer perception of beef quality based on branding, which is not a way of marking a calf, but rather what is said about the beef product that the consumer buys. If you need more information or registration forms, contact the Extension office. This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte.

Herbicides for Corn

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. If you haven't already done so, you need to be thinking about and getting your herbicide plan set up for all crops, but corn comes first so we'll talk about that today. You need to get out on your fields and do some walking to see what weeds are out there from last fall. I would strongly recommend a burndown that has glyphosate plus 2,4-D, dicamba or Sharpen especially if you have marestail. That can be done almost any time now once the temperatures are up and the ground is a little drier. Then closer to planting consider just about any of the atrazine premixes as well as Lexar/Lumax, Balance Flexx, Corvus, Zidua, Anthem, Sharpen and Verdict. I'll just tell you up front that some of these are pricey and the best control is going to likely come from the more expensive products. These will all help give you control of glyphosate resistant palmer amaranth and waterhemp. You have to remember from here forward that we've got to go back to thinking of weed control like we did in the pre roundup ready days. We want to control weeds prior to planting and then use a pre-emerge product to hold weeds in check for 6 to 8 weeks allowing time for the crop to canopy over. Shade is a weed's number one enemy. Weeds that come up once the canopy that has closed over are rarely an issue. And while glyphosate will still be very effective on many weeds, we really need to plan to keep weeds under control with pre-emerge products. The new enlist technology is on and then off the table. If you are thinking about using this new technology read all the labels regarding drift! This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte.

Topdressing wheat

This is Ag Outlook on 1420 KJCK, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County, K-State Research and Extension Ag & Natural Resources Agent. We are rapidly approaching mid February and as such, you should rapidly be approaching time to get wheat topdressed if you haven't already done so. What will really start to be breaking dormancy before too much longer and for maximum utilization that nitrogen needs to be in the soil in the root zone when that happens. I know that in recent years there's been good intentions of getting the topdressed fertilizer applied in February or very early March and then the weather turns off all wrong and then it's early April and you've missed the prime time for fertilizing. Again, I really think that mid to late fall fertilization is often a better opportunity as we truly don't have that much risk of losing the nitrogen over the winter. But even with a late winter application, you need to have that nitrogen into the root zone before jointing and jointing starts pretty soon after plants break winter dormancy. In many years, that's going to be mid March. I also think that some producers try to save an application charge and postpone a more timely fertilization application to get late enough in the season to get the herbicide applied. Unfortunately, many years you are being penny wise and pound foolish as the loss in yield is far greater than the savings you may have gotten by eliminating one application charge. If you are fertilizing the fields yourself, get ready to roll just as soon as it's dry enough to do so. If you are hiring it done, get on the list early for the very same reasons. And if you were one of the producers that got your fertilizer on last fall, sit back, relax and grab another cup of coffee! This has been Ag Outlook on the Talk of JC, 1420 KJCK,

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