

Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen's Association, Inc.

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Dear Fellow CMTCA Members,

Happy New Year to everyone for 2016, and for one of the few times it happens, I don't have much to talk about! Yep and that don't happen very often. So I'll save a little paper and get right to it.

January 30th is our Annual Steak Fry. It is sure to be a good dinner and a nice time to visit fellow cattle folk, but it also is a fund raiser for the American Legion to help raise money to give Christmas gifts to needy children in the area. More details in the newsletter.

February 17th educational meeting will be at 6:30pm at the Goshen Township Building (old Goshen Elementary School) on Rt. 165 approximately 3 ¼ mile west of St Rt. 45 or approximately 1 ½ mile east of Rt. 14. Building is on south side of road. The meeting will be sponsored by United Producers Inc. The program topic will be "Helping Minimize Risk in Today's Agricultural Markets" with speaker Jim Albers, who is a licensed Ag Commodity Broker. Subjects covered will be protection of any ag commodity such as feeder calves, finished cattle, feed costs, fuel, etc., thru the use of hedging and contracting. United Producers will also cover mini contracts for smaller operations to be involved in this. UPI is also helping sponsor a dinner for this meeting. There should be some interesting information after the market in 2015.

March 5th will be our annual banquet at 38 Delta Restaurant at the Salem Air Park ¼ mile north of 165 on St. Rt. 45 Salem, Ohio. PLEASE try to get your reservations in early to help us get an accurate count for ordering the dinners so we don't waste any food or money. More details in the newsletter.

Hope to see you at these events!

Mark Kohler- President CMTCA 2015

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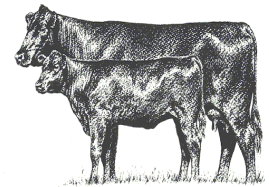
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Upcoming Dates:

January 30: Steak Fry

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Ambassador News

2015 CMTCA Ambassadors

As the CMTCA Ambassadors, these girls are here to help and assist the association and its members. If you have an event (PR, open house, sale, etc.) or know of an organization that could use the service of these ambassadors, please get in touch with Chad Bailey at 8783 Columbiana Canfield Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406 (330)853-7966).

Ambassador Blog:

The 2016 CMTCA Ambassador application is now available- it is posted to the website. If you know a youth (male or female) between the ages of 14-19 from Columbiana, Mahoning or Trumbull County, who would be interested in representing the Association through community service and volunteer projects that promote the beef industry, please share the news that the application is available.



2016 Cabin Fever Steak Fry Saturday, January 30, 2016



The CMTCA will once again be teaming up with the Sons of American Legion to host the event at the American Legion Post 131 (lower level) in Leetonia. For a mere \$20.00 per person, you can get a steak dinner with all the fixings and three hours of dancing. The dinner will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and include a Char-broiled steak (with the fixings), baked potato, salad, roll, and a non-alcoholic beverage. (There will be a cash bar for beer and mixed drinks.) There will then be a DJ playing music for dancing from 9:00pm to midnight. So, if you are tired of being in the house or out in the mud here is your chance to come to a steak dinner and dance off some energy. Please keep in mind that tickets are only available until January 23 or until the first 160 tickets are sold. Tickets may be purchased from a CMTCA director or you can call or e-mail:

Pete Conkle, at (330) 831-0006 or pconkle@frontier.com.

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Winter Educational Meeting

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2016 CMTCA Annual Meeting

This year the annual banquet will be **Saturday, March 5th**

38 Delta Restaurant at the Salem Air Park
(¼ mile north of 165 on St. Rt. 45 Salem, Ohio)

Trade show starts at 6, Dinner at 7

Meeting to follow dinner.

Price will be **\$15** per plate for members.

(The total meal price is \$18 this year, but CMTCA is picking up the extra \$3 per plate this year as a thank you to its members!).

PLEASE try to get your reservations in by **February 29th** to help us get an accurate count for ordering the dinners so we don’t waste any food or money.

