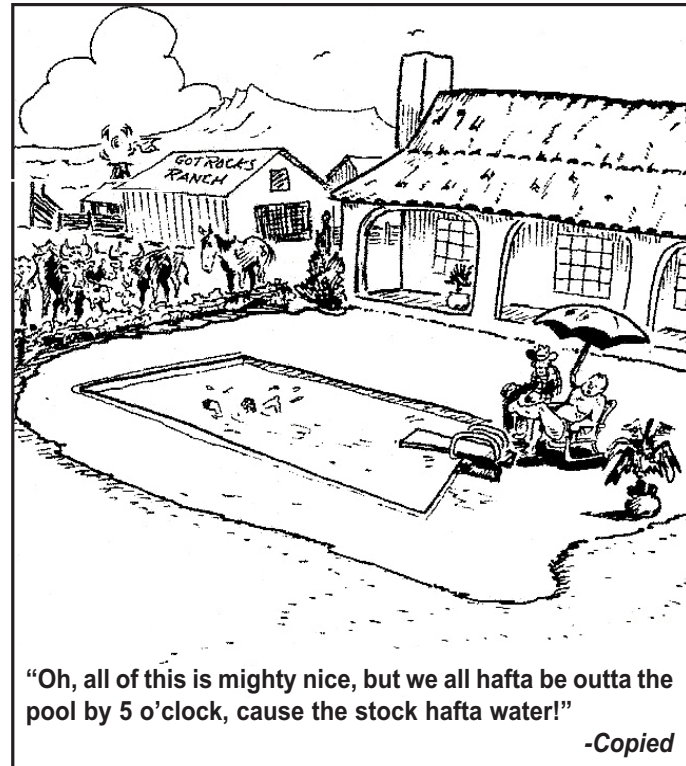


Upcoming Events

- July 20 MGCA Picnic
Pippin's Lake House
Culloden
- July 24 All American Beef
Battalion Steak Feed
Fort Benning
- July 26-28 GCA Summer Conference
Callaway Gardens,
Pine Mountain
- August 1 Grand Opening
Farmers Livestock Market
Thomaston, GA
12:00 Noon
- August 6 Hay Field Day 9am - 4pm
County Line Farms,
Culloden
- August 8 Winter Grazing School
10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Lunch
Upson County
Extension Office, Thomaston
- Sept 4-6 Upson County Farm Tour
- Sept 12 MGCA Membership Meeting
7:00 pm Forsyth
T G Scott Elementary School
- Sept 21-22 Buggy Days Festival
- Sept 20-22 Inman Farm Heritage Days
Minter Farm, Fayetteville
- Oct 15-17 Sunbelt Ag Expo
Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh, all of this is mighty nice, but we all hafta be outta the pool by 5 o'clock, cause the stock hafta water!"

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Scholarship Time

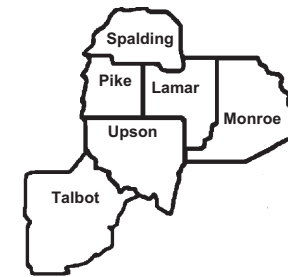
The Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's board is looking for 2013 High School Seniors to apply for the 2013 Harvey and Fred Greene Memorial Scholarship. There will be a \$2000 scholarship awarded by the Harvey and Fred Greene Families and the Monroe County Cattlemen.

The applicant's parent or guardian needs to have been a MGCA member for at least 2 years. The deadline is August 1st and should be submitted to Wade Hutcheson by this date. To receive a complete set of rules and application, contact Wade Hutcheson at 770-467-4225 or hutch@uga.edu., your county agent or visit our website at www.MGCAonline.com.

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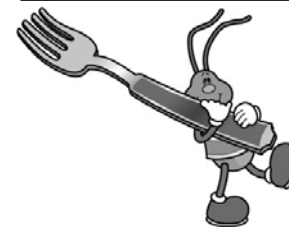
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MGCA FAMILY PICNIC

Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Family Picnic
Saturday, July 20th 6:30 pm.

