MU Thompson Farm in Grundy County to host field day
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Hoffman and Reed along with other supporters are encouraging attendance when beef research in a drought year is featured during field day talks and tours at the Thompson Farm west of Spickard on Tuesday, September 18th.
Beef herd management during the drought and beyond will be discussed at the University of Missouri Thompson Farm field day, in northwestern Grundy County, September 18.

The annual event starts at 9 a.m. with talks on cow herd nutrition and pasture management as a result of the extreme drought, says Rodney Geisert, superintendent and MU animal scientist.

Justin Sexten, MU Extension beef nutrition specialist, will tell the feeding challenges of the 2012 drought. Rob Kallenbach, MU Extension forage specialist, will give pasture management tips. A panel on reproduction will follow with tips from Scott Poock, DVM, from the MU College of Veterinary Medicine; and Mike Smith and Dave Patterson from the MU Division of Animal Sciences.

After a break, Scott Brown, MU livestock economist, will describe profit potential from producing high-quality beef. Mike Kasten, director of the MU Quality Beef program, will tell of the new beef marketing effort.

The Thompson Farm beef herd has attained national attention for producing calves with high percentages of USDA prime quality grade beef.
Lunch and tours of exhibits will be at noon.

Farm tours will be held in the afternoon.
A tour of the beef herd will be led by Dave Patterson, reproduction specialist. His research at the farm developed protocols for breeding a cow herd in one day with timed artificial insemination. He and MU graduate student Neal Martin will give updates on their research.

The other tour features forestry and wildlife habitat on the farm and will be led by Hank Stelzer, MU Extension forester, and Ray Wright, MU wildlife research specialist. Tours will end by 2 p.m.