

Upcoming Events

Sept 9-11	Upson County Farm Tour
Sept 10	MGCA Membership Meeting 7 pm Forsyth
Sept 15	Sprayer Calibration Workshop Race Track Rd, The Rock 10 am & 3 pm
Sept 15	Hay Contest samples due
Sept 19 & 20	Barnesville Buggy Days Ribeye Steak Sandwiches
Oct 8	MGCA Directors' Meeting Sale Barn Café, Thomaston
Oct 8-18	GA National Fair, Perry
Oct 20 – 22	SunBelt Expo, Moultrie
Oct 23-24	YCC Shortcourse, Tifton
Oct 23	Lemmon Cattle Enterprises Fall Bull Sale Woodbury
Nov 12	Ladies' Night Thomaston –Upson Civic Center

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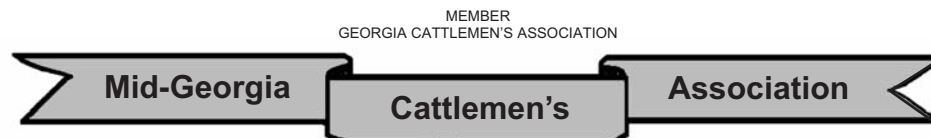
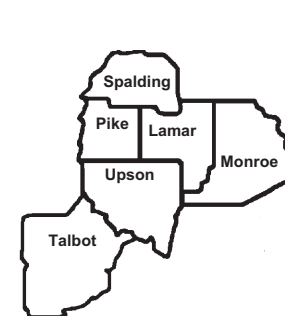
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MGCA Scholarship Needs Funds

The Board of Directors are seeking ways to continue funding the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Scholarship. If you have any ideas to help fund the scholarship or want to donate a heifer or monetary contribution, please contact a board member, officer, Roger & Janet Greuel or Wade Hutcheson. We would appreciate any support to assist our youth.



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MGCA September Membership Meeting Monroe County September 10, 2015 7:00 pm

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- 8 leaves green leaf lettuce

Directions:

Spread cheese evenly over one side of each tortilla; top
each with 1/4 cup shredded carrots and 1/4 cup Jack
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present and field weed history. In transition from Bermuda to fescue this process may require multiple herbicide applications and additional prep time.


Success is higher when new pastures are planted into prepared seedbeds that are uniform being pulverized, level, and free of soil clods and debris. This will result in precise seed placement.

General establishment guidelines are found at www.georgiaforages.com/establishment and include this on planting equipment: “Forages that require shallow seed placement (0-1/2 inch) require planters with capacity for precision seed placement. Cultipacker-seeders and drills with some seed depth control device are usually best for small seeded species. Broadcasting of small seeded species can be successful if there is a good mulch cover or a cultipacker is used to cover and firm the surface soil afterwards. Broadcasting followed by light disking is risky and can result in seed covered too deeply. If broadcasting is used, the seeding rate should be increased 15-25 percent to help compensate for seed placed too deep for emergence. For small seeded forage species, the cultipacker-seeder is generally superior to the drill for getting good stands.”

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Keep in mind these were brief, general guidelines. Success will depend on many factors and you should carefully consider your goals, options and methods. Situations farm to farm vary greatly. Plan and plant with your goals in mind.

Here’s to greener grass in your pastures.

SCHEDULE:

Sprayer calibration, Sept 15, Trice Farm, 10 am or 3 pm one or the other. One hour pesticide credit.

Hay Contest Samples due to local agents, Sept 15.

Agroforestry & Wildlife Field Day, UGA Griffin Campus, Sept 17. Registration and details:
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Spalding County Fair, Oct 9-17.

Sunbelt AG Expo, Oct 20-22, Moultrie GA.



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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

DANNY BENTLEY
MGCA PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Again this summer, I have been through all six of our counties in the Mid-GA Association, mostly on our beautiful back roads, where the majority of our cattle producers are. Most of us have had some five to six weeks of dry weather while others have had spots of rain. As I write this article, we have finally had three inches in the last five days. I hope you have as well. There’s nothing more beautiful than our rolling hills when they are lush green and filled with cattle that are still bringing a premium!

