

# Conservation award nominations sought

Clint Milliman, County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, is asking for nominations for the Conservation Awards Program to be held in Thomas County during February.

"This program is being sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association," said Milliman. "This year the association and K-State Research and Extension have six award categories including energy conservation, water quality, water conservation, soil conservation, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat." The wildlife habitat award is co-sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

The program is intended to stimulate greater interest in the conservation of agricultural and natural resources by recognizing those

Kansas farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in practicing conservation on their farms. Over 220 Kansas producers were recognized for their efforts in 2008.

Nominations can be made by anyone in the county. They should be sent to the County Extension Agricultural Agent at 350 S. Range, Suite 16, Colby, Kan., 67701, or the Conservation District office at 915 E. Walnut by Sunday, Nov. 1.

For information, visit the K-State Research and Extension website at [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy/extension](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy/extension).

For information on this program, contact Clint Milliman, Extension Agent, Thomas County Extension Office, at (785) 460-4582.

# Oakley beef meeting to update producers

A meeting for cow-calf and feedlot operators will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at the Educational Service Center in Oakley, featuring information on nutrition, genetics, beef marketing and age and source verification.

"This will be a unique opportunity for producers to hear about some of the key developments and critical research that will be impacting the beef business in the years to come," says Matt Caldwell, regional manager for American Angus Association. "We've lined up a top-flight group of speakers ... that no doubt will have a positive impact on Kansas cattlemen."

Topics and speakers include:  
 • Doug Frank, beef product manager for ABS Global, will share results of the Circle A Sire Alliance and the impacts on feed efficiency in cow-calf operations and feedlots.  
 • Dr. Rick Funston, reproductive physiologist for the University of

Nebraska, will discuss fetal programming research that demonstrates carcass quality and heifer fertility can be influenced while calves are in utero.

• Bill Bowman, chief operating officer for American Angus Association, will discuss expected progeny differences, bio-economic indexes and the promise of genomic-enhanced progeny differences.

• Brian Bertelsen of U.S. Premium Beef will update producers on Japan's interest in age and source verification and provide insight into the future potential for export markets for U.S. beef.

A free beef dinner will be served. Producers are encouraged to respond by Wednesday. Contact Sandra Utter of ABS Global at (620) 672-1881 or [sutter@absglobal.com](mailto:sutter@absglobal.com); or Matt Caldwell, American Angus Association, (913) 755-1105 or [mcaldwell@angus.org](mailto:mcaldwell@angus.org).

# Senior Progress Center

Bring your appetite and join us at the center for a potato bar, a raffle, and bake sale fund raiser from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** sweet day. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise. **Wednesday:** 5 - 6:30 p.m., potato bar, raffle, bake sale. **Thursday:** 10 a.m., exercise; wear fall colors. **Friday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** pork patty, green bean casserole, fruit cup, yogurt. **Tuesday:** Swiss steak with tomatoes, scalloped

potatoes, peas, ambrosia fruit salad. **Wednesday:** salmon patty or loaf, cheesy broccoli, mixed fruit, brownie. **Thursday:** baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, peaches. **Friday:** cook's choice entree, spinach cheese salad, pears, applesauce bar.

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