

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

## July 2016

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Hello! Hope summer, farming and cattle operations are going well for all our members. Our apologies for the delay of the newsletter.

The CMTCA Officers, Board of Directors and Membership would like to thank Mark Kohler for his service to our association as the 2015 President. His time, dedication and commitment to the organization have been greatly appreciated.

The CMTCA banquet took place on March 5, 2016. New leadership for the 2016 year will be as follows:

**President: Brian Spencer**  
**Vice President: Duane Nickell**  
**Secretary: Chad Bailey**  
**Treasurer: Pete Conkle**

The 2016 Summer Cattlemen Picnic will take place at Wilson Stock Farm on September 24 at 6PM. The address and more info will be enclosed.

The CMTCA County Line Blast show will take place October 1-2, 2016. More details about the show will be mailed next month.

Please see the side of newsletter for the current board of directors and contact info.

### 2016 OFFICERS

#### **President**

*Brian Spencer*  
330-501-1987

#### **Vice President**

*Duane Nickell*  
330-831-5040

#### **Past President**

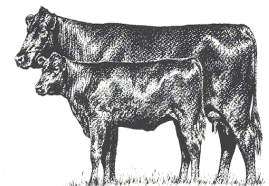
*Mark Kohler*  
330-771-7022

#### **Secretary**

*Chad Bailey*  
330-853-7966

#### **Treasurer**

*Pete Conkle*  
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### Upcoming Dates:

July 19-24: Carroll County Fair  
August 1-7: Lisbon Fair  
August 31-Sept. 5: Canfield Fair

Summer Picnic: Sept. 24

CMTCA County Line Blast:  
October 1-2

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## **2016 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:**

2016 Ambassadors were announced at the March Banquet. These girls will be seen around cattle functions, cattle shows and area fairs.

#### **2016 Ambassadors:**

Claudia Criss  
Hannah Jarvis  
Betty Richey  
Madison Murray  
Emily McDonald  
Megan Drake  
Marly Zeigler

#### **Ambassador Advisors:**

Chad Bailey  
Christina Benton  
Amanda Orahoad  
Nicole Richey



#### **Newsletter Info:**

Material is needed to put together and get a newsletter printed and sent. If any director or member has any materials they would like sent out, please forward them. We are in need of pictures, Spotlight material, inventions, etc. If anyone would like to write up a little blog about themselves or their cattle, that would be great too! Feel free to email any materials to me at: [stacyranch@yahoo.com](mailto:stacyranch@yahoo.com) or [jamie.stacy@ccctc.k12.oh.us](mailto:jamie.stacy@ccctc.k12.oh.us)

## **2016 Board of Directors**

Ben Campbell :330-402-3170  
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Brady Baker: 330-831-1720  
Chad Raber: 330-341-0090  
Rich Boyd: 330-692-9085

Gary Coppersmith: Dairy  
330-692-5580

#### **Presidential Advisors:**

Rich Cope  
Harold Campbell



**Royalty**

#### **Beef Ambassadors:**

Claudia Criss  
Hannah Jarvis  
Betty Richey  
Madison Murray  
Emily McDonald  
Megan Drake  
Marly Zeigler

**Ambassador Coordinator:**  
Chad Bailey

## Congrats to our 2016 Cattlemen of the Year: **Herman Miller**



Herman was born and raised on his family's farm in Leetonia, Ohio. His family currently still resides there and they are carrying on his legacy. Herman enjoyed farming, raising cattle and spending time with his sons and grandchildren. He also operated "Bolt-Biz-Nuts Co."

Congratulations to the Miller Family!

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**Good Luck to all 4-H Members this Summer!**

### **Lisbon Fair Cattle Schedule:**

- Setting up Fair Panels: July 24 at noon (counts as a clinic)
- Spreading Mulch: July 27 at 5:30 (counts as a clinic)
- Carcass Weigh-in at Fairgrounds July 24 from 4-5,  
then transport own animal to Kiko Meat.
- Carcass Judging clinic: July 29 at 5:00 (counts as a clinic)
- Cattle fair check-in in: July 31 from 5-7 PM or August 1 from 7am -12pm
- Steer weigh-in is August 1 at 3:00
- Steer Show August 3 at 6pm
- Steer Showmanship August 4 at 10am
- Steer Sale August 4 at 6 pm
- Beef feeder/beef breeding/open class: August 5 at 1 pm

