2013 has been stressful for cow/calf producers

▲ Late winter has caused many calving dilemmas

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| This Saturday, May 4, is the 12th International Clark Taekwondo Tournament at the Clark High School gym.

| Team from South Dakota and surrounding states will be in attendance and two teams from as far away as Puerto Rico and Mexico will be attending. All Clark students will be performing.

| The tournament will have multiple highlights including a tag team match between South Dakota and Puerto Rico. Each tag team will have five students performing, including Jun-June and Paige Paulson from Clark. Another highlight will be a men’s black belt grand champion rope jump. Winners will be representing Clark in this event.

| The tournament begins at 11:00 a.m. with registration from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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Producers will get a late start this spring

It’s the first of May and there has been very little, if any field work completed for 2014-2015, and combined with the latest start of springs in recent history.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the US National Animal Health Monitoring System, said for those calving in the April 9-23 window. We’ve had a lot of death reports from producers who have had to make a very difficult decision to calve indoors because of the terrible weather mostly went from there. The temperatures pretty much went up from the mid-70s days on March 13 and 17 on March 4. The first high was 86 degrees in Clark.

Our thinking may need to change not as potent as they used to be. Complication or even death have gone this spring, a big change from 1940s.

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