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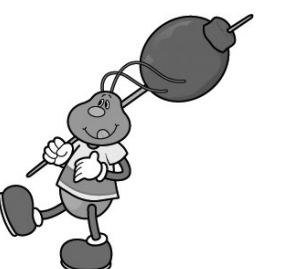
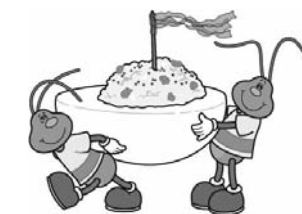
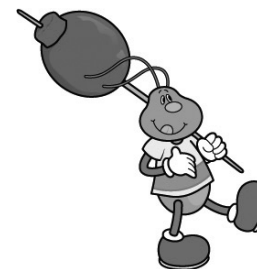
We will eat at 7:00 pm.

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Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

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You are welcome to come early to fish.



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From Forsyth: Take Highway 83 south and go past Monroe County Hospital...

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From Griffin and Barnesville:

Take Highway 341 south...go approximately 7-8 miles... go past golf course...
take first paved road to left... which is Forsyth -Yatesville RD...
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12 ounces grilled beef steak, cut into slices
3 cups fresh baby spinach
1/2 large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
4 medium whole wheat tortillas (8 to 10-inch
diameter)

Chimichurri Sauce:

1 cup fresh parsley leaves
2 cloves garlic
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

1. Place parsley and garlic in food processor or blender container. Cover; process until finely chopped. Add oil, vinegar and salt; process just until blended.
2. Spread each tortilla evenly with Chimichurri Sauce, leaving 1/4-inch border around edge. Top with equal amounts spinach, bell pepper slices and beef slices on top two-thirds of tortilla. Fold bottom of tortilla up over filling. Fold right and left sides to center overlapping edges; secure with wooden picks; if desired.



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Thanks, Bob Nash and Cynthia and Steve Douglas

Keep the Summer Heat from Turning Deadly

Watching a thermometer blow its top may be funny in a cartoon, but for many Georgians, that mercury-boiling heat is all too real, and it can be dangerous.

Adjusting to extreme temperatures takes time. Those who work in air-conditioned offices or homes all week may be hit hard by summer heat. The body needs to adapt to levels of work and heat. As it does, it improves the stability of the circulatory system and the balance of salt in the body.

To adjust, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension specialists say schedule your most active times outdoors in the early morning or very late, just before dark. Noon is often considered the hottest time, but it's usually hottest in mid to late afternoon.

Intense heat leads to hyperthermia, with a range of symptoms including dizziness, rapid heartbeat, diarrhea, nausea, cramps, headache, intense weakness, breathing difficulty and mental changes. Another sign is an inability to sweat, which leads to a vicious cycle of worsening symptoms.

A person who is accustomed to the heat has better control of his or her body temperature and heart rate and is able to

sweat more.

True Southerners are better prepared to handle intense heat because most housing has air conditioning or at least fans for cooling. But many people are still at risk.

The best way to get adjusted is to take the heat in small doses. When the temperature climbs to 95 degrees, UGA experts offer the following tips for preventing heat-related illnesses:

- Restrict gardening to 40 minutes with a break of 20 minutes.
- Drink enough water to replace body fluid lost through sweating. Water or fruit juices replace fluids quickly.
- Take breaks in a shaded or air-conditioned place whenever possible.
- Check the temperature and humidity hourly.
- Design work so one task can be done in the sun and the next in the shade.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Check the label on your medications for sun exposure information. Many drugs, including cold and allergy medications containing antihistamines, increase the risk of heat illness.

UGA specialists say you can't trust your senses when it comes to your body's need for water.

Website

Check out your MGCA website. Our association is creating the MGCA website for you to use in keeping up with events, links to articles and other websites, educational information, information about your association and much more. We have entered the modern technology world. If you have any upcoming events or ideas for your site, send a message to midgacattlemen@yahoo.com or leave a comment at the website. So go to www.MGCAonline.com and check it out. Thanks Ray for getting this project started!



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RAY BRUMBELEE

MGCA PRESIDENT

It's that time of year when the days are long and everything is green and growing, so it must be summertime. For many of us, our youth was spent growing up on a farm in the summertime and enjoying fishing and swimming in the farm pond or creek. Many times the swimming was the result of either the fish not biting or us getting too close to the water and slipping. So far this year, we have been blessed with timely rain to replenish our ponds and creeks and the rains have provided our pastures and hay fields with moisture for a great growing season.

