

2009 Beef Cattle Short Course Tentative Schedule*

*Titles, speakers, locations, etc. are subject to change. Be sure to get an updated schedule upon arrival. Additional CEU and BQA credits will be offered and identified on the final program.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Rudder Complex

10:00 a.m. On-site registration, exhibitor set-up, and registered participants may pickup their registration materials.

11:00 Annual BCSC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Pebble Creek

7:00 Texas CattleWomen Steak Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser
(Texas Hall of Fame)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Rudder Complex & MSC

6:30 a.m. Coffee and Breakfast compliments of trade show exhibitors

7:00 Registration desk open, TRADE SHOW OPEN IN Rudder

8:00 General Assembly for instructions and orientation

8:30 **Cattleman's College Seminars**

8:30 a.m. to Noon - CONCURRENT TRAINING

Basic Ranch Management

- Calving Demonstration
- Cattle Poisonings
- Production, Management and Purchasing tips
- Cattle Identification and Theft Prevention

Forage Management - Pasture Cost in Beef Cattle Production:

Where does the money go? (Repeated on Tuesday)

- It's the little things that count...or cost.
- Pasture costs associated with cow-calf production
- Bahiagrass: Blessing or a Curse?
- How to make it through the winter in one piece
- Hay and stockpiled forages: What's the bottom line?
- Forage Legumes to the Rescue

Nutritional Management - Sharpening Decisions about Cow Nutrition

- The ever changing nutrient requirements of the cow
- Forage quality and availability
- Supplemental feeding decisions: What are my options?

Reproductive Management - Getting Cows bred during tough times

- Rain or Not, Where am I and do I have a chance?
- When to feed Energy
- Early Weaning
- Culling Strategies
- Recovering from Trichomoniasis

Beef Cattle Research in Texas

This session highlights beef cattle research projects being conducted at Texas A&M University locations across the state. Topics will encompass cow-calf and grazing aspects through feeding and end-product considerations.

12:00 Lunch served from 11:30-2:00, Trade show activities

Afternoon Program

General Session - Rudder Auditorium

1:30 Ranching for the Future

- Beef Market Outlook, David Anderson
- Technology, Agriculture and the Environment
Alex Avery, Center of Global Food Issues, Hudson Institute
- Hot Issues Affecting Ranchers, Rick Machen
- Beef Cattle Welfare: Sending the Right Message
Dan Hal and Ron Gill

5:00 Trade Show Activities

6:00 Famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Rudder Complex

7:00 a.m. Trade Show opens with coffee and breakfast. On-site registration open.

8:30 **Cattleman's College Seminars**

8:30 a.m. to Noon - CONCURRENT TRAINING

Applied Breeding and Genetics - Focusing on Producing Quality Commercial Calves

- Breeding systems for commercial cow calf herds
- Bull selection made easy
- Female selection and development
- How do we fit? (Advice from ranchers)
- Using bull gain test and replacement heifer programs and data

Beef Cattle Health Management

- Making sense of vaccines and their use
- Management of deworming; strategies and products

- Trichomoniasis; Understanding the new regulations

- Trichomoniasis; Understanding and managing your risk

Reproductive Management (Repeated from Monday)

Nutritional Management (Repeated from Monday)

Forage Management (Repeated from Monday)

12:00 Lunch served from 11:30-2:00 p.m., Trade show activities

1:30 **Cattleman's College Seminars**

1:30 to 5:30 CONCURRENT TRAINING

Marketing vs. Selling - Is there a difference?

- Gettin' em ready at the ranch
- Working with a professional marketer
- Your cattle on the World Wide Web

Managing Cattle and Wildlife in One System (1 Pesticide CEU)

- Discussion on nature tourism
- Producer's view towards mixing wildlife and cattle operations
- Feral hogs in Texas- control and disease concerns

Managing Livestock on Texas Grazing Lands

- The Basics of Grazing - Land, Plants, Animals and Management
- Meeting livestock nutrient requirements from grazing lands
- Developing your own unique grazing strategy for your ranch
- You keep records, don't you?

Issues Affecting Landowners

This session is designed to address topics that impact the rural landowner. Landowner liability, water rights, eminent domain, leases and land market outlook are just a few of the topics that will be covered.

Pesticide Applicator Re-certification (3 Pesticide CEUs)

- 1 hour each of Laws and Regulations, IPMs and General.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

University Center, Louis Pearce Pavilion, Beef Center, Rosenthal, CVM, Freeman Arena

7:30 a.m. Coffee and breakfast at each location.

8:30 **Cattlemen's College and Seminars**

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon - CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Brush Busters Demonstration (3 General CEUs)

- Where to go for information on Brush Management
- Brush Busters/ Weed Busters Programs
- Plant identification Resources
- Decision support systems

Beef Cattle Business Management Workshop

- New developments in herd management software
- Changing cattle price relationships with higher costs
- Cow calf enterprise cost of production analysis program
- Cattle tax and management accounting update - 2009

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine Tour

Participants will have an opportunity tour the large animal facilities and interact with faculty. Individuals interested in the tour will need to sign up upon arrival to the Short Course because it will be limited to the first 100 individuals.

Beef Carcass Value Determination Workshop

- Beef grading
- Live Market Steer Evaluation at Rosenthal Holding Pens
- View video of market steers, grade the carcasses and price the cattle on a carcass grid
- Where is the Value: Carcasses to Cuts

Live Cattle Handling Demonstrations

Focus in this session will be on developing the handlers sense about when to apply pressure and how much pressure to apply to get cattle to work smoother and with less stress than cattle handled with what has become "traditional" handling principles.

Beef Cattle Chute Side Working and Selection Workshops

Live animal demonstrations covering basic cow herd management practices with emphasis on cattle selection, proper vaccination procedures, castration, dehorning, parasite control and BQA recommendations.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training Course

An opportunity to obtain a pesticide applicators license. Training will occur before lunch with an opportunity to take the certification test at 1:00 p.m. There will be an additional charge of \$55 for materials that will be paid at the meeting. Those interested should contact Don Renchie at 979-845-3849.

12:00 Beef Cattle Short Course 2009- Adjourned