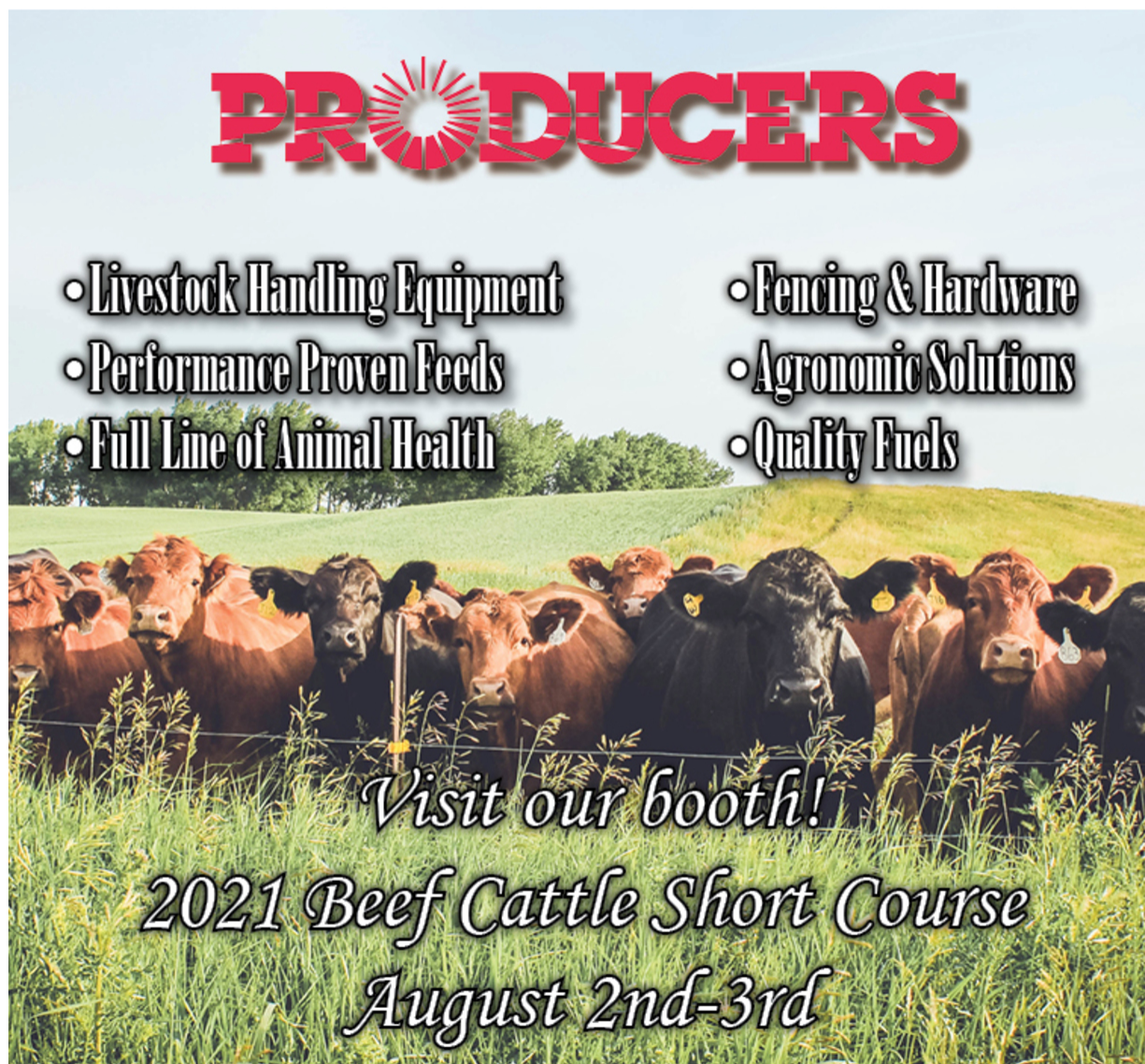


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### Silverleaf Nightshade

*Information adapted from Corteva agriscience*

The threat of silverleaf nightshade to farmers and ranchers is two-fold. First, it is highly competitive with grasses and reduces forage production. Second, it's toxic to most mammals, including cattle, sheep, goats and horses. All parts of the plant, especially the fruit, are toxic. Even after the plant is dried, the toxicity levels stay. Livestock owners find silverleaf nightshade toxicity issues when the plant is bound in their hay bales or when their fields are overgrazed. Symptoms of toxicity include incoordination, excessive salivation, loud and labored breathing, trembling, nasal discharge, diarrhea and weakness or paralysis. Death may occur quickly or within three to four days.

Silverleaf nightshade can grow to be 1 to 3 feet tall with several branches. It appears to be silver in color with purple or white flowers and small yellow fruit. The plant typically blooms from May to October.

The plant reproduces by seeds, creeping roots and even small root fragments. Plants will grow from severed roots. It is not recommended to mow or shred silverleaf nightshade. The most economical and effective way to control the threatening plant is by herbicide treatment.

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