On a patriotic note, America recently observed Memorial Day in remembrance of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have in America. In July, Americans will celebrate Independence Day on the Fourth for the birth and liberation of America. To honor today's troops, the Mid-GA Cattlemen and Cattlewomen will say thank you by providing soldiers and their families with a beef meal on Wednesday July 24th at Ft. Benning. Please make plans to take part in honoring our troops at the Feed the Troops Beef Battalion at Fort Benning, GA.

The MGCA celebrated Beef Month in June by greeting consumers at local supermarkets and by passing out recipe booklets and fact sheets on the benefits of beef. We submitted articles to the local newspapers to make the public aware of how important the beef industry is to the state of Georgia and how beef is part of a healthy diet. Thank you to

everyone who helped make Hamburger Day at Akins Farm and Home in Barnesville a success. Thank you to Akins Farm and Home for allowing the MGCA to grill and hand out hamburgers as part of our promotion for Beef Month in June.

Some important dates to mark on your calendar are July 26-28 for the GCA 3rd Annual Summer Conference at Callaway Gardens. This year's conference is being called "Boots and Butterflies". There will be many different events ranging from a presentation by Yon Family Farms to a Sporting Clay Tournament and delicious evening dinners. It would be great to have a large contingent from the MGCA members since the conference is so close to our area. Everyone needs a weekend get-a-way and the Summer Conference at Callaway Gardens is a great venue for it. For more information or to register go online to www.gabeef.org. August 6th is the date for the Hay Field Day at County Line Farm south of Barnesville Ga. put on by the Upson County Extension Service. September 4-6 the Upson County Farm Tour will be traveling to western Tennessee.

Finally, mark your calendar for another really important weekend, September 20-22, for the Buggy Days Festival in Barnesville GA and Inman Farm Heritage Days between Fayetteville and Griffin GA. The MGCA will be grilling and serving those mouth watering Ribeye Steak Sandwiches at Buggy Days and Heritage Days. This year will be the first time that MGCA has had a booth at Heritage Days. Since both events are on the same weekend, we need all the help from our members that we can get! Make sure to sign up at the Summer Picnic, at the Monroe County meeting, or contact a MGCA Director. The money that the MGCA raises this important weekend goes to fund all our beef promotions, charitable donations, and functions that MGCA does throughout the entire year. Don't forget to use our website www.MGCAonline.com to keep up with all the events and

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Horn Fly

The horn fly is one on the most important blood feeding pests of pastured cattle in the United States. Losses in the United States have been estimated at about \$800 million annually.

When horn fly numbers are high, cattle experience annoyance and blood loss (see image at right, click on image for larger view). The result may be decreased milk production, reduced weight gains, changes in grazing patterns and bunching of animals. Significant reduction in calf weaning weights is well documented. Nebraska studies demonstrated calf weaning weights were 10 to 20 pound higher when horn flies were controlled on cows. In addition, horn flies have been implicated in the spread of mastitis.

The economic injury level (EIL) for horn flies is 200 per animal and population numbers of several thousand of flies can often be observed during the summer.

The horn fly is a blood feeding fly that is located on the shoulders, back and belly region of cattle, they take some 20 to 30 blood meals per day and the only time they leave an animal is when the female deposits eggs in fresh cow manure. The complete life cycle, egg to adult, can be completed in 10 to 20 days during warm conditions. In Nebraska, where we typically have several generations during the summer, horn fly populations can reach very high levels.

Control

Horn fly control for pastured cattle involves different

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Force-use, self-treatment devices, such as dust bags and back-rubbers (oilers), provide effective and economical fly control. Studies have shown that horn fly control is 25-50 percent less using free-choice methods.

Animal sprays can be an effective way on reducing horn fly numbers. Drawbacks with animal sprays are increased cattle handling, cost, and added stress to the cattle during the fly-season.

Oral larvicides and insect growth regulators (IGR) prevent horn fly larvae from developing into adults. These can be delivered to cattle as loose mineral, mineral blocks or tubs. To be effective cattle must consume a specified amount of product per day. Proximity to untreated cattle and inadequate consumption by cattle are two factors that can contribute to poor fly control.

Pour-on insecticides are ready-to-use formulations applied along the back line of cattle. Although pour-ons will control flies for short periods, the stress in cattle in using this method may offset the benefits of the fly control.

Insecticide impregnated ear tags contain one or more insecticides embedded in a plastic matrix. To achieve the maximum performance from an insecticide ear tag, two tags per animal are required, and delaying ear tagging until June 1st will provide a producer with the greatest degree of horn fly control. A livestock producer in Nebraska can expect 12 to 14 weeks of horn fly control if the aforementioned methods are utilized.

