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**Educating a Changing Population about Livestock and Natural Resource Management at the Bradley Ranch**

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Abstract:

Situated between Topeka and Kansas City, Douglas County is a rapidly developing area in Eastern Kansas. Douglas County Extension receives strong local support for educating the changing population. John Bradley, a former Extension Board Chair, is one of those supporters. Bradley's cattle operation is located just south of Lawrence, within the expected growth area of the city. Like most livestock producers in the area, Bradley has a full time job off of the farm. John and his wife Amy purchased property in September of 2004 from other family members, and began working closely with Extension to establish and implement goals to improve the profitability and natural resources (grassland, water quality, woodland, wildlife habitat) of their ranch. Educating other livestock producers and the general public about natural resource management is a priority for the Bradleys. Resource improvement made, and educational events held on the property since 2005 will be presented.

Impact Statement:

Held 7 field day events reaching over 300 people. Audiences ranged from Haskell Indian Nations University students to state Herford Association members.

Partnered with over 10 local, state and national entities.

Stewardship Awards: Douglas County Kansas Grassland Management Award, Kansas Farm Bureau Natural Resource Management Award

Category: Rural Environmental Protection

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