**Please stop at the 4-H Livestock sales and support your local 4-H program and youth!**

**Jamie Garwood-Stacy:**  
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### **Club Calf Sale and Show:**

Rich Boyd, Todd Miller  
Brian Spencer, and Chad  
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***Please visit our website  
to view the slide show  
of pictures from the  
County Line Blast.  
Pictures provided by  
Michelle Murray***

## **2016 Summer Picnic**



**September 24, 2016 at 6PM**

**Wilson Stock Farms**

**29145 Buffalo Rd., Kensington Ohio 44427**

**330-853-4518**

***Please bring your own table settings and a covered dish to share!***



# CMT County Line Cattle Blast

**5th  
Annual**

"One of the fastest growing shows in Ohio"

Presented By: The CMT Cattlemen's Association

**Grand Champion: \$1,000.00**  
**Reserve Champion: \$500.00**

**3-5 Overall & Class Premium will be prorated.**

## **Open Jackpot Show & Steer and Heifer Sale**

**Saturday - October 1, 2016**

12:00 PM - Heifer Show  
Showmanship begins 1/2  
hour after heifer show ends  
5:30 PM - Educational Clinic  
7:30 - Consignment Sale  
Silent Auction Scholarship  
Benefit

**Sunday - October 2, 2016**

12:00 PM - Steer & Market  
Heifer Show

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**Look us up on Facebook  
CMT Cattlemen's Association  
or Follow us on Twitter  
@CMT Cattlemen**

**Entry fee \$35.00**

**Check in: 8:00am - 11:00am**

**Market animals & steer class by wt.**

**Breed heifers born after 09/01/15**

**Market animals born after 01/01/16  
out of state cattle health papers req'd**

**Straw bedding only**

**Plenty of room in barns & tie outs**

**Nice wash racks**

**Canfield Fairgrounds**

**7265 Columbiana Canfield Rd**

**Canfield, Ohio 44406**

**Show or Sale Questions?  
or to consign Please Contact**

**Rich Boyd: 330-692-9085**

**Fred Criss: 234-567-5574**

**Todd Miller: 330-921-5983**

**Duane Nickel: 330-831-5040**

**Brian Spencer: 330-501-1987**

**Chad Raber: 330-341-0090**

**Sale Applications available online**

**[www.cmtcattlemen.com](http://www.cmtcattlemen.com)**

**Food & Refreshment vendors on site**

**Show supplies for purchase by**

**HIGHLAND  
ENTERPRISES  
LIVESTOCK SUPPLY**

# OHIO BEEF CATTLE LETTER

A publication of the Ohio State University Extension Beef Team. Contributors include members of the OSU Beef Team and beef cattle specialists and economists from across the U.S.

## To Mow, or Not to Mow . . . the Pasture?

July 13<sup>2016</sup>

– Victor Shelton, NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I could easily talk about the weather. It seems to be a very popular subject no matter the setting. It certainly influences when we can do things, often messing with getting things done during the best timeframe.

We talked about clipping pastures in June. I'm still getting questions and comments by email about it; all good. There certainly are two sides to this fence: those that think mowing or clipping pastures is just something that has to be done and those that think it wastes time, fuel, and does little good. I respect both sides and agree with both sides. What? The need to clip is site specific and a personal preference.

By this time of year, most have made the decision on whether to clip pastures or not. If the pasture has been grazed once or twice already then it probably really does not have that many seed heads present, and depending on how it was grazed, weeds either. If you look at a field from a "windshield" view, it is usually going to appear to have a lot more seed heads than it really does. This was a topic recently on one of the Facebook grazing groups. Looking at the pictures that were presented, one would think or assume that it was a dense stand of seed heads in dire need of being clipped to try and maintain some decent quality. Additional pictures were added from a standing and looking down position and it was certainly clear that seed heads were not an issue with only one or two per square foot, not 40 or more as in some cases. If no or low seed head presence is your goal, then what is an appropriate threshold to justify clipping for them? That is a very good question which I'm trying to quantify myself. If the upper range is about 40 seed heads per square foot (yes, I've counted them) and my personal preference is less than 6, then my threshold or tolerance level is probably in that 30% range or about 12 seed heads per square foot. What I often find though, it's a lot lower than that. Can I find another reason to justify mowing?

