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Springfield, Co., It's the beginning of a New Year and resolutions, goals and decisions are part of our entire personal and business world. In the agricultural world there are many changes both locally and globally that affect you as an agricultural producer. Brett Stuart, an economist for Cattle Fax, recently told an audience that 2010 will see the smallest cattle numbers in the United States since 1949! And yet these producers will again market near record pounds of beef produced! So things have changed and producers are in fact producing more with less. The competition continues and Stuart predicts that we will also see in 2010, a reverse in the per capita consumption of meat. Per capita consumption of meat has increased steadily every year in the last 50 years. In 2009 we saw a decline of 5.2 pounds per person to 208 pounds per person/per year. (Cattle Fax). Will this continue? What about world demand and other countries' production? Producers need to not only embrace what works, but look for ways for operations to work even better at enhancing production, improving herd health, preserving and sustaining resources and making a profit for your family.

Colorado State University is pledged to being a source for this research, information and resources. The CSU Extension website [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu) has an agricultural tab, "Agriculture and Natural Resources". This link can take you to numerous Fact Sheets, Agri-business average costs for: leasing, services and other agricultural expenses, and a statewide directory. The CSU Beef Team page, [www.csubeef.edu](http://www.csubeef.edu) has a connection to the Cattleman's Library which has connections with research done in Colorado and in neighboring universities. Colorado State University now has a 24-hour veterinarian on-call line (970)219-8011. You can reach one of six different veterinarians to help you with important questions quickly.

So as you look at your operation and search for ways to do your job with less resources while still producing more, know that many resources exist to help you. Your local Extension Office offers a starting place for information, contacts and working solutions to help you keep your resolutions.

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