If I had a title for this letter, it would be, “Speak up for the Cattle Industry”. Activists speak up every day against eating beef, usually with no foundation to their claim. I recently read a story that stated how good we were at telling our story to each other. That hit me hard because of the truth of it. It’s easy to preach to the choir and ignore the general public, but they need their concerns answered by us, not the other side! In October, we will all have chances to present our story to the public, by volunteering to work at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, October 8-18. Hundreds will actually stop and ask you questions. You will learn and they will also. October 20-22 we will have a chance to work with GCA & GBB at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie. Last year, Rachel and I worked a day there and loved every minute of it. While there you also

have a chance to share with fellow cattlemen from all over the Southeast.

In closing, we appreciate those that use the website to respond to Attendance to Membership meetings. It is also a good source of information.

Hope to see you in Monroe County for our September meeting.

Sincerely,
Danny

**MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 18, 2015
LAMAR COUNTY**

President Danny Bentley led the invocation and called the meeting to order.

The minutes as published in the Bull Sheet were approved.

Tom Freeman was not present, so no Financial report was given.

GCA Report-Rodney Hilley

The GCA membership is still growing and the goal is now 6000 members.

Cattlemen’s Report – Cynthia Douglas

Cynthia and Janet Greuel attended an “Ag In The Classroom” training and Cynthia discussed all of the good instruction received.

Cynthia thanked all for the help at the recent activities, including the Conservation Reserve Steak Feeding in Fayette County and Beef Day at Akins.



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She said that the Cattlewomen will meet at the September meeting in Monroe County to make plans for the following year.

Applicants are needed for the new MGCA Queen, who will be announced at the November meeting.

GCA will need help at their fall activities, including the Georgia National Fair and Sunbelt Expo. Anyone interested in helping, please contact the GCA office.

The Buggy Days committee will be meeting in the near future to make plans for this year's event.

New Business

The GCA Regional Roundup for this area will be held at the GCA office in Macon on August 25th. All members are invited to attend.

The GCA Summer Conference will be held at St. Simons Island on July 23-25th.

The Upson Farm Tour will be going to East Tennessee on September 9-11th. Anyone interested in going should contact the Upson Extension Office. Cost is \$175, which covers motel and transportation.

Danny discussed the nomination process for next year's officers. Ray Brumbeloe will be the Chairman of that committee since he is the past president.

Buggy Days will be held on September 19-20th in Barnesville. Any help will be appreciated.

Phil Ham announced that the September membership meeting will be held on the 10th and will feature Beef Brisket.

Old Business

The Feed the Troops event for this year has been cancelled. Discussion was held about doing something locally for military personnel.

County Agent Reports-Wade Hutcheson

Wade stated that there had been no stem maggot or army worm problems reported for this area so far.

The Hay Field Day will be held on August 4th at County Line Farms, beginning at 8:30.

A Small Grains Field Day will be held on August 13th from 9 a.m. till noon at Trice Farms in Upson County.

A Winter Grazing Meeting will be held on August 25th at the Upson Extension office. Cost is \$5.00

A Cool Season Forage Establishment meeting will be held on August 25th at the Spalding Extension office, beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00.

An Agro-Forestry and Wildlife Field Day will be held on September 17th in Spalding County.

Wade announced that Wes Smith has been elected Treasurer of the National County Agents Association.

The next Directors' meeting will be August 13th at Farmers Livestock in Upson County.

The next Membership meeting will be September 10th in Monroe County.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Rodney Hilley

Approved 8-13-15

MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2015

THOMASTON, GEORGIA

President Danny Bentley called the meeting to order and introduced Lewis and Kathy Rice, who will be purchasing the Farmers Livestock Market on September 3rd. After introducing their family and making a few comments on how they want to work with the cattlemen, the Rice's excused themselves from the meeting.



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and social considerations as documented locally in the Field Office Technical Guides. The expected outcomes of those effects on natural resource quality, economic needs, and social objectives are then used to help develop and evaluate management alternatives.

