



FARM AND HOME NEWS



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GOAT MEAT PRODUCTION FOR NICHE MARKETS

The seminar will explore various aspects of raising feeder goats including nutritional requirements, parasite control, vaccination schedules, breeds and marketing options. The Tuesday, January 25 seminar will begin at 7 p.m. at The Dairy Center, Room 114 located south of Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa. There is a \$18 registration fee. To register call NICC at 800-728-2256 Ext 399 or for more information, contact Mary Steen at extension 341.

Experimental Farm Meeting

The Howard County Experimental Farm will hold its annual meeting January 28, 2005 at 2:30 PM at the Howard County Extension Office. The Extension office is located at 132 1st Avenue West in Cresco.

Dairy Day in Elma

The area dairy day will be in Elma at the KC Hall on January 25 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Dairy Days program is designed to bring dairy farm families and dairy professionals information on current topics. This year's topics include cow stressors, producing quality forages, herd health issues, dairy modernization and animal ID. Speakers will include Dr. Leo Timms, ISU Extension State dairy specialist; Larry Tranel and Dale Thoreson, ISUE dairy specialists, and Brian Lang, ISUE crops specialist.

Extension Council Officers

Tom Schwartzhoff, Lime Springs was elected chairman of Howard County Extension Council at the January organizational meeting. Other officers elected include Steve Kuhn, Cresco, vice chairman; Joyce Swestka, Cresco, secretary; and Craig Madsen, treasurer. Other members on the council include Nancy Hruska, Cresco; Kelly Bodermann, Elma; Kelly Mashek, Cresco; Duane Johnson, Lime Springs; and Scott Wiley, Cresco. The council decided to have their regular monthly meeting at the Extension Office on the last Monday of each month. The members also approved the budget for the new fiscal year and they set the public hearing on the budget for February 28 at 7 PM at the Extension Office.