

# **COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

### Proudly owned by the farmers and ranchers of the **Brazos Valley since 1943.**



#### **Bloat in Cattle**

Bloat occurs when the animal cannot expel gas due to a foam or froth that develops in the rumen. Eventually, enough gas will build up, putting pressure on the trachea and ultimately causing death by asphyxiation. Bloat in cattle is often seen when grazing on pastures that contain a high concentration of clover. All clovers can cause problems, but Burr Clover seems to be the main culprit in our area. Diluting the amount of clover in the diet is the most practical preventative strategy. Bloating is less common when cattle are grazing mixed pastures or when a bale of palatable hay is provided. Cattle producers can also limit access to risky pastures or slowly introduce cattle to the pasture, allowing them to acclimate. When no other options are available, there are products that contain poloxalene, a bloat preventing feed additive. Producers stocks a single dose drench or a free-choice Bloat Block.

Call our staff nutritionist, Robert Barrett, for more information on bloat prevention.

979-778-2864



## **Spraying Season**

Spraying season is upon us and Producers Cooperative offers the products you need to keep your pastures clean and clear. From replacement parts for your spray rig to a brand new system, we carry it. Let us help you efficiently manage your spraying needs.

Contact the fenceyard manager, Andy Scasta or Kelsey Jozwiak, for more information about spray equipment. 979-778-6000



#### From The Ground Up From The Ground Up educates our friends and neighbors in the Brazos Valley about

agriculture and its impact on their everyday lives. Be sure to watch our weekly televised segment at approximately 6:15 am on Thursdays or during the Saturday 6 o'clock evening news on KBTX-TV 3, Bryan-College Station's CBS affiliate. This weeks From The Ground Up segment covers food security & sustainability with Luis

Ribera, director of the Center of North American Studies.

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