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Club Calf Sale and Show:

Rich Boyd, Todd Miller
Brian Spencer, and Chad
Raber

***Please visit our website
to view the slide show
of pictures from the
County Line Blast.
Pictures provided by
Michelle Murray***

2016
Columbiana-Mahoning-Trumbull Cattlemen's Association
Yearly Membership Application

(Failure to Send in yearly application will take you off the mailing list)

Name:	
Farm Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email address	
1. Dues:	\$10 per family/farm

* Please check here if you agree to all electronic (email) correspondence: _____

2. If you would like to be a CMTCA sponsor, please submit a business card or business information. **Sponsorship** costs **\$20** per year and your information will appear in all the newsletters and on our website. **\$20 sponsor** _____

3. February 17 Educational Meeting Reservation: **# attending** _____

4. March 5 Annual Meeting Reservation: **#attending**_____ X \$15 per plate_____

**Total amount Enclosed: \$ _____
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<p>Please mail this form and money to: Pete Conkle at 10087 Gavers Rd., Hanoverton, Oh 44423</p>
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Mark Landefeld, OSU Extension Educator, Monroe County

Feeding Livestock and Managing Forage Waste

Stockpiling forage for winter feed was fairly limited this year in our area due to dry soil conditions when most stockpiling growth should have occurred. More stored forage will be required this year and feeding hay has started much sooner than in recent years for many producers.

Loss, associated with feeding hay to livestock, may be much more than just storage loss if precautions are not taken to reduce waste during the feeding operation. Feeding loss is a product of many things. Trampling, leaf shatter, quality deterioration, fecal contamination, and refusal are all things that contribute to waste. One must expect some hay loss during feeding, but the amount of loss may be reduced through good management practices and proper planning.

Feeding losses have been shown to range from less than 2 percent, where great care was taken, to more than 60 percent when no attempt was made to reduce hay loss. A loss of 3 percent to 6 percent would be considered normal, but good management practices must be in place to accomplish this.

Feeding hay throughout various paddocks from moveable racks or wagons promotes distribution of manure rather than concentrating it in one location. Many types of feed bunks, bale rings and other equipment are available today, but the ones which keep hay from contacting the ground generally reduce waste the most. A dry, well-drained or frozen site should be chosen for feeding hay when possible. Limiting hay fed to a one-day supply, with enough space for all animals to eat at the same time, helps reduce waste.

Some managers like to feed several bales in one area, which allows them to select a convenient feeding location and minimizes the area of sod killed. However, this eventually results in muddy conditions, often promoting weed pressure. It may also result in soil erosion or soil compaction. If these conditions are encountered, it is very likely that the area used will be unproductive for forage growth much of the following year and weed growth may be a problem. If this occurs, weeds should be controlled before they go to seed.

Unrolling large round bales is a practice which many of our producers have implemented where terrain and or equipment permit. If this method is used, only unroll enough feed for one day's supply or use an electric wire over the middle of the unrolled swath to prevent trampling and bedding on the food source. Moving to a new area each feeding promotes even manure distribution and this type nutrient management will help produce more forage next year.

Many producers use the unrolling method to promote re-seeding in places with sparse vegetation. Unused forages help to increase organic material and fertility in these feeding areas. Feeding priority of various hay lots should also be considered when using the feed. Hay exposed to the elements/outdoor should be fed first to reduce loss.

Separating livestock into smaller groups with similar nutritional needs is recommended. The highest quality hay should be fed to young, growing livestock or lactating animals. Lower quality hay should be used for livestock with lower nutritional needs, such as bulls and non-lactating cows. Sending samples to a laboratory for forage analysis is recommended so actual nutritional values are known.

If you have low quality hay, a good way to use it is to combine it with forage in stockpiled paddocks. Most stockpiled grasses, when fed in a timely manner, contain higher protein levels and more total digestible nutrients than many lots of hay which were harvested in the summer. If you are going to place round bales in stockpiled forage, use a front electric wire to limit livestock's access, thereby controlling waste of the stockpiled forage and the round bales.

A heavy use feeding area, constructed of concrete, geotextile cloth and stone, or other suitable material, is a good place to feed livestock when conditions are very wet, muddy and not suitable for feeding in your fields. Using heavy use areas at proper times reduces pugging and injury to forage plants in the paddocks. Whatever feeding method is used, your management decisions determine the impact to the land on your farm. Establishing good management practices can alleviate unsightly problems, reduce soil erosion, increase water quality, increase forage production and boost profit margins.