

## **UPDATE ON FAIR AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

I hope all is well and that you all are ready for the Holidays! I wanted to update you on what all has gone on over the past few months and what we are looking forward to in the near future. I am sorry that I have been out of the office for the past couple of weeks. As some of you know, I had surgery on my hand once more. I am doing ok now, but it will be a slow recovery just to make sure that the hand heals. I appreciate your patience and willingness to help. Thank you!

### **EVERY A&H FAIR**

I want to thank everyone who participated in and attended the 2017 Avery A&H Fair. We had a wonderful turnout and were able to display livestock from both Avery and Mitchell Counties. I am thankful for all the volunteers and producers that helped make the fair a success. The Mitchell County 4-H Livestock Club was able to set up a table and fundraise at the fair. I am proud to say that the kids also did a wonderful job competing in the youth livestock show, showing cattle and goats. I hope that the kids are able to participate again next year along with some more new youth. I hope that both the fundraisers and shows can become an annual tradition that we can carry out for years to come.

Overall I believe that the Avery A&H Fair was a success for both the producers and the youth. We were able to grab the attention of citizens and other producers and make them aware of what all livestock is being produced in both Avery and Mitchell Counties.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Since we are approaching the busy holiday season and I know a majority of producers are involved with the Christmas tree industry so I will not be holding another workshop/meeting until January, 2018. I want everyone to be able to spend time with their families and not worry about attending a meeting. If you need anything or have any questions during this time please feel free to contact me. With that said, please be aware of the coming winter weather and relate back to the winter preparation course that I held last year. Topics such as keeping an unlimited supply of clean water and good quality hay, along with proper feeding that is adjusted to body condition of your cattle is very important to keeping livestock healthy through the winter months and into calving season. If you have any questions regarding this information or would like for me to give you the PowerPoint presentation please let me know.

## **2018 LIVESTOCK KICK-OFF MEETING – JANUARY 11th, 2018**

The next meeting that I will be holding will be on **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00PM**. This meeting will be the annual Livestock Kick-Off Meeting for 2018. At this meeting, a full meal will be provided. I encourage you and your family to attend. Presenting at the meeting will be the Western Region Livestock Specialist, Ms. Deidre Harmon. She will be presenting the topic of Winter Feeding Strategies and Feeding through the calving season. This will be a great opportunity for producers to become familiar with Ms. Harmon and ask her questions. At the meeting we will also be discussing the upcoming workshops/meetings and forage research plots that I intend to pursue this spring and summer. I hope that you and your family are able to attend. If you are interesting in attending please RSVP so I can get a number for the meal. The flyer for the meeting is attached. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will be sending out information on the meeting again closer to date.

Thank you again for supporting me through this recovery of my hand! If you need anything or have any questions please contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you and your family in January.

Happy Holidays!



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Thank you!