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K-State to host calving schools at four locations in Kansas

Sessions aim to help producers better prepare for calving season

MANHATTAN, Kan. – In anticipation of calving season, Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and K-State Research and Extension are planning a series of calving schools in January.

The program will outline overall calving management that includes stages of the normal calving process as well as tips to handle difficult calving situations.

Extension beef veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff said the goals of the event are to increase knowledge and practical skills, and to increase the number of live calves born if they need assistance.

The schools will also share tips on when and how to intervene to assist the cow or heifer. Presenters will demonstrate proper use of calving equipment on a life-size cow and calf model.

"Our goal is for producers to leave better prepared for calving season," Tarpoff said. "We will demonstrate building a proper calving kit, then discuss timelines on when to examine cows for calving problems, and when to call your vet for help if things are not going well, and how to care for the newborn calf. It's an excellent program regardless of one's experience level."

The meetings will have other timely educational topics determined by each location.

Meetings scheduled include:

- Thursday, Jan. 4, evening, Stafford County Annex, St. John, Kansas; RSVP to 21 Central District Extension Offices at Stafford County office, 620-549-3502; or the Kinsley office, 620-659-2149, or email baley@ksu.edu.

- Tuesday, Jan. 9, evening, Haskell County Fairgrounds, Sublette, Kansas; RSVP to Wild West Extension office at Stevens County Office, 620-544-4359, or email jsgreene@ksu.edu.

- Thursday, Jan. 11, evening, Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, Holton, Kansas; RSVP to Meadowlark Extension Holton office at 785-364-4125, cmcmnigal@ksu.edu, or <https://tinyurl.com/ksucalvingschoolholton>.
- Thursday, Jan. 18, evening, West Elk School, Howard, Kansas; RSVP to Rolling Prairie Extension office at 620-374-2174, or email rfechter@ksu.edu.

More information about the K-State calving schools is available at KSUBeef.org.

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The Kansas State University Animal Sciences and Industry department serves students, livestock producers and the animal and food industries through teaching, research and education. The K-State ASI department prepares students for careers in the animal and food industries. The curriculum includes the study of nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, meat science, food science with production, management, and agribusiness skills. For more about the K-State's ASI department visit asi.ksu.edu.

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