Face Flies

The face fly is a robust fly that superficially resembles the house fly. It is a nonbiting fly that feeds on animal secretions, nectar, and dung liquids. Adult female face flies

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The GCA Summer Conference will be held at Callaway Gardens from July 26-28th and all members are encouraged to attend.

Agents Reports-

Wes Smith discussed the upcoming Calhoun HERD sale on May 29th and the Reproductive Workshop the night before. There will be a fund raiser for the Ted Dyer Memorial at the sale, with semen packages, etc. being auctioned.

Hay samples need to be submitted to your local Extension office.

There will be a Hay Field Day on August 6th at the Pippin farm in Lamar County.

There will be a Winter Grazing meeting on August 30th

The MGCA Farm Tour will be held on September 4-6th.

There will be a Sprayer Calibration Clinic some time in September.

Dr. Robert Cobb, State Veterinarian, presented a program on Animal Disease Traceability and Livestock ID.

Josh White, GCA Executive VP presented information on the successful legislative effort this year by GCA and other news about the association. The Statewide Beef Checkoff was passed, the Extension Animal Scientist position at Calhoun was restored and funding for the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Tifton were restored. He also discussed the Summer Conference and the proposed Young Producers Council to be formed.

The program was sponsored by United Bank.

The next Directors' meeting will be on June 13th, location to be determined.

The next Membership meeting will be the annual Summer Picnic in Lamar County.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Rodney Hilley

MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

JUNE 13, 2013

BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

President Ray Brumeloe called the meeting to order.

Danny Bentley gave the invocation.

The May membership meeting minutes were read by Cynthia Douglas in the absence of Rodney Hilley. Minutes were approved as read.

Tom Freeman gave the Financial Report and it was accepted as presented.

GCA News: Ray reported that Rodney wanted to remind everyone about the GCA Summer Meeting, Building Fundraiser, and the Region Round-up. He asked for someone to represent our chapter at the Region Meeting in Perry on September 12.

CattleWomen's Report: Cynthia Douglas discussed Hamburger Day at Akins on June 15th. Anyone that can assist needs to be there at 10:30. She updated the board on the All American Beef Battalion Feed to be held on July 24th at Fort Benning. Anyone interested in going, please let Ray or Cynthia know. She reported that she had the Mid-Georgia T-shirts. The cattlemen bought extra and they are for sell for \$10.00. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

June BEEF Month: Ray reported that news releases were printed in Pike, Spalding and Monroe County newspapers. Pike County members will be at Freshway Foods on Saturday, June 22 to distribute beef recipes and brochures. Butch Copelan reported that Monroe County had set up displays at Forsyth Feed and Seed, Country Oaks, and the Farm Bureau Office.

Old Business:

The Greene Scholarship was discussed and Butch Copelan reported that the Monroe County Cattlemen's Association

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was contributing \$1000.00 to the association to use as a scholarship in memory of Fred Greene. Tom Freeman stated that we had enough funds in the Harvey Greene Scholarship to fund \$1000.00 to continue the Harvey Greene Scholarship. Motion and second to present the Harvey and Fred Greene Memorial Scholarship using the same rules already established. Motion passed and Ray appointed a committee of Shane Eason, Norma Sword, Butch Copelan and Janet Greuel to work with Wade Hutcheson. Applications are due to Wade Hutcheson by August 1st.

Ray reminded members to check out the Mid-Georgia website MGCAonline.com. It has been updated and he asked for any suggestions.

Ray asked for any suggestions for raising funds for the GCA Kitchen and Lobby Renovation. It was mentioned that Harris Brantley had donated a calf, Greuel Family Farm and the Upson County Farm Bureau have made contributions. It was suggested that we pass the hat at the picnic and at all membership meetings. Wes Smith made the motion that the \$300 that SunSouth had given to the association for cooking hotdogs go to this project. Motion passed.

New Business:

Ray discussed the possibility of selling ribeye steak sandwiches at Inman Heritage Days on September 20-22. It is the same weekend as Buggy Days. Shane and Betts Eason volunteered to head up this event. They will work with Buggy Day committee and work out the details.

Spalding County Fair exhibit was discussed. Motion and second but was tabled due to lack of vote.