The Planning Process

The planning process provides the framework for developing a conservation plan on the basis of client objectives, as well as ecological, economic, social, legal, and policy considerations. Technical, educational, and financial assistance programs from NRCS or other sources are used to implement the plans.

Onsite visits with the client are an integral part of the planning process.

In most instances, conservation plans are developed with an individual decisionmaker.

The planning process used by NRCS is a three-phase, nine-step process. Although the nine steps are shown in sequence, the process is very dynamic.

(1) Phase I – Collection and Analysis (Understanding the Problems and Opportunities)

(i) Step 1 – Identify problems and opportunities

(ii) Step 2 – Determine objectives

(iii) Step 3 – Inventory resources

(iv) Step 4 – Analyze resource data

Again, these steps go hand in hand and are an integral part of the initial field visits. I cannot emphasize enough how much walking through the fields is the backbone of the conservation plan. What does this involve? The first visit, I take a look at the overall farm. I ask questions and listen to the answers. What type of operation is it? Commercial, purebred, small, large, medium – how many cows? How many acres? Where is the water? What is the source of water? Where are the working pens? What is the management style of the farmer? And then, what does the farmer perceive as the

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problems? Is it water and drainage issues around barns? Is it a degraded pond? Lack of water or evenly distributed water? Eroded areas or lack of quality grazing?

I then go back to the office and develop one of the best tools I have – a map. With a map of the overall farm, I go back and then look closely at the resource concerns. With a combination of topo maps, soils maps, and the aerial, I make notes and highlight areas that need work. Looking over the farm, I start analyzing the possible solutions. These solutions or conservation systems include a package of practices – which we call conservation practices. Stay tuned!!

Greener Grass

With fall's arrival approaching most cattlemen are preparing to plant cool season forages either permanent or annual. Keep in mind that establishment techniques can vary depending upon forage species, location, soil type, situation and intended use. Discussed here are general considerations to help insure your establishment efforts pay off.

Tall fescue as a permanent forage and annual ryegrass are predominately used. Other small grains are available including rye, wheat and oats and good results with mixtures are often achieved. Legumes are available for use and should be considered for their many benefits. Consider your grazing system, consult with your Extension Agent and make sound decisions.

Planting dates are September thru October. Soil test to determine lime and fertilizer requirements. A pH of 6.0 - 6.5 is recommended with appropriate applications of N,P, & K pre-plant. Sites should be evaluated for weeds and appropriate control methods applied dependent upon weeds



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not have other forages and/or concentrate in their ration," he says.

Floron Faries, veterinarian at Texas AgriLife Extension Service, says the immature green acorns and immature oak leaves are the problem, as they contain the highest levels of toxins. He says that acorn poisoning occurs most often in September, when acorns are green, and in late winter and early spring, when the leaves are immature and about a third of their normal size. The amount of toxins depends upon the species of oak tree.

Acorn poisoning is generally not a whole-herd problem, Faries says. A few cows like the taste of the green acorns and look for them up limbs. Low quantities of forage can also drive cattle to eat acorns. While it may not be a herd-wide problem, acorn poisoning can potentially be deadly.

What are the signs?

Gallotannin in the acorn is metabolized in the rumen into tannic acid and gallic acid, explains Sam Barringer, Extension veterinarian at West Virginia University. The tannic acid causes ulceration in the mouth, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract, and is especially toxic to the renal tubules.

The first symptom of acorn poisoning is blood-tinged diarrhea, which producers often attribute to worms, Faries says. The gallotannins irritate the gastrointestinal tract, so cattle will show abdominal discomfort, appear humpbacked or take short uncomfortable strides while walking. The kidneys may also be inflamed.

If producers don't catch these signs, he warns, the cattle may progress to fast weight loss, though the cattle are generally thin to begin with if they are eating acorns, and difficulty in urination and defecation. The cattle will start looking gaunt; their flanks will pull up, their eyes will appear sunken, and because of dehydration the skin on their neck will stay folded after pinching it between a thumb and

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The subacute or chronic signs, Faries says, involve constipation; firm, black feces that look similar to that of a horse; and intense weakness.

