

2016 Premier Beef/Range Indicators (Adoption Questions)

“Producers changed or are willing to change” based on our programming

Beef/Range – Health

Recommended vaccination programs and other herd health management practices
Utilize recommended cattle handling procedures
Recommended bio-security steps to herd health

Beef/Range – Brush and Weed Issues

Use recommended practices/technology to control weeds without damaging legumes
Utilize and compare advantages of alternative methods of brush control
Recommended brush and weed control practices
Recommended Brush Buster techniques to control weed and brush species
Recommended handling and label instructions for pesticide use

Beef/Range – Economic Risk Management

Utilize some type of price protection for beef cattle
Adopt recommended marketing strategies to enhance profitability
All natural programs and their advantages and Disadvantages (c different than organic)

Beef/Range – Nutrition

Use body condition scores in determining nutritional needs of beef cattle
Use recommended supplemental feeding practices to meet nutritional needs

Beef/Range – Forage Considerations

Test forages for nutrient quality
Conduct forage estimates to determine their stocking rate
Use renovation techniques recommended for fields or pastures damaged by drought
Utilize forage species/varieties best suited for my operation
Use forage analysis to determine nutritional value of forages
Adopt proper grazing management techniques to enhance livestock and wildlife capability
Adopt rangeland monitoring techniques to determine stocking rates
Adopt recommended brush and weed management practices to improve rangeland health
Adopt prescribed fire as a tool to improve rangeland health
Adopt re-vegetation practices for damages from energy exploration and development
Rebuild herd based on forage availability and quality
Soil testing of CRP grasses to determine needs
Utilized the recommended management practices for CRP grasses
Utilized recommended haying and grazing strategies
Recognition and understanding of value of forbs to livestock and wildlife

Beef/Range – Management/Reproduction

Adopt management practices and ID techniques to improve reproduction efficiency

Select or utilize beef cattle breeds or crosses adapted to local environment/conditions

Development of a drought plan

Fertility testing bulls

Develop a systematic approach to replacing heifers