Ray reminded the board about GCA Summer Conference July 26-28 at Callaway Gardens. Anyone attending the conference needs to sign up online or contact the GCA office.

Junior Field Day will be held on July 11 in Perry.

Registration is due by June 25th.

MGCA Summer Picnic will be held on July 20th at the Pippin's Lake House. Games and other activities will be planned. We can have a skeet shoot.

County Agent Reports:

Butch Copelan reported that they had a Legislative Breakfast in Monroe County.

Wade Hutcheson sent word to be alert for Fescue toxicities, Bermudagrass maggots, and other problems related to hay and grass issues.

Wes Smith mentioned the following dates of events: August 6 – Hay Field Day at County Line Farms; August 30 – Winter Grazing School at Upson County Extension Office and cost is \$5.00; Farm Tour will travel to west Tennessee on September 4-6. Call Upson County Extension Office to register for these activities.

Ray thanked everyone for their help and reminded everyone that the next membership meeting will be at Sauney and Geraldine's Lake House on July 20th.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Cynthia Douglas

All American Beef Battalion Steak Feed

Many of our members will be assisting with the steak feed at Fort Benning on July 24th. We will be serving a steak meal to soldiers and their families. We will be traveling to Fort Benning to join other cattlemen and cattlemen as we say thank you to our soldiers.

If you would like to attend, let Ray or Cynthia know so we can put your name on the list. We hope to be taking a van load.



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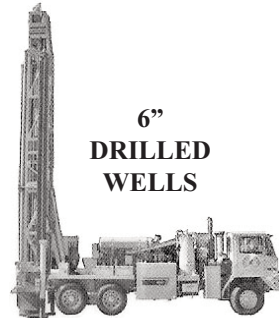
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Beefing Up Farm Day

The Upson-Lee FFA students discussed beef and raising cattle at the Upson County Farm Day. Over 1400 students and teachers visited the exhibits to learn more about where their food and fiber come from. Carolyn Williams exhibited the heifer that she showed this year and discussed beef and by-products. Two members talked with the students about what's in a hamburger and where it comes from.





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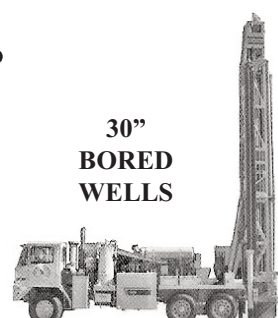
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2nd Annual Forage Conference

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You can visit the following website and look at educational power points and articles used at this event. So check out this site: <http://www.georgiaforages.com>



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news of the Mid-GA Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's Association.

The Mid-GA Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's Association is made up of local cattlemen and cattlemen in a six county area of middle Georgia. The Association promotes the beef industry, assists the youth in cattle activities, and informs the public of the many varieties of healthy beef meals. The dedication and devotion of the members and directors of one of the largest chapters in the state of Georgia is a true testament to the beliefs that our cattlemen and cattlemen have about the cattle industry. For some of us, we run cattle as a side job and for others it is our main occupation. Nevertheless, we all enjoy the lifestyle of raising cattle. I want to encourage all members of the MGCA to invite a non-member to come to one of our upcoming meetings or to join the MGCA so that they too can see all the things that the MGCA and GCA does to promote the cattle industry. Our next meeting will be the Summer Picnic on July 20 at County Line Farm near Culloden GA. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Ray

**MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 9, 2013
BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA**

President Ray Brumbeloe called the meeting to order. Tom Freeman led the Invocation. Tom Freeman gave the Financial Report-Approved as presented. The minutes as published in the Bull Sheet were approved. Ray thanked the Lamar County Directors for putting the

meeting together.

Cattlewomen's Report – Cynthia Douglas

The Cattlewomen assisted with the recent Farm Day in Upson County.

Will be working with Akins Farm and Home to serve hamburgers to customers on June 15th from 11:00 to 1:00. Anyone that can help, please be there at 10:30 a.m.

We will be helping with feeding steaks at Fort Benning on July 24th along with the All American Beef Battalion. Anyone willing to go and help, please let someone know.

All Bull Sheet ads are being renewed and a couple of new ones have been picked up.

Old Business

Ray mentioned that the GCA tour is full. He also discussed the new association website and asked for any ideas or information to put on it.

New Business

The Harvey Greene Scholarship is not funded for this year, so the Board of Directors will look into ways to possibly fund it.