Evans adds that ascites, or fluid in the abdomen, can also occur, along with subcutaneous edema or swelling.

Barringer notes that fast-growing calves on heavy-milking dams are usually the first to show signs because the tannins in oak concentrate in milk.

What are possible treatments?

Unfortunately, there is no antidote for the oak toxin. If the early signs are noticed soon enough, Faries says, cattle supplemented with protein and good-quality hay should recover.

There are a few care options for cattle that show more progressed symptoms. Barringer suggests fluid and electrolyte replacement to keep kidneys operating. He says broad-spectrum antibiotics fight off secondary infections from the ulcers, but avoid gentamicin or other drugs that are metabolized by the kidney. He also suggests using mineral oil to act as a laxative, but little or no toxin is absorbed through it, so multiple doses are ineffective.

Conservation Planning
THE PRACTICAL STEPS
Carmen Westerfield, NRCS District Conservationist

Now that I have covered the policy and the science of planning, lets talk about what planning really is.

So this bears repeating ... conservation planning deals with complete systems, rather than just parts of systems. The expected physical effects of conservation systems and practices are assessed in the context of ecological, economic,

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Tracy Boyt led the Invocation.
There was a motion to accept the July minutes as printed, motion was seconded and carried.

Financial report presented by Tom Freeman, motion made to approve, seconded and approved.

GCA Report-Rodney Hilley

Rodney reported that the recent GCA Summer Conference was a success, with over 250 people registered. The Avian Flu was discussed at the conference and as it stands now, if there is a positive case in the state of Georgia, all livestock with a six (6) mile radius will be under quarantine until the case is cleared.

Also, there was some discussion about the recent GCA magazine article concerning the import of beef from Argentina and Brazil. These concerns are centered around the fact that foot and mouth disease has occurred in these 2 countries.

The upcoming GCA Region Roundup for our area will be held at the GCA office in Macon on August 25th at 6 p.m. and any member is eligible to attend.

The MGCA membership is up 25 members over a year ago.

Rodney stated that GCA will need help from members for its activities at the Georgia National Fair and the Sunbelt Expo in October.

Rodney stated that over 400 Georgia cattlemen are now certified through BQA. Danny Bentley stated that you can get certified through online training or attending a BQA class.

Cattlemen's Report and Bull Sheet-Cynthia Douglas

Cynthia stated the September 14th is the deadline for Cattle Drive applications.

Discussion was held about Ladies' Night in November,

with the Queen contest, Cake auction, awards (Hall of Fame, Producer of the Year, Dr. Sell Award and the Hay contest). Motion was made, seconded and passed to once again have the cake auction.

A Buggy Days committee was appointed, consisting of Tracy Boyt, Jim & Pam Walters, Tom and Marion Freeman, Danny Bentley, Cynthia and Steve Douglas and Rodney Hilley. This committee will meet in the near future.

Tracy Boyt stated that our grill is in bad shape and in need of replacement. Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a new grill for around \$400.

Cynthia reported that she had found a good deal on a new audio system, which is need for meetings, shows, etc. for about \$150. Motion was made, seconded and passed to make the purchase.

Cynthia stated that the GCA membership dues for all Mid-Georgia Junior Showmen had been paid by the MGCA as a way of helping them become active in the state and local associations.

YCC-Bo Huddleston

Bo discussed the upcoming YCC Shortcourse to be held in Tifton on October 23-24th. All GCA members are invited.

A SimAngus bull will be donated and auctioned off with the proceeds going to the YCC.

New Business

Danny Bentley discussed the Nominating Committee and the need for the appointment of new Directors from each county needs to be sent to Ray Brumbeloe as soon as possible. Ray, being the immediate past President is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee according to the associations By-Laws.

Discussion was held about the possibility of allowing

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the directors of each county to appoint a young cattleman to serve with them on the Board of Directors. In order for this to happen, the By-Laws will have to be amended. A committee of Janet Greuel, Tracy Boyt and Cody Ham was appointed to consider this and any other revisions that may be needed.

