

Tis the Season!

**Most of the time I love this time of year! With the four snows and counting, the weather has been causing some unneeded stress. Add to that a flat tire, that needed to be changed on a cold blustery day and my holiday cheer is fading!**

**As the year 2018 quickly fades into the history books here are some things to think about:**

### **Spring-calving herds for January Planning**

**A 1,200-lb. cow in good body condition requires a minimum of about 12.9 lb. of TDN and 1.9 lb. of protein per day during late gestation.**

**A 1,500-lb. cow requires approximately 15.3 lb. of TDN and 2.2 lb. of protein.**

**The forage source should contain a minimum of 54% TDN and 8% protein during this period to meet requirements for maintenance prior to calving.**

**Prepare calving facilities and equipment. Purchase and organize calving supplies such as tags, navel dip, tattoo equipment and ink, calf scales, etc.**

**Feed during evening hours to encourage daytime calving.**

### **Fall-calving herds**

**Remove bulls toward the end of January or early February to maintain a controlled breeding season of 60-70 days.**

### **General Recommendations**

**Distribute hay feeding as much as possible to minimize perennial grass stand damage and to evenly distribute nutrients from manure and wasted hay.**

**Remove and discard plastic “net wrap” and twine from hay prior to feeding.**

**Test soil to determine phosphorus, potassium and lime needs for spring legumes, such as lespedeza, sweet clover, red clover and white clover.**

**Plan the financial management program for the year, including cash flow, deadlines for payment of interest and quarterly tax payments.**

**Ho Ho Ho!**

**Beef Issues Group will be meeting in Sabetha on December 17th at 7 pm. Dr Bob Weaber, KSU Beef Specialist will speak about Genomics for small commercial herds.**

**Call 785-364-4125 for details!**