

SIERRA STOCK REVIEW

Resources for Ranching in the Foothills

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➤➤➤ Help me, help you! Needs Assessment Survey

Over the next year, my primary focus will be on conducting a needs assessment, which will help me develop a research and extension program that best fits the needs of local ranchers. Understanding your current management practices and challenges is important to me, as my goal is to host workshops, conduct research, and share updates with you all that are relevant to your operation. In addition to ranch visits, I have created an online survey to help formally gather this information. The survey is confidential and should take about 10 minutes to complete. I would greatly appreciate your input and look forward to hopefully meeting you in person, as well! Link to survey: [CLICK HERE](#).

If you would like to schedule a ranch visit, please email me at alnwarn@ucanr.edu or give me a call at (530)889 -7385. For more frequent updates and event reminders, be sure to follow the new "Foothill Livestock Network" page on Facebook. [CLICK HERE](#).

➤➤➤ Livestock Disaster Pass Info

Spring is officially here, which means a lot of us are starting to think about preparing for the upcoming fire season. Ranchers in Placer, Nevada, and Yuba Counties, along with UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and the County Agricultural Departments from these three counties, have established a Disaster Livestock Access Program to facilitate livestock and human safety before, during, and after wildfire and other emergencies. Livestock Access Passholders may be permitted into evacuation zones, or other restricted areas, to provide feed, water, medical treatment, and other care to commercial livestock.

Commercial livestock production for this program is defined as owning/managing 50+ head of livestock (including in utero, e.g., 25 bred cows), 100+ poultry or rabbits, or 50+ beehives that reside in Placer, Nevada, or Yuba County for at least a portion of the year, or a person who, through an agreement with that owner of livestock, has authority and is responsible to oversee the care and well-being of the livestock. This program applies to commercially raised species of livestock, including cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, and bees. "Commercially raised" means the livestock are raised as part of a business. If you are a NEW applicant for this program, please fill out the application survey by clicking [HERE](#). If you are currently a passholder and would like to renew your pass for 2025, please register for the online refresher training [HERE](#).

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Comparing two fly control methods on prevention of pinkeye in pastured stockers

One of my favorite things about spring is that it is typically a busy time for research projects! This year is no different, and as we start to head into the warmer season, I think this project is especially relevant.

Many ranchers have experienced pinkeye in their herds, characterized by teary, cloudy, ulcerative eyes that often require costly antibiotics to treat. The face fly is a primary vector for the bacteria that causes this infection, and prevention methods typically involve products designed to reduce fly activity on the animal's face, such as fly tags or pour-on treatments. However, research evaluating the efficacy of these products has been limited since the 1980s. Our research team is conducting a study where we are using stocker cattle to evaluate the effectiveness of pour-on treatments and fly tags in preventing pinkeye and will be compared to a control group of cattle that do not receive any fly prevention measures. In addition to assessing pinkeye prevalence, we will also be examining weight gain, cost of prevention and treatment, and fly prevalence. Stay tuned for the results!



UPCOMING EVENTS

UC Cooperative Extension and Tahoe Cattlemen's Association invite you to a beef cattle field day at the Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center. Join us for hands-on activities focusing on animal health, pasture management, and emergency preparedness. Click on the photo below for more details and registration.



CA Sheep Grazing School

UC Hopland REC

April 24-25, 2025

Topics Include:

- Principles of Managed Grazing
- Health and Nutrition
- Ecology and Economics
- Predator Protection
- Targeted Grazing

Instructors Include:

Dan Macon, UCCE Central Sierra
Dr. Rosie Busch, UCD Sheep and Goat Extension Veterinarian
Alison Smith, HREC Sheep Manager
Camren Maierle, American Lamb Board
Cost: \$200/person (includes meals and materials)



Register here!!