Cody Ham discussed the conflict of the Upson Farm Tour and the Monroe County membership meeting, both held in September. The idea of possibly moving the Monroe County meeting to July, where it used to be and having the MG picnic later in September was discussed. Cody will discuss this with the Monroe County Directors to see if this will work.

Roger Greuel discussed the outcome of a Farm Bureau Commodity meeting he was at in Athens earlier that day. He said that the Department of Revenue Commissioner stated that the Gate program was going very well, and after study, it was found that the level of abuse was very low.

Bo Huddleston reported that Morgan Moser is now the Ag Teacher at Pike County High School.

County Agent Reports

Wes Smith stated that there will be a Winter Grazing and Small Grain Production workshop in Upson County on August 25th at 10 a.m.

The Upson Farm Tour will take place on September 9th-11th.

A Sprayer Calibration Clinic will be held on September 15th at Trice Farms on Race Track Road

Wade Hutcheson reported that there will be a Cool Season Forage program in Spalding County on August 25th at 7 p.m.

There will be an Egg Candling class in Spalding County on September 3rd.

Wade discussed the scholarship and said that the funds needed to cover all of the currently awarded scholarships

are available, but the next scholarship is not fully funded. Ideas were discussed to possibly raise money for upcoming scholarships.

Josh Rabalais reported that the Upson FFA will be selling Smoked Pork Chop plate on September 4th to raise funds for the Upson FFA.

The next Membership meeting will be held in Monroe County on September 10, 2015.

The next Directors' meeting will be held on October 8th, location to be determined.

Minutes taken and submitted by:
Rodney Hilley
Unapproved

CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

It's time to cheer at ballgames and have tailgate parties. We have many opportunities to cheer about our product BEEF and our industry. SO, LET'S GET BUSY CHEERING "GO BEEF"!

Our first event this next month will be at Buggy Days on September 19th & 20th. We will need as many cheerleaders and players as we can find to make this event a success. Many have already volunteered and if you haven't, let us know and we will add you to the roster. We will need help with the following: setting up on Friday after 7 pm and on Saturday and Sunday cooking and serving from 10am to 6pm. We will need water to make tea. If you have never helped, wear comfortable shoes and come enjoy the

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or member to receive this award. You can even honor a business that has contributed years of support to this industry. The committee needs a letter of recommendation explaining why you believe this person or business deserves this service award.

Past winners: Harris Brantley, Rodney Hilley, Susan & Clay Allen, Tom & Marion Freeman, Akins Family, Fred & Betty Joe Greene & Family, Lamar, Pike, & Upson FSA Office, United Bank, D&N Livestock Services, Carmen Westerfield, AgSouth Farm Credit of Thomaston, Mid-GA Extension Agents, Cynthia Douglas, Edwin foshee, Jr., Dr. Wilbur Neisler, & Joe Smith

2016 MGCA Queen- The 2016 Queen will be selected prior to Ladies' Night and announced that evening. Her duties will be to represent our association at shows, meetings, local activities, and promotional events. Who is eligible? Young ladies between the ages of 16-21 as of January 1, 2016 are eligible. Her parents, parent, or guardian must be a member of the MGCA or the contestant must be a Junior Member and reside in the Mid-GA counties (Lamar, Monroe, Pike, Spalding, Talbot and Upson). For more information and application: contact Cynthia Douglas at 706-647-9414 or 770-550-1070, email-douglasfarm@windstream.net or ask you local County Agent. The application are due to Cynthia Douglas on or before October 8th.

