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Hello all,

I know many of you have plenty of work to do on the farm or ranch. It is nice to be able to work more/continue to work from your home place. I am doing projects I would otherwise not get done due to the stay at home orders. I have plenty of OSU work, but with the extended daylight hours I am getting some outdoor work done too.

OSU Extension is working to keep our communities safe. All Extension programming is being provided virtually, postponed or canceled. Extension county offices are closed. We are available via email, phone and webconference. [Also visit Extension's Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) topic page.](#)

So... Here is some information you and your family may be interested in to replace some of the time you would spend in town. I hope you enjoy these!

1. Science information for the kids (and you) – <https://www.asas.org/meetings/virtual-resources>. This collection of programs has been reviewed by and is being promoted by the American Society of Animal Sciences! Online resources for educators and parents in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions.
2. OSU Chick-cam - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50EXdnUQt7c&feature=youtu.be&t=32>
3. Gardening - Through the end of April, OSU Master Gardeners are making OSU's online Vegetable Gardening course FREE! <https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/master-gardener-series-vegetable-gardening?hsLang=en&fbclid=IwAR1SL4PShytI-TQMgGQTdbD69gu3eGH78iS8DNz2Q4t0Kd91AaeaYglghMg>

Back to Livestock and Forages work...

4. Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) online training is available **Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)** is a national program that raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry. See more about BQA and find the on-line trainings available at www.bqa.org. There are great resources on this site, including assessments you can conduct on your own operation. The BQA program offers several certification options including the following:
 - [Cow/Calf](#) - For those who breed and sell weaned calves
 - [Stocker/Backgrounder](#) - For those who raise and sell feeder cattle
 - [Feedyard](#) - For those who feed and sell fed cattle
 - [Transportation](#) – For those who truck cattle (Professional driver or Farmer-ranch)

Let me know if you have questions on or need assistance with the BQA program.

Certification is for three years. Update yours now if needed or add another certificate on another sector of the beef industry.

5. Animals and COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

- a. Oregon Dept. of Ag <https://www.oregon.gov/ODA/agriculture/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>
- b. CDC https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fanimals.html

County Specific

Lane County Livestock and Forages Breakfast Meetings - Cancelled for May; Resume in the fall.

Thank-you,
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