

**Cattlemen Host Free Supper and Animal
Disease Traceability Meeting in El Dorado and Winfield**

The Kansas Animal Health Department's Kendra Riley will be in El Dorado on March 8th and in Winfield on March 10th to discuss the new Animal Disease Traceability Program that USDA introduced early last year.

Two years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), held a listening tour across the country regarding the then National Animal Identification System (NAIS). After receiving a vast number of comments that were critical of the program, USDA decided to eliminate NAIS and revise its policy regarding animal disease traceability. USDA acknowledged that it needed a program that that will help find disease, quickly address it, and minimize harm to producers. That policy change resulted in using a flexible yet coordinated approach that embraces the strengths and expertise of producers.

Riley will be discussing some of the guidelines that USDA has announced regarding its new Animal Disease Traceability Program. As well, Kelsey Gibson from the Kansas Cattlemen's Association will be on hand to hear producers' thoughts and concerns and let producers know how KCA is working in the best interest of producers.

The two suppers hosted by the Kansas Cattlemen's Association will kick off the evenings. These events are free and open to the public, consumers and producers alike. For questions or more information, please call the Kansas Cattlemen's Association office at (785) 238-1483. RSVPs are welcome, but not required.

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

**Butler Community College
Intrust Bank Meeting Rooms @ Welcome Center: 2006 & 2007 - Down Stairs,
901 S Haverhill, Rd., El Dorado, KS**

7:00 p.m.

Free Supper and Animal Disease Traceability Informational Meeting

Guest Speaker: Kendra Riley, Kansas Animal Health Department

This event is sponsored in part by: American AgCredit - El Dorado & Wichita; C&J Distributing - El Dorado; Mason Greene - El Dorado; Lextron Animal Health - El Dorado; Sundgren Realty – El Dorado. Thank you to all of the sponsors for their support of local cattlemen.

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Winfield Livestock Auction Co., Inc.

7168 US 160, Winfield, KS

7:00 p.m. Free Supper and Animal Disease Traceability Informational Meeting

Guest Speaker: Kendra Riley, Kansas Animal Health Department

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