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*By Wendie Powell
Livestock Production Agent,
Wildcat Extension District*

I chatted last week with Dr. Tina Sullivan, the new northeast area agronomist with K-State Research and Extension, about soil testing and application timing in pastures.

Dr. Sullivan discussed how pasture managers should prioritize taking the time to get a soil sample pulled and analyzed. "Seeing what our phosphorus, potassium (P and K levels) and then our pH is for our pastures is, even if it is a pasture situation compared to a tame forage, we still need to know what those levels are in order to keep our pastures as productive as possible to support the livestock we are trying to raise off of them. As we kind of think about forages as a whole, especially of pastures, we want to support those livestock that are on it, but if we're not supporting our forages by providing them the nutrients that they need through N, P, and K applications, then the forage can't be as productive thus our livestock can't be as productive."

Why soil test a pasture?

When discussing the timing of fertilizer applications, Dr. Sullivan recommends applying it during the correct season. After reviewing the soil test results, decide where the most limiting factors might be as far as soil nutrients, and then apply those nutrients at the right time of the

year to get the most cost-effective use of that application. "We like to apply our lime products, for changing our pH, phosphorus, and potassium products in the fall. Those products take longer to interact with the soil so our plants can uptake them. Whereas when it comes to nitrogen, we want to apply that product when the forage is greening up. Nitrogen can leach through and we don't want to lose that precious product we're applying," says Dr. Sullivan.

We also talked about grazing livestock and how those little

piles of nutrients can be calculated into a fertility program. Manure sampling is a topic for the conversation!

To learn more about pasture fertility, plan to attend the pasture soil health field day on March 25th at the K-State Southeast Research and Extension Center. We'll discuss soil amendments and tools for forage management and feature a panel of experts.

For more information, contact Wendie Powell, Livestock Production Agent, (620) 784-5337, wendiepowell@ksu.edu.

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HB 2113

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Good governance means foresight, responsibility, and efficient spending—and HB 2113 exemplifies all three. By modernizing the State Water Plan Fund and providing direct support to conservation districts, we are making sure every

dollar goes toward protecting our water future. This isn't a tax hike or a new bureaucracy—it's a smart investment in infrastructure and conservation that pays off in long-term savings. By collecting and using real data from water quality testing, we'll make informed decisions that help communities, not hinder them.

Kansans across the state will see real, tangible benefits. For farmers and ranchers, this bill means support for irrigation efficiency and drought resilience. For cities and small towns, it means better water infrastructure and cleaner drinking water. For rural areas, it means new conservation projects and technological support that keeps their communities sustainable. And for everyone, it ensures that our water remains available and clean—not just for us, but for generations to come.

- Keeps Kansas Water Local – Ensures funding stays in Kansas to support farmers, ranchers, and small towns.

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- Protects Water for the Future – Ensures long-term conservation efforts keep Kansas' water resources strong for years to come.

Lauren Coover to serve as Wildcat District Community Health Worker

*By Lauren Coover
Community Health Worker,
Wildcat Extension District*

I am Lauren Coover, your local Community Health Worker with K-State Research and Extension. I'm excited to offer free services aimed at helping you take charge of your health, connect with valuable local resources, and become more engaged in the opportunities our community provides.

Contact me to schedule a COMET or QPR community health training for your group or workplace. COMET is a peer mental health support program that empowers individuals with the skills to help others manage mental health challenges with compassion. QPR is a suicide prevention training that teaches how to recognize the signs of emotional distress and how to intervene when someone may be at risk for suicide.

I also manage the Parsons Farmers Market and community garden. The Farmers

Market provides fresh, locally grown produce, and it's a great way to support our local agriculture while making healthier food choices available. The Parsons Kids community garden offers a hands-on approach to healthy eating by teaching our kids how fun it is to grow their food!

Whether you want to improve physical, mental, or emotional well-being, I can help you create a personal health plan that aligns with your goals and enables you to navigate local resources and services. If you're interested in learning more about these programs, want to get more connected to what's happening in our area, or create your own personal health plan, I am here to support you. We can create a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.

For more information, please contact Lauren Coover, Community Health Worker, at 620-687-0122, lcoover@ksu.edu.

Youth Tractor Safety Training Offered

*By Adaven Rohling
Diversified Ag. and Natural
Resource Agent, Wildcat
Extension District*

The Wildcat Extension District will offer Youth Tractor Safety Training on March 20th at the Labette County Extension Office in Altamont. Open to all youth! Ages 7-13, come learn with us! No employer certification is offered, but youth are encouraged to come learn. Ages 14 & 15, Take the course for employer certification or without certification. If taking the class for certification, youth must take a portion of the class online before March 20th. Register

by March 6th to get the online class information sent to you. Certification from this training will meet the requirements for 14 or 15-year-olds to legally operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower for an employer. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch is included! Please contact the Altamont office at (620)-784-5337 for more information and to register for the course.

For more information contact Adaven Rohling, Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent Wildcat District, at 620-331-2690 or adaven@ksu.edu.

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