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## Winter 2014 Newsletter



### *Samson Christmas Party*

As hard as it may be to believe, the 2014 holiday season is upon us. This year's Samson Christmas party will be **Tuesday, December 23rd** at the Evans House, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. The open house event will have rolls in the morning, and appetizers throughout the day; tours of the office along with refreshments throughout the day should provide for a festive evening. If you are unable to make it, please accept our well wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

### Reminders...

- All retags must be reported to the Samson office. It is important to have this information to us prior to shipping/harvest as it reduces the time to complete your paperwork. Not only will we need the new program tag number, but either the old program tag number or the corresponding ranch tag number. If you have both, even better.
- Shipping soon? Please call the office **at least five days** in advance to ensure you receive your paperwork. We try and do our best to accommodate your hectic schedule, but with the busy season upon us, it is difficult to guarantee last minute shipping requests. After cattle are tagged, it is a non-conformance if they ship without the necessary paperwork.
- With many producers tagging cattle, it has been tough to keep tags on hand in the office. To assure you will receive your tags in time for tagging, be sure to order tags at least two weeks in advance of your tagging date. Though the tags may arrive quicker than two weeks, it is never certain that we will have the number of tags you are needing on hand. Ordering in advance will help keep your shipping costs down (no rush orders), and you know they will arrive in time for tagging.

## High Quality Feed: Quota A & B

Some packers are requiring producers to be Quota A & Quota B approved for the high quality feed portion of the NHTC approval. For those producers qualifying for only Quota B, feel free to call us to visit about these upcoming changes. We will be glad to check new rations for Quota A & B, as well as send you more information on this if needed. The purpose of qualifying for both quotas is it allows the packer flexibility in shipping beef to the EU under different trade agreements.

### High Quality Feed Requirements:

- Cattle must be fed the ration(s) that qualify for Quota A and/or Quota B for the last 100 days prior to harvest.
- The producer must record a daily feed log. It should show weights of the individual ingredients, or if feeding a complete ration, the total weight.

### Requirements of Quota A:

- A minimum of 70% grain diet, on a dry matter basis, must be fed.
- Cattle must consume a minimum of 20 lbs/hd/day, on an as-fed basis, of a ration(s).

### Requirements of Quota B:

- Cattle must be fed a 60.318 NEg Mcal diet.
- The ration(s) must be fed at a rate of 1.4% of the body weight, on a dry-matter basis.

### Some Grains That Qualify for Quota A:

- Barley
- Corn
- Dry Distillers Grain
- Modified Distillers Grain
- Wet Distillers Grain
- Milo
- Oats
- Rye
- Sorghum
- Soybeans

### Some Grains That Do Not Qualify for Quota A:

- Corn Gluten
- Corn Steep
- Corn Stover
- Distillers Grain Solubles
- Earlage
- Oatlage
- Silage
- Soybean Hulls
- Synergy



## Staff Update

Many of you know the familiar face of auditor, Tammi Eberle. Beginning in January, we will be adding another field auditor to our team; Miranda Donahue, of Howard, South Dakota. Growing up, Miranda was involved in 4-H, showing cattle, hogs, sheep and horses, and working on her family's feedlot and cow/calf operation. In her free time, she enjoys riding horses. She will be graduating from South Dakota State University in December with a degree in Agribusiness. Welcome to the team Miranda!



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