

Beef Livestock Evaluation

Note to Agents – This is a sample evaluation that you can adapt to meet your county and programs. It is also available on Qualtric to edit, distribute to clients, analysis, and share with specialists electronically.

The items on the evaluation align with KERS program indicators and the sample success story that is available.

The _____ County Extension Service takes pride in providing programs and resources to benefit the livestock and agriculture operations. In order to serve you, our staff would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this survey.

How did you access Extension information on beef production over the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Program/Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Field day | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call, email or office visit
<input type="checkbox"/> Web site
<input type="checkbox"/> Social media
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Which Extension diagnostic services did you utilize related to beef production during the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil test
<input type="checkbox"/> Hay test
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant/Weed identification
<input type="checkbox"/> Pest or insect identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal disease (i.e. HM1, UK Veterinary Diagnostic Lab) |
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Did the Extension diagnostic information influence the decisions that you made in treating soil, pasture, weeds, or invasive species?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Did the Extension diagnostic information influence the decisions that you made in animal health or nutrition?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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As a result of gaining information from Extension during the past 12 months, have you adopted or improved any of the following areas of your beef operation?

Beef	Yes	No
Adopted best practices to improve or maintain animal nutrition by forage testing and using analysis to develop supplement program, using body conditioning scores of cows to adjust supplement programs, use a complete mineral supplement or work with an agent or nutritionist to develop feed rations		
Improve genetics by Implementing a crossbreeding program and utilizing Expected Progeny Difference to meet breeding objectives		

Practiced efficient reproduction techniques (i.e. perform exams of pelvic area, reproduction tract scores, breeding soundness exam of bull, artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis or animal evaluation.		
Develop and implement a herd health protocol and improve animal health practices (i.e. follow BQCA guidelines, read and follow product labels and obey withdrawal periods, record animal treatments, improve animal handling/welfare skills		
Other:		

Comment:

In the past 12 months, did Extension influence your practices related to forage?

Forage	Yes	No
Made decisions on interceding clover/legume, using cover crops and/or alternate forage species		
Used recommendations to improve quality of haylage storage (HM2)		
Developed or implemented a grazing plan		
Used temporary fencing		
Conducted on-farm demonstrations or applied research trials		
Other		

Comment:

In the past 12 months, which water quality and soil conservation practices did you use?

Water Quality and Soil Conservation	Yes	No
Implemented one or more best practices for soil quality/ soil health		
Implemented one or more best practices in soil /water conservation		
Implemented one or more best practices to increase soil organic matter		
Implemented one or more best practices to improve soil structure for water infiltration and retention		
Implemented one or more best practices to increase ground cover for soil protection		
Implemented one or more best practices to improve water quality		
Implemented one or more best practices to protect stream banks or stream buffer zones		
Planted native plants in buffer zones		
Developed or updated an Ag Water Quality Plan		
Developed or implemented nutrient management plan		
Adjusted rate, timing, placement and/or sources to increase nutrient use efficiency		
Other		

Comment:

In the past 12 month, did you benefit from **management practices**?

Farm Management and Economics	Yes	No
Improved or maintained record keeping practices		
Utilized budgets/decision aids to make decisions		
Applied marketing of cattle (larger lots sizes, seasonality, direct marketing, etc)		
Utilized the futures market or seasonal price patterns to make management/ marketing decisions		
Incorporated technology to effectively manage farm operations		
Adopted new technologies in agriculture production		
Improved equipment or facilities		
Reduced expenses through improved winter feeding, optimizing stocking rate or other practices		
Utilized risk management tools such as PRF/LRP insurance, futures, options, contracts etc.		
Increased profits, reduced expenses and/or reduced risk		
Other		

Comment:

How have you served as a leader during the past year?

Ag Extension Leadership	Yes	No
Shared information about agriculture or the environment issues locally		
Advocated for agriculture and/or environmental issues locally		
Shared information about agriculture and/or environment issues with elected officials		
Served as a member of advisory council, community development committee and/or leadership roles with agriculture organization		
Advised, assisted or mentored a new or beginning agriculture producer		
Other		

Comment:

Have you completed an Extension Master Program? *Select all that apply.*

- Master Cattlemen
- Master Grazer
- Master Haymaker
- Master Marketer
- Other _____
- None of the above, but am interested in learning more about the programs

Share your thoughts and suggestions to improve future programs and services.