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**Winter Ranch Management**

On Tuesday, February 19, the Winter Ranch Management Seminar will be held in Jetmore at the 4-H Building. It will start at noon. Strategies to mitigate environmental factors impacting reproduction is the theme of the meeting.

The meetings will also feature a popular 'town-hall' style question and answer session between Kansas' cattle producers and extension specialists. The specialists will answer a wide range of questions on beef cattle issues including animal health, nutrition, management, genetics and reproduction.

Topics to be discussed are environmental factors affecting conception rates and forage quality and availability impacts on beef cow nutrition during late gestation and pre-breeding.

For more information or to register call the Hodgeman Extension Office at 620-357-5315 or look online at <https://www.hodgeman.k-state.edu/>.

**Livestock Mortality Workshop**

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is sponsoring a Livestock Mortality Workshop in Garden City on March for cattle, swine and dairy owners to learn about options for managing large-scale mortality in their herds. The workshop will be in Grandstand Meeting Room at the Finney County Fairgrounds, 417 Lake Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 20. The workshop is free, and lunch will be provided, but registration is requested.

The workshop will feature a keynote presentation by Gary Flory of G.A. Flory Consulting, a nationally recognized expert in agricultural and environmental challenges as part of the animal disease and natural disaster response.

In addition to the keynote speaker, participants will receive information related to biosecurity, secure food supply planning and Animal Health Commissioner Justin Smith will also provide an update on Kansas' disease response planning efforts.

Other presentations will cover a variety of topics related to options for managing catastrophic mortality, including above-ground burial, the evolution of composting as a viable disposal option and managing daily mortality during an outbreak.

Register by March 15 at [www.agriculture.ks.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/emergencymanagement). For more information, contact David Hogg, KDA emergency management coordinator, at 785-564-7468 or [David.Hogg@ks.gov](mailto:David.Hogg@ks.gov).