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WORKSHOP IN FRANKFORT HIGHLIGHTS IDEAS TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Frankfort, Kansas— A “Improving Livestock Production” workshop will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Cigna Center, 402 North Maple, Frankfort. Registration begins at 5 pm.

“This workshop will allow livestock producers the opportunity to gather information on management practices such as extending the grazing season with alternative forages; herd health issues related to calving, and alternative watering systems—all of which can assist in improving their livestock operation’s bottom line as well as protecting water quality,” Mary Howell, Clean Water Farms Project Field Organizer with the Kansas Rural Center, said.

Topics and speakers include:

- The Four Seasons of Grazing, Dr. Gary Kilgore, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University
- Wintering, Feeding, Watering Options and Solutions, Dale Kirkham and Jason Schmidt, Field Organizers, Kansas Rural Center Clean Water Farm Project
- Alternative Watering Systems, Will Boyer, Watershed Specialist, K-State Research and Extension
- What is WRAPS? Barbara Donovan, Coordinator, Tuttle Creek WRAPS
- Cattle Herd Health and Profitability by Dr. Larry Hollis, Extension Beef Veterinarian, Kansas State University

Howell said farmers and ranchers attending the workshop are eligible for door prize drawings. Door prizes include items to assist residents of the Tuttle Creek and Middle Kansas watersheds in implementing best-management practices (BMPs) on their farm or ranch.

Sponsors of the workshop include the Tuttle Creek WRAPS, the Middle Kansas WRAPS, Kansas Rural Center, and several county conservation districts and county extension offices, including Marshall and Pottawatomie County Research and Extension, and the Jackson County Conservation District.

A catered supper will be included at \$5 per person. Please RSVP for the meal count by noon April 12, 2010. For more information or to register, contact: Mike Vogt, Marshall County Research and Extension, 785-562-3531; Glen Brunkow, Pottawatomie County Research and Extension, 785-457-3319; Roberta Spencer, Jackson County Conservation District, 785-364-4638, or Mary Howell, Kansas Rural Center, 785-292-4955 Kansas Rural Center.