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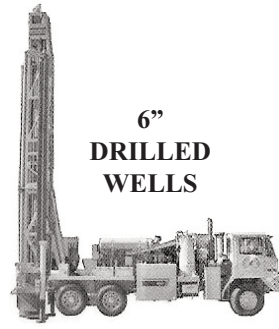
I have been waiting all year to publish this article. The reason being is that I was the veterinarian working on a farm where the diagnosis of acorn toxicity was made. I must admit I never would have thought ingestion of acorns could kill such a large animal. However, if you have cattle on pastures with oak trees keep a watchful eye on your cows and calves curiously eating the acorns. The symptoms of acorn toxicity can resemble those of respiratory infections, bloody diarrhea, straining to urinate and defecate and can manifest to death very quickly. This particular farm had plenty of grass to graze but the calves had a taste for the acorns on the ground. Unfortunately, there is not a treatment other than supportive care for acorn poisoning. Below is an article by Kasey Miller describing what acorn toxicity is and how it affects cattle that become sick.

What is acorn poisoning?

Acorn poisoning, or oak toxicity, occurs when too many acorns or buds are ingested, and the gallotannin in oak foliage creates gastrointestinal and kidney problems.

Tim Evans, a veterinary toxicologist at the University of Missouri–Columbia, says acorns do have nutritional value, but when cattle eat more than 50% of their diet in immature leaves and buds in the spring and acorns in the fall because no other forage is available, that's when the problem starts. As the famous toxicologist Paracelsus said, "The dose makes the poison."

"Oaks have the potential to provide valuable nutrition, but animals shouldn't be left to forage entirely on oaks or noxious weeds like pigweed, which can cause a similar syndrome, and



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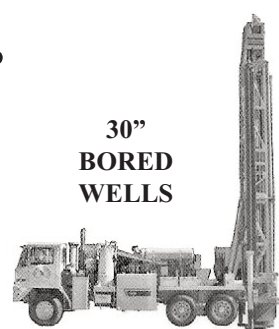
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MGCA AWARDS

It is time to nominate members
or associates for the Mid-GA
Cattlemen's Awards. Please help
your MGCA Board of Directors
select recipients by simply
nominating fellow cattlemen or business. All nominations
need to be sent to the Upson Extension Office, Wes Smith,
P O Box 86, Thomaston, GA 30286 by Oct 8th or brought
to MGCA Board meeting.

Mid-Georgia Producer of the Year- We are looking for
a producer or farm that has done an outstanding job with
their cattle management, farm production, and supported
the cattle industry. Simply provide a name to your County
Agent or Director so they can get a form to this producer.

MGCA Hall of Fame- This honor is presented to a past
or present MGCA member or couple that has supported and
influenced our association and beef industry. A list of Hall
of Fame recipients is located in the front of the Bull Sheet.
Please provide a letter or recommendation stating how they
have been involved and why they are deserving of this
honor.

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The GA Cattlemen, CattleWomen and GA Beef Board
will be cheering for BEEF at the GA National Fair in Perry
and at the SunBelt Expo in Moultrie during October. If you
can assist at their booth, contact the GCA
Office in Macon and sign up or just stop by
the booth and give our staff a break.

We will be celebrating our members with
awards at the MGCA Ladies' Night on
November 12 at the Civic Center in
Thomaston. We will crown our 2016 Queen.
We need our membership to get applications
to our young ladies that are 16-21. The
Extension Agents and I will have the forms.
We need help decorating for this meeting.
Let me if you know of a queen participant or
want to help decorate.

Under old business, Neely South, Macy & Mallory
South, Tracy Boyt, Alison Stephens and I teamed up with
Upson County Farm Bureau and promoted BEEF and AG at
the Upson Back to School BASH.



4-H'ers learn to cook beef.



Neely South, Tracy Boyt, and Cynthia Douglas promoted
BEEF and AG at Upson's Back to School Bash.

During July, I taught a Beef Cooking Class for 16 Upson
4-H'ers. They learned about food safety, the beef industry,
beef by-products and enjoyed eating four beef dishes. They
even made hamburgers for dessert out of cookies and
candy. The Mid-GA CattleWomen sponsored this event.

Thanks to everyone that contributed and helped with the
picnic. We had a great time getting together and getting to
know each other better. A great big "THANK YOU" to
Geraldine and Sauney Pippin for sharing their lake house
with us.

