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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Workshop:

Sheep Production 101
Saturday, October 13, 2018, Davis, CA

Membership Meeting:

Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall 2018
Thursday, October 18, 2018, Davenport, CA



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FALL CALVING

Across California's annual grasslands, beef cows are calving. Most calves are born between August and November. They calve in the Fall so that they are old enough in the early spring to graze on the rapidly growing spring grass, which begins to replace their mother's milk. It's really a balancing act - matching the nutrient needs of the cow and calf with forage quality and quantity.

The primary goal of a cow-calf producer is for every cow to wean a calf in the late Spring. To achieve this, the rancher must begin preparing during calving season by:

- Keeping a watchful eye on cows as they calve. Although most cows do not require any assistance calving, some do have trouble. Ranchers may assist by pulling a calf or making sure a cow and her calf are matched up.
- Looking out for predators. Newborn or young calves are more susceptible than older animals to predators like mountain lions and coyotes. Calving location may help to minimize predator losses.
- Paying attention to cow and heifer nutrition. Cows must be re-bred within 80 to 85 days after calving to maintain the goal of one calf each year. Adequate nutrition is crucial for re-breeding, especially for first calf heifers. Dry fall forage may require supplementation to meet the cows needs for nursing her calf and getting re-bred.

Fall Supplementation The UC Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, east of Sacramento conducted research over 5 years to discover how rangeland supplementation and stocking rates affected cattle production. [<read full article>](#)

Upcoming Events



SHEEP PRODUCTION 101 WORKSHOP

What:

This workshop will focus on sheep production basics, animal handling (e.g. proper vaccination, techniques, hoof trimming), breeding practices, nutrition, lambing and predator management.

When:

Saturday, October 13
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 p.m.

Where:

[Cole Facility, UC Davis Campus](#)
Davis, CA

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\$25 members / \$35 non-members / late fee \$10



RANGELAND PRODUCTIVITY Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall 2018 Membership Meeting

What:

Visit beautiful Swanton Pacific Ranch where ranchers Gordon Claasen and Becca Pulcrano work with Cal Poly students and staff to monitor and research planned grazing regimes to maintain biological diversity and increase grassland production, while teaching about and demonstrating sustainable rangeland management.

When:

Thursday, Oct 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where:

[Cal Poly Swanton Pacific Ranch](#)
125 Swanton Road
Davenport, CA 95017

To register, see presenters, check out the agenda, and more, please visit:

[CCRC Fall 2018 Meeting](#)

Cost: \$35.00

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