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Announcement: 2009 Statewide Artificial Insemination & Pregnancy Determination Schools

In order to provide practical and relevant education and service to ranchers, Texas AgriLife Extension in the past