

Assessment of Wheat Producer Changes in Grazing Termination Practices. (A04-krenzer094549-Oral)

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Abstract:

The Wheat Extension program at Oklahoma State University evaluated the impact of some of their programs. An in-person survey of 186 randomly selected wheat producers was conducted by Agricultural Educators. Producers had been taught that first hollow stem was the appropriate time to remove cattle from wheat pasture if they desired to maximize return per acre in a wheat-stocker cattle management system. 29% of the producers indicated they were using first hollow stem to determine when to terminate grazing, while 54% indicated they were still using calendar date and 24% were using something else. Of the producers growing wheat for a wheat-stocker cattle management system, 68% had some understanding of first hollow stem. Of these, 74% said they could determine first hollow stem and only 9% of those really had no understanding of how to do it. Only 27% of the producers seemed to understand the severe economic effect of grazing past the first hollow stem stage. More producers understood first hollow stem than were applying it in their farming operation.

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