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## THE 'TWO SEASONS' OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

by: Katie Marchino-Miller

As the days begin to get shorter, and we set our clocks back an hour, we start thinking to prepare for winter. An old saying goes, "farmer's only have two seasons; winter and preparing for winter". This carries true if you begin to think about all livestock producers do throughout the year to prepare for a successful winter.

During the fall, most people feel the chill in the air and begin to make winter preparations, but what if fall is too little too late? According to most experts, winter preparations really should start in the summer months of the year. Summer is the time when most farmer's are preparing hay and selling whatever they don't intend to keep. This makes it the best time to purchase your hay for many reasons. If

farmer's can sell hay out of the fields, the price tends to trend a little lower since they don't have to haul it home and stack the hay in barns or dry areas. It also creates less of a demand since there is still quality forages in the pastures and most don't feel the need to purchase during those times. Preparing ahead, however, gives you all the options to find the best quality forage and also at a better price, usually.

Fall is typically the best time to start doing the smaller tasks around the barn. Preparing water tanks/troughs for freezing is crucial for the animals and also the management aspect. Adding water safe heaters to outdoor water sources will ensure animals have non-frozen water to drink and also not as much ice busting for you. Creating windbreaks and bedding down sleeping areas with straw also keeps your livestock out of the elements and can be done ahead of time for good preparation.

With all of these tips, don't wait for the first leaf to drop to begin buying your hay for the winter and set yourself and your animals up for success by getting ahead of those cold days while there is still some warmth in the air.



# MORE THAN JUST A COW

by Katie Marchino-Miller

To many cattle producers, oftentimes they look at the calf crop as being their most prized possessions in a herd; therefore, often focus a lot of time, money, and resources to the growing calves. While the calves are a crucial part of most operations, it is important to not look over what produces the offspring; the brood cows. Typically, you only get one good shot at a calf crop a year and it is important to do everything you can to ensure you get the highest percentage bred as possible.

With the price of cows/calves increased this fall; a good group of cows are a vital part of success for the coming year's calf crop. Maintaining your brood cows ensures better breeding success and higher birth weights in the upcoming calves. Keeping your cows in a good body condition score helps benefit the growing calves while also sustaining and meeting the pregnant mother's nutritional needs. Overweight cows will struggle to move around well and have a harder time when birthing. Underweight mother's won't be able to meet the rapidly increasing needs of the growing fetus and



also sustain themselves. This also sets the mother up for failure once the calf is born by shorting the available supply of milk to the calf(s). Meeting all nutritional needs is crucial for herd success and longevity.

In closing, it is important to set your brood cows up for a successful breeding season. Managing forage intake, vitamins and minerals, and supplements are a reliable way to make sure your cows are ready to be bred and carry a healthy calf full-term.



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Phosphorous %	0.35	0.40
Selenium ppm	0.30	0.30
Vitamin A IU/lb	11,000	4,000
Vitamin D IU/lb	3,000	—
Vitamin E IU/lb	50	—
Added Ammonium Chloride	Yes	Yes
Added Yeast Culture	Yes	Yes
Added Prebiotics	Yes	?
Added Probiotics	Yes	No
Steam Rolled Grains	Yes	Yes
Roasted Soybeans	Yes	Yes

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