Ray reminded everyone that June is BEEF month in Georgia and encouraged each county to do something to promote Beef.

GCA is in the process of raising funds to remodel and expand the GCA building in Macon. MGCA will be looking into ways to raise money to help support that effort. Individual contributions are also welcome.

Mid-Georgia T-Shirts are being sold but all orders must be in by May 15th.

Ray mentioned that SB97 has been signed by the Governor, allowing for a vote by all cattlemen on the statewide Beef Checkoff.

Ray mentioned that the Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge will be held at UGA in Athens on June 21-22, 2013 for anyone interested. It is available to anyone from 9th



typically cluster around the animals' eyes, mouth, and muzzle, causing extreme annoyance.

In addition to being very annoying to cattle, face flies vector *Moraxella bovis*, the principal causal agent of bovine pinkeye or infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis. Pinkeye is a highly contagious inflammation of the cornea and conjunctiva of cattle. If coupled with the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) virus, *M. bovis* can cause a much more severe inflammatory condition.

Control

Controlling face fly numbers is a key to reducing pink-eye problems. Because face flies are on animals for only short time periods they are difficult to control.

Fly control methods described in the discussion of the horn fly can be used against the face fly. Insecticide ear tags, if used according to label recommendations, provide a higher degree of face fly control. Both cows and calves must be treated if control is to be achieved.

In respect to pink-eye vaccines, commercial and autogenous pinkeye vaccines are available. Please check with a local veterinarian about the use of these products in a specific geographical area.

Stable Flies on Pastured Cattle

Stable flies are pests of cattle on pastures in the Midwest. Stable flies mainly feed on the legs of cattle. To avoid being bitten, animals stomp their feet and switch their tails. Other avoidance behaviors include standing in water, lying with legs tucked underneath and bunching at the corners of pastures.

The effect of stable flies on weight gain performance of pastured cattle is similar to that of livestock in confined operations. Research conducted at the University of Nebraska, West Central Research & Extension Center recorded a reduction in average daily gain of 0.44 lb per

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head per day in 84-day trials compared to cattle that received an insecticide application. The economic threshold of five flies per leg is easily exceeded in Nebraska pasture conditions.

The female fly deposits eggs in spoiled or fermenting organic matter mixed with animal manure, moisture and dirt. The most common breeding sites are in feedlots or dairy lots, usually around feed bunks, along the edges of feeding aprons, under fences and along stacks of hay, alfalfa and straw. Grass clippings and poorly managed compost piles also may be stable fly breeding areas. Winter hay feeding sites where hay rings are used can often be a source for stable fly development through the summer if the proper amount of moisture is present.

Control

The only adult management option available for control of stable flies on range cattle is use of animal sprays. These products can be applied using a low pressure sprayer or can be applied with a mist blower sprayer. Weekly applications of these products will be required to achieve reduction in fly numbers. Sanitation or clean-up of wasted feed at winter feeding sites may reduce localized fly development. If sanitation is not possible these sites may be treated with a larvicide (Neporex®). However, the implementation of either procedure may not reduce the economic impact of stable fly feeding.

May 2013 <http://beef.unl.edu/web/cattleproduction/controllingflies>

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Do You Need A Conservation Plan?

Carmen Westerfield, District Conservationist

As I have been looking through the various farm magazines and publications in the last few months, I noticed more articles on "taking land out of retirement" or cropping acres that were in CRP (conservation reserve program). I didn't think much about it at first, until I started noticing some areas around here that had always been in pasture now have soybeans on them. I haven't thought much about conservation compliance since my "row crop" days in Brooks County where highly erodible cropland was a big workload.

Why think about it now? As farmers start thinking about bringing out the planters and drills for soybeans, cotton and corn, they need to remember sodbuster and conservation compliance provisions of the Farm Bill. Conservation compliance provisions were written in the first farm bill in 1985. This was the first legislation to tie program benefits to conservation.

Compliance Provisions Explained:

The Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance Provisions were established by Congress in the 1985 Farm Bill, with amendments in 1990, 1996, and 2002.

The purpose of these provisions is to remove certain incentives to produce agricultural commodities on highly erodible land, unless the highly erodible land is protected from excessive soil erosion.

