Extension Friends,

In alignment with K-State Research and Extension recommendations, local and district programs, meetings, events, and activities regardless of group size cannot meet face-to-face between now and July 4th, 2020. This includes but is not limited to 4-H club meetings, council meetings, and committee correspondence. This also includes project-based learning, shows, events, and activities directed toward 4-H youth development and other extension audiences.

Our team is committed to help you determine how to effectively conduct business through technology-based platforms or to reschedule programs to future dates. Please do not hesitate to contact our team if you have questions.

We appreciate your help with protecting the health, wellness and safety of our communities and families. I will provide updates as recommendations change. Please stay informed at the Marion County website at www.marion.k-state.edu or our Marion County K-State Research and Extension Facebook Page.

Thanks,
Rickey Roberts, Tristen Cope, Myrta Billings
2020 Kansas wheat crop conditions:
Wheat Quality Tour summary report

The 2020 Wheat Quality Tour had to take a virtual path during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, during May 18 – 21, 2020, a few people drove around Kansas to scout wheat fields and make yield estimates. Many KSRE Agriculture Extension Agents also participated, doing yield estimates and crop scouting in their own region.

Central and south central Kansas: Stripe rust
As we headed to central and south central Kansas, the crop conditions and yield potential noticeably increased. This was mostly driven by good moisture conditions (Fig. 1) and temperatures that did not get cold enough to cause damage during the freeze even. In this region, however, which encompasses the counties of Meade in the southwest border, Sumner in the southeast, and as far north as McPherson; the incidence of stripe rust was extremely high.

Corn planting and emergence progress report for Kansas and selected Corn Belt states
Corn has already been planted on over half of the acreage in the main producing states, ranging from 57% in Ohio to 96% in Iowa, including 74% in Kansas according to the latest USDA report. Area of corn emerged follows a similar trend, ranging from 11% in Ohio to 62% in Iowa, including 45% in Kansas.

Finish reading the article here.

Continue reading here.
What Beef Producers Should Be Thinking About in July.....

- Cow Herd Nutrition
- Herd Health
- Forage/Pasture Management
- General Management

You can read the rest of the News from KSU Animal Sciences here.

Mulching Tomatoes

Soils are warm enough now that tomatoes can benefit from mulching as long as the soils are not saturated with water. Tomatoes prefer even levels of soil moisture and mulches provide such by preventing excessive evaporation. Other benefits of mulching include weed suppression, moderating soil temperatures and preventing the formation of a hard crust on the soil. Crusted soils restrict air movement into and out of the soil and slow the water infiltration rate.

Sidedressing Chart Available

Gregg Eyestone, Horticulture Agent from Riley County, has put together a nice chart that covers sidedressing nitrogen on annual flowers, certain perennial flowers, vegetables and various small fruit. Sidedressing (also called topdressing) is applying nitrogen fertilizer as plants are growing to give them an extra boost. Done correctly, sidedressing can improve vegetable, fruit and flower production. This will be especially important this year in areas that have received excessive rainfall as nitrogen has likely been lost. Gregg lists the crop, the amount of fertilizer needed, and suggested time of application. Rates are given for ammonium sulfate, urea and blood meal. You may find the chart at http://tinyurl.com/hxtgres (Ward Upham)

Continue reading about Mulching Tomatoes and the rest of the Horticulture Newsletter HERE.

Video of the Month:

*When to Fertilize Your Lawn*
Suddenly In Charge

Has your Tween or Teen been left suddenly in charge of their younger siblings or family friend? K-State Research and Extension has developed a new Program to help address this concern and provide safe and engaging activities for young caregivers.

Grilling Safety

As the days get longer and temperature gets warmer, grilling season starts to fire up. Make sure your family stays safe while grilling by following these quick steps.

Mental Health

Check out this short exercise to help you become grounded by shifting the focus of your brain to the present and away from thoughts of worry or stress.

Family and Consumers Podcast, Building Resilience

EZ Does It Video Recipe of the Month: Beef Supper
Extension Cares
Looking for some quick information for your family? Check out our YouTube Series, Extension Cares!

You Asked It!
This is a monthly newsletter published by K-State Research and Extension's Rapid Response Center with news articles based on questions received, current food safety issues, or information based on the time of the year.

Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe
This newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of K-State Research and Extension and University of Missouri Extension to provide information on safe food preservation.

May/June Newsletter

June Newsletter
Attention: Fair Volunteers
Sign up at the following links to help with the Marion County Fair!

Superintendent Sign-Up
Assistant Sign-Up

County Fair Entries
All County Fair Projects will be pre-entered on our Fair Entry site. When the site goes live, we will send a link to complete your entries.

All projects have to be pre-entered by July 6th at 11:59 PM.

NO late entries will be accepted!

2020 Commissioner Gift Baskets
Goessel Goal Getters
Peabody Achievers
Tampa Triple T’s
South Cottonwood
Lincolnville Wide Awake

*More information to come!

2020 Fair Season
Thank you for being patient with us as we navigate and plan for the Tri-County Fair and Marion County Fair! We are finalizing the updated schedule and will be releasing information soon!

Save the Date
Tri-County Fair: July 9th-11th
Marion County Fair: July 20th-25th

State Livestock Nominations due June 15
All small livestock and commercial heifer state nominations (non-market beef) are due June 15. This includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats. Both state shows now have a breeding doe show. However, there is not a separate division for registered breeding does at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated in order to be eligible to show. The 2020 nomination information has been distributed to county offices and may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website. The 2020 Declaration and Specie Nomination Forms MUST be used for nominations to be accepted. All families are encouraged to use the specie checklist as a guide to ensure their nominations are complete upon submission. Continue learning more here.
YQCA Training

‘Youth for Quality Care of Animals’

All youth 8 and older participating in livestock projects, will need to participate in YQCA Training annually online course.

Find a course online at www.yqca.org

Style Revue Committee Zoom
Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 PM

Livestock Exhibitors/Families Zoom
Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 PM

4-H Council Zoom
Monday, June 8 at 7:00 PM

True Leaders Grow Here

Wish to learn more about 4-H Projects? Check out our YouTube Series, True Leaders Grow Here! Each Video highlights a Marion County 4-H Member and their Project!

Check them out here!

Be sure to check out the Marion County 4-H Update