

# JULY 2018 WCIAA NEWSLETTER



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## Greetings from WCIAA

Join us for the 2018 WCIAA Summer  
Angus Tour!  
Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

### Agenda:

10:30 AM – Tour cattle & facilities of Kevin Swaim  
7318 N Marshall Rd., Marshall IN 47859  
(Cattle from neighboring farms will also be on display, snacks & refreshments provided)

12:00PM -12:30PM – Tour of Warehouse  
12:30PM - 1:30PM – Lunch  
1:30PM – 2:30PM – Tour of research plots which consists of over 400 plots of improved grasses, summer annuals, alfalfa, corn and much more!  
2:30PM – 3:15PM – Ernest Weaver will have topic on “How Byron Seeds Selects Forages for Beef Farms in Indiana” with QA Session  
775 N 350 E, Rockville IN 47872



Please RSVP to Kevin Swaim no later than  
Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

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## Indiana Angus Preview Show Lebanon, IN

As usual Father's Day weekend found many members of the **Indiana Angus Association** taking part in the annual two day **Indiana Angus Preview Show** held t Lebanon, Indiana. Complete coverage can be found on the Indiana Angus Association web page.....but, taking a quick glance at the results, **WC** was well represented with nearly one third of the Junior exhibitors.

Both Juniors and open exhibitors were well represented in the various Champion awards. With about 225 entries in the Open and Junior shows **WEST CENTRAL** won the following: **Junior Show**; Gr Ch **Steer, Bred & Owned** Females ; Champion Cow/Calf, Res Sr HC, Res Ch Sr HC, Res Gr Female , **BULLS**; Sr Calf Ch, Int Ch, Jr Ch, Res Jr Ch, Grand Champion and Res Grand Champion, **Owned** Females; Int Ch, Res Late Jr Ch, Jr Ch, Res Jr Ch, Grand Champion Female and Supreme Animal (Cow/Calf)

Special congratulations go to Drew Brown on his Grand Champion Female in the owned heifer division, Ellie Sennett on Reserve Grand Female in the Open Show, Karsyn Zenor for Grand Champion Steer, Wilson Cattle Co for Grand Bull and Bryce Hofing on Res Bull and most especially to Karson Patton on his Supreme Overall Cow/Calf pair in both the Junior and Open Show. All in this last paragraph **WEST CENTRAL** exhibitors!!!!



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**Indiana**  
*Fall Classic*  
**Angus Sale**

Thanks to all Buyers, Bidders, & Attendees  
of the 2017 Sale!

**2018 Sale Date is Sunday, Sept 2, 2018**

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# THE SLEEPING GIANT HAS AWAKENED.



**There was a time when** Kentucky 31 fescue was the basis of every beef pasture and hay field. The beef industry had to live with:

- 50% conception rates
- Fescue foot
- Low ADG of 0.8 lbs./day
- An industry loss estimated at \$1B annually

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## Summer Cow Herd Considerations

**Ron Lemenager, PhD, PAS**  
**Purdue Beef Extension Specialist**

In our last article for this newsletter we talked about one of the coldest winters in a long time. Well, that situation has made an about face. Summer officially started June 21 at 6:07 am, but it was unofficially here long before that. Indianapolis reported that May was the warmest (9.9 degrees above normal), and ninth driest (-3.63" below normal) on record. While we have had several days in June that were below normal for temperature, most of the month was hotter than normal with variable rainfall depending on your location within the state. In this article we will focus on eight management areas that deserve some summertime consideration.

**Monitor Forage Quality.** The weather combination we have experienced prior to, and during the early part of the growing season resulted in a forage crop, especially the grass species, that matured (i.e. seed head development) more rapidly and shorter in height than normal. Reality is that both our pastures and first cutting hay crop likely are suffering from lower yield and quality than we would like. To determine how this forage quality is impacting your herd, monitor body condition and manure consistency as an indicator of the forage's ability to meet animal requirements. Cows that are losing weight and body condition, especially those below a BCS 5 may need supplemental feed to support lactation. Creep feeding and early weaning of calves are alternative strategies for consideration depending on forage quality and quantity as well as the long term forecast for heat and moisture. Consistency of manure is an indicator of forage quality, and especially the protein content of forages. For those of us that have mostly grass pastures, with little to no legumes to increase the crude protein (CP) concentration of the consumed forage, the cool-season grasses will go through a summer slump and forage quality may not meet the energy and/or protein requirements of growing animals and lactating females. Manure that is dry, stacks over two inches in height, and possesses distinct folds would be an indicator that crude protein (CP) content of the forage is marginal to deficient. This is where supplementing with dry corn gluten feed (23% CP, DM basis), or dried distiller's grains (30% CP, DM basis), may be an appropriate and cost effective way to provide both protein and energy without lowering forage digestibility.

**Avoid Overgrazing Pastures.** Grazing below 3-4 inches of stubble height not only affects the plant's ability to capture solar energy, but also reduces the root mass below the soil's surface. Collectively, this results in plants that lack the ability to rapidly recover and grow before the next grazing event, as well as an increased opportunity for weeds and less desirable forage species to creep into the pasture.

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Establishment of a rotational grazing system is a way to allow plant rest periods of over 28 days during the summer and increases grazing efficiency from 40% in a continuous graze situation to 45% with 4 paddocks and 60% with 8 paddocks. Rotational grazing increases available forage compared to continuous grazing, but may not increase individual animal performance.

**Weed Control.** July is probably not the right time to consider herbicide application for pastures and hay land, but it is a good time to evaluate weed pressure and develop a plan for herbicide application if needed. The plan needs to consider weed identification, product(s) that can be used, and timing of application that will provide the most effective control. It is critical to understand the product label as it relates to any potential grazing restrictions and any restrictions related to herbicide carry over in the soil or manure that might affect establishment of future seedling (legumes or crops).