Weed control is the next argument I usually hear. There is a huge range of tolerance for weeds. My tolerance level for multiflora rose and thistles is very low. Kathy Voth would tell me that I should teach those animals to eat those thistles and that is all good. If they want to eat them after I chop the daylights out of them, they can have right at it. If I have an abundance of annual weeds such as common ragweed, prickly pigweed, or cocklebur, then most likely I've messed up such by not allocating enough pasture for the timeframe, especially during wet weather. These weeds are opportunists; filling in areas where soil is showing and in the case of prickly pigweed, where nutrients are high such as where a hay bale was fed. Mowing might help a little, but I should do a better job of maintaining cover.

Perennial weeds, such as ironweed, can certainly be a problem. Individual plants don't generally present much of an issue unless they go to seed on ground that has a lot of thin cover. They do also spread from rhizomes. Mowing or clipping these prior to seed production is usually a good idea unless you maintain a very dense vigorous stand of forages that will compete with it. It, like giant ragweed in a corn field, competes with the forages for sunlight. I use canopy as a threshold with a tolerance level of about 20%. If I'm losing more than 20% of my sunlight, it is going to be at least clipped. Above 30%, it is certainly affecting forage yield and may justify some chemical type of

treatment. Applying these herbicides at a time when they will be most likely to be transferred to the roots is ideal and for most perennials is later in the season when the plant is moving nutrients downward for winter storage. It is always better to spot spray or use a “wipe” type system over blanket coverage. Broadleaf herbicides are also hard on the swards valuable legumes and beneficial forbs. If you have sheep or goats available, either can help reduce weed pressures on pastures. They can be rotated behind or in front of the cows depending on who needs the highest nutritional needs.

The third reason to clip or mow is help control pink eye in cattle. I would have a hard time justifying clipping for this reason unless you have an active pink eye problem. The seed heads do not cause pink eye, or at least not independently. The seed heads along with face flies, pollen and other eye irritants certainly can aggravate the situation though. Pinkeye occurs when there is a susceptible host (non-immune animal), the infectious agent (*Moraxella bovis*, pinkeye), and the environmental conditions that favor it (eye irritation that attracts flies that then can transfer it to susceptible animals). Keeping seed heads under control by clipping or mowing could be justified if pinkeye is presently an issue to reduce possible eye irritations but that is usually only the case with high amounts of seed heads present; controlling flies is the first priority.

What is the reason for mowing? If it is to improve or maintain quality – have at it – just don’t mow any shorter than necessary. If it is purely for aesthetics – you might be better off leaving it alone. Taller forages produce more live roots providing some drought resilience, helping to shade out some weeds, providing for slightly cooler soils and maintaining moisture which can promote more growth from cool season forages instead of less desirable plants. They also have the added benefit of some wildlife habitat, especially certain pollinator species. Somewhere along the way we decided that pastures should look like mowed lawns. That quite often promotes monocultures instead of diversity, and possibly lower production especially if it turns dry. It is also an added cost that has to be paid for by the livestock enterprise. Keep on grazing!

This August 29th-31st, there will be a grand opportunity to learn about utilizing and managing native forages and forbs at the **Eastern Native Grass Symposium** (ENGs). The symposium will be held at the Tropicana in Evansville. This is the first time this conference has ever been in Indiana and if it’s going to be here, we are going to do it up right, Hoosier style! There is a great line up of speakers including Ray Archuleta, Ellen Jacquart, Steve Clubine, Chuck Stanley, Dr. Pat Keyser, Jef Hodges, Dr. Cris Hochwender, Dave Howell, John Shuey, Dr. Stephen Ball, Kevin Tugesvick and others. Speakers will be on Monday and Tuesday of the symposium with tours on Wednesday morning. Tours will include: grazing for wildlife in Warrick County; Patoka Fish & Wildlife Refuge grass/pollinator management in Gibson County; and Angel Mounds, pollinators, warm season grasses, and green roofs in Vanderburgh County. Go to the following website to register: [www.easternnativegrasssymposium.eventbrite.com](http://www.easternnativegrasssymposium.eventbrite.com). For complete agenda information go to [Eastern Native Grass Symposium](#) on Facebook or contact of the following Southwest Soil and Water Conservation Districts (All at Ext 3): Pike County, 812-354-6120; Gibson County, 812-385-5033; Warrick County, 812-897-2840; Vanderburgh County, 812-423-4426, and Posey County at 812-838-4191.