

Water tank demo slated for Dec. 3

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If your first thought is, "What is a tire tank?" then this demonstration is for you. Livestock producers are encouraged to install water tanks to prevent cattle from drinking directly out of the stream. It is not that the stream water is bad for cattle; rather the cattle can harm the stream.

While cows may not understand the importance of protecting water quality, it is important to educate the cattle producers.

The objective of alternate water supply tanks is to provide the cattle with another source for water other than a stream or pond. Research shows cattle would rather to drink out of a tank than from a stream or pond. "My recommendation is to provide the cattle with an alternate water supply," said K-State Research and Extension Watershed Specialist Herschel George ".A tire tank is just one of many types of tanks that producers can install to assist with water quality improvements."

On Wednesday Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m. cattlemen will have the opportunity to see the process of making a used equipment tire into a stock tank for cattle use. This tire tank will be made from a used tire off a commercial fertilizer applicator.

The event is to take place at the Lloyd Howser Farm, 2 1/2 miles east of Fort Scott on U.S. Highway 54 to 255th Road and 1/2 mile north; then west into the pasture about 100 yards. Look for direction signs from U.S. 54. This free demonstration is free and open to the public. For more information call (913) 2946021.