**Fly Control.** The fly season has arrived and both face flies and horn flies can reduce animal performance. Pinkeye is caused by the combination of three factors – ultraviolet light from the sun, mechanical injury to the eye, and face flies that transmit bacteria (*Moraxella* spp.) to the eye. We can't do much about the sunlight, but minimizing exposure to mechanical eye injury (pollen, seedheads, dust), and judicious use of fly control treatments can significantly reduce the risk of pinkeye.

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Face flies feed on secretions around the eyes and nose and are the hardest to control because they can travel several miles and do not stay with a particular animal. Horn flies, on the other hand, are blood suckers and easier to control because they only leave the animal to deposit eggs in fresh manure, and then return to the animal. There is some resistance to some of the commercially available fly control products, so be observant of fly numbers on animals. What worked well last year might not be working as well this year. Some producers have been using a low dose (partial dose) of products designed for internal parasites (i.e. dewormer) to control flies. This is not recommended. Only use an internal parasite control product at full label recommended dosage to control internal parasites since partial dosing will create internal parasite resistance.

**Check the Bulls.** For many spring calving herds, the AI/embryo season is over, or nearly over, and the bulls are in clean-up mode. Make sure to check the cow herd daily to pickup an abnormal number of cows coming back into heat (i.e. bull not getting it done), and the bull himself for anything that might reduce his interest in breeding cows. Heat, injury, lameness, infection, pinkeye, etc. can all reduce not only libido and/or semen quality, but also delayed breeding dates and lower season-long pregnancy rate.

**Minimize Animal Heat Stress.** Heat stress affects not only animal growth and comfort, but also reduces reproductive competence of both cows and bulls. Work done at Oklahoma State some years ago demonstrated that when females were bred during relatively cool weather, but then exposed to moderate and severe heat stress, pregnancy rates were decreased by as much as 50%.

When the days are hot, cattle can effectively cool down at night if the heat index drop below 70°F. When the heat index remains above 70°F overnight, heat stress becomes an issue. Very young, very old, fatter animals (obese cows and bulls, market weight feedlot cattle), and dark hided cattle are most susceptible to heat stress. For example, research has shown that black hided cattle have a 2°F higher core body temperature during heat stress than cattle of similar genetic background possessing a light colored hide. During heat stress, water intake increases significantly and an automatic waterer that works well in the winter, may not provide rapid enough recovery for optimum water consumption of subordinate animals such as younger cows and calves. From a management perspective, it is critical that all animals have equal access to clean, fresh, cool water, and a stock tank may be needed that has more water volume for ready access to all animals.

When cattle are observed panting, and especially open mouth panting with drooling, heat stress has become critical and immediate action is needed. Shade eliminates solar radiation and is a good thing if animals have enough room to spread out and allow air movement to promote evaporative cooling. If the shade area is too small and cattle are forced to huddle together, or if there are obstacles (weeds, equipment, etc.) that block air movement, too little shade can be worse than no shade.

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For cattle in barns, maximize air flow by opening doors and windows and adding fans as needed.

Body temperature continues to rise for 4-6 hours after daytime peak temperature. This means that if the hottest part of the day is 5:00 pm, cattle will not start cooling down until 9-11:00 pm. When working and moving animals, try to accomplish this in the early morning when both ambient and body temperatures are the lowest. If animals must be worked during hot weather, pay close attention for signs of heat stress, avoid overcrowding in confined areas that reduces air flow, move animals in a manner that promotes walking rather than running, and provide easy access to water.

Evaluate Stock Ponds. Hot summer temperatures, lots of sunlight, and the stagnant nature of many farm ponds increase the risk of toxicity from blue-green algae, or an algae bloom. An algae bloom can occur quickly and often appears like paint sliming on the water surface. The color can vary from green to bluish-green, but can also appear reddish-brown to gray. The causative agent is a cyanobacteria that produces two types of toxins – a neurotoxin (affects the nervous system) and a hepatotoxin (affects the liver) and both can cause death in livestock, dogs, and people.

Frequent observation of potential high-risk stock ponds is justified and water samples can be taken and laboratory tested to gain some appreciation for the risk. If ponds are observed with a paint-like shimmer, or if animals are experiencing nervous disorders or death, an alternative water resource water should be made available to minimize risk.

Vaccinations and Culling. If spring born calves have not received a clostridia vaccine, this should be done sooner than later. Three to four weeks prior to weaning, strongly consider providing vaccinations for the calves, with the booster vaccination taking place at weaning. Consult with your local veterinarian regarding recommendations for most effective vaccines in your area. The first vaccination is also a great time to do a pregnancy check. Replacement heifers that come up open after the breeding season, or those that bred late in the breeding season, likely need to find another home if cow herd fertility, profitability, and defined calving season are your goals. Additionally, the cull cow market is seasonally higher in August/early September and then drops as we move deeper into the fall.

Have a great summer and stay as cool as possible.

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### Selling 50 Hand Selected Lots!

**Pairs • Bred Heifers • Show Heifers • Elite Embryos**

Sunday • Noon (EDT)

# September 2, 2018

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Benefits of WCIAA Membership:

- AI Bulls Meeting (each January @ Turkey Run)/Angus Informational Meeting (each March in Crawfordsville)
- 6 newsletters per year highlighting local Angus events, shows, & sales
- Summer Angus Tour (travel to local farms to view cattle & facilities)

**WCIAA Annual Membership Fees: First Year - \$15.00 & Regular - \$25.00**

For more information – please contact Ken Torr at 765-721-0057 or krtorr@yahoo.com

**To Join or Renew your WCIAA Membership for 2018 – please detach this form,  
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