Your officers look forward to seeing you at the
September meeting in Forsyth where we will meet and plan
the upcoming events and elect officers. Please come and
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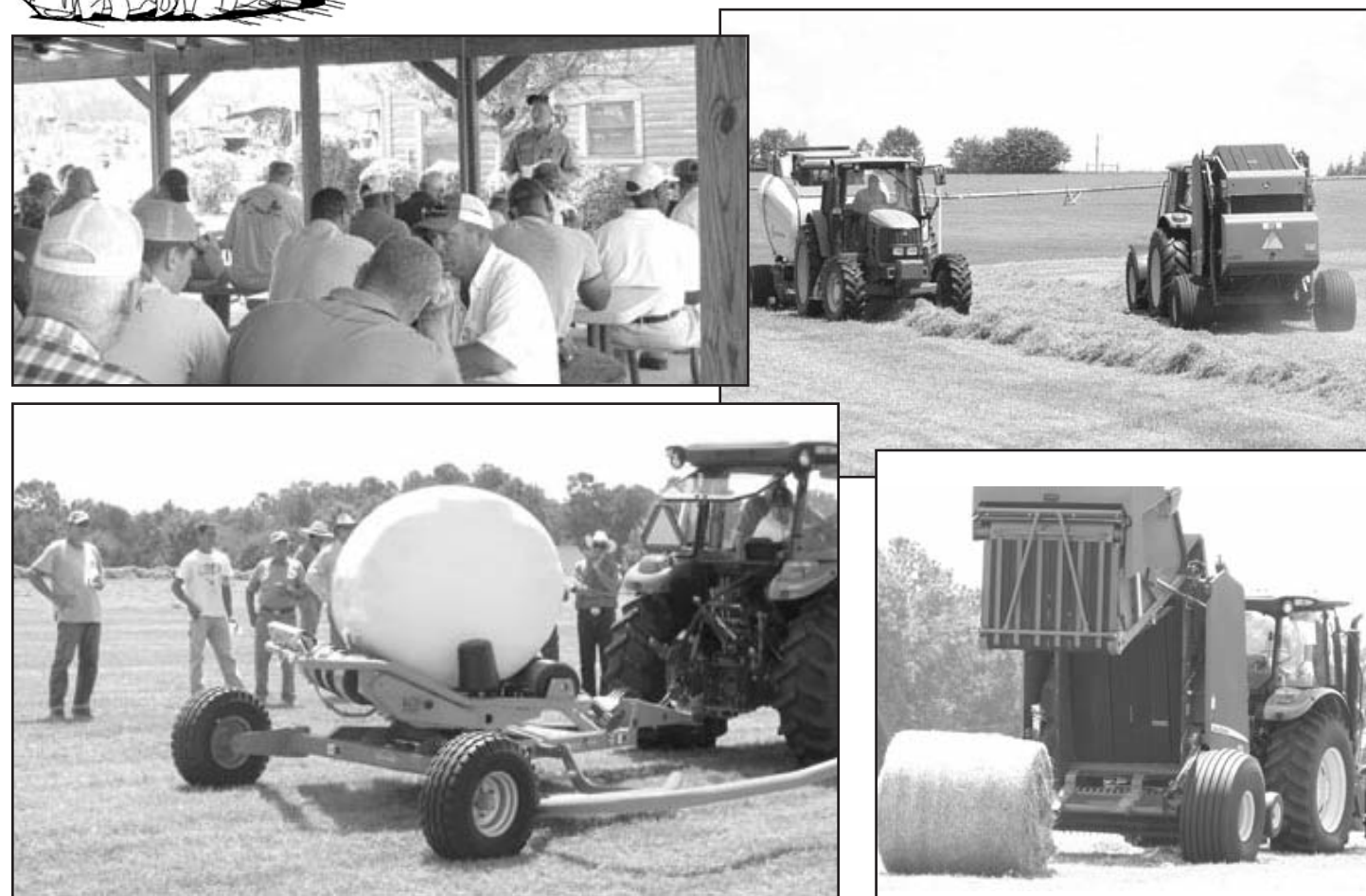
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