



Beef College Set for Feb. 11

Beef College is a workshop to inform livestock producers about the latest beef research and will be held Feb. 11 in Bismarck.

The latest research on grazing, nutrition and weaning are among the topics at a day-long beef cattle workshop set for Feb. 11 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck.

The Beef College is a collaborative effort of the North Dakota State University Animal Sciences Department and North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

“The program should help keep producers abreast of beef research efforts at NDSU and how findings might be applied at the ranch, as well as bring perspective to change and issues currently being faced by the state's cattle producers,” says Charlie Stoltenow, NDSU Extension Service veterinarian and Beef College coordinator.

The morning session will include brief updates on the North Dakota Beef Quality Assurance program from Lisa Pederson, NDSU Extension beef quality assurance specialist; North Dakota Beef Cattle Improvement Association from Kris Ringwall, director of NDSU's Dickinson Research Extension Center; and North Dakota Stockmen's Association from Jason Schmidt, the association's vice president.

Other topics for the morning session are summaries of research on:

- Late-season grazing alternatives - Brian Neville, a ruminant nutrition technician in NDSU's Animal Sciences Department
- Feeding cull cows - Michelle Thompson, southwest feeder coordinator at the NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center
- Effect of animal disposition on carcass traits - Eric Berg, an associate professor in NDSU's Animal Sciences Department
- Natural vs. conventional finishing of feedlot cattle - Vern Anderson, an animal scientist at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center
- Fetal programming effects of gestational nutrition - Kim Vonnahme, an assistant professor in NDSU's

Animal Sciences Department

- Weaning age and backgrounding alternatives - Doug Landblom, an animal scientist at the NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center

The afternoon session will start with featured speaker Tom Field, executive director of producer education for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He will give a presentation titled "Adjusting to Today's Economy." He has more than 20 years of experience in teaching and research as an animal sciences professor at Colorado State University.

The program will conclude with a panel of several North Dakota cattle producers addressing issues and opportunities in the state. The panel will feature Ryan Topp of Grace City, who will talk about seedstock/commercial feedlot alliances; Bill Price of Center, who will discuss expanding feeding and processing possibilities; and Ray Erbele of Streeter, who will address generational ranch transitions.

The registration cost is \$25 per person if received by Jan. 29. That fee includes lunch. Registration at the door will cost \$35 and will not include lunch.

The cost for students (college and below) is \$10 if registering by Jan. 29. That includes lunch. Students also will be charged \$10 if registering at the door, but they will not be able to have lunch.

Contact your local county Extension office for a workshop flier and preregistration information. Send registrations to Lisa Pederson at 2718 Gateway Ave., Unit 104, Bismarck, ND 58503. To contact her, call (701) 328-9718 or e-mail her at lisa.pederson@ndsu.edu.

For more information about the workshop, contact Stoltenow at (701) 231-7522 or charles.stoltenow@ndsu.edu or the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or nsda@ndstockmen.org.