Definitions:

Agricultural Commodity:

For conservation compliance purposes, agricultural commodities are defined as any commodity planted and

produced by annual tilling of the soil, including tilling by one-trip planters.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL):

For land to be considered highly erodible, potential erosion must be equal to or greater than eight times the rate at which the soil can sustain productivity. Potential erosion is defined based on certain soil loss factors. A field will be considered highly erodible if either one-third or more of the field is highly erodible, or if the highly erodible land in the field totals 50 acres or more. It is based on the soil type, and in the piedmont, any field with slopes greater than 2% will be highly erodible. (that means basically all of them)

HEL Requirements:

To maintain certain USDA benefits and program eligibility, fields designated as highly erodible (HEL) must be protected from excessive soil erosion when used to produce agricultural commodities, by applying an approved conservation system that is written into an APPROVED CONSERVATION PLAN.

USDA Benefits Affected:

The loss of certain USDA benefits as a result of non-compliance with the HEL provisions applies to all farms in which the participant has an interest (Cross-Compliance). Benefits subject to compliance provisions include but are not limited to, the following:

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CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

Thanks ladies for helping promote Beef Month! We had a great time at Akins serving hamburgers to customers on Father's Day weekend. We served 150 hamburgers and distributed beef brochures and stickers. Our group also had other events going on during the month. The Pike County group gathered at Freshway Grocery Store and distributed beef brochures. Monroe County set up three exhibits to promote beef.

It's never too early to start planning for September events. The third weekend, September 21 and 22, will be very busy with us doing two ribeye steak booths. We will be at Buggy Days and Inman Days. We will need helpers at both events, so mark your calendar.

Get the family ready for our July Picnic to be held on July 20th at the Pippin's Lake House in Lamar County. Geraldine and Sauney Pippin have graciously invited us back to have our July meeting. Please bring one of your favorite dishes or desserts to share. We will be having an evening of fun and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors and don't forget the kids and grandkids.

Our sympathy goes out to the Ruth Markham family. Ruth passed away in May at Riverside Nursing Home. Ruth served as an officer on the first Georgia CowBelles' Auxiliary. Ruth and Jim were very active in the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen and CattleWomen's Associations. See you at the picnic! Cynthia

People who are late are often happier than those who have to wait for them.

Extension News

Wes Smith, Upson County Extension Office

Middle Georgia Hay Field Day

The Extension offices in Upson and Lamar Counties will hold the second Middle GA Hay Field Day on Tuesday, August 6th at County Line Farms located in Lamar County. This year we will have several hay equipment dealers, as well as various other vendors, participating in Field Day. Field Day will begin at 9:00 am with several programs. Dennis Hancock will be presenting a program about quality haylage production. There will also be a program about quality hay production presented by other members of the UGA Forage Team. We will give 1 hour pesticide credit to attendees. Lunch will be served to everyone.

Farm Tour

Want to see beef cattle production in West Tennessee? If so, come be a part of our Annual Farm Tour. The Farm Tour will be September 4th-6th, 2013 and will include touring Shady Brook Angus, a commercial producer, visiting Milan Experiment Station and Milan Ag Museum, a U-Pick Strawberries operation that grows pumpkin behind the strawberries, and Ames Plantation. The cost of attending the Farm Tour is \$175 per person. Please call us at (706) 647-8989 or come by the Upson County Extension Office to register by August 15, 2013.

Winter Grazing

We will hold the Annual Winter Grazing meeting on Friday, August 30, 2013 in the Upson County Extension Office. Dennis Hancock and Patrick McCullough will be presenting the latest news on Winter Grazing. Attendees will also receive 1 hour of pesticide credit. The cost is \$5 per person. Payment will be taken at the meeting.

Calendar

August 6th	Hay Field Day	County Line Farm
August 30th	Winter Grazing	
September	Sprayer Calibration	



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BEEF MONTH

The Mid-Georgia members teamed up with several businesses in our area to promote BEEF Month. First thing, our president Ray Brumbeloe wrote an article for local newspapers to publish. A large group of members gathered at Akins Farm and Home in Barnesville and gave away 150 hamburgers to customers. The ladies stayed busy distributing hamburgers and brochures while the men kept the hamburgers grilled.

The Pike County team spent several hours at Freshway Food store visiting with customers. They provided consumers with beef recipes. The Monroe County group set up three BEEF exhibits at local businesses in Forsyth. Recipes were placed at the I orthside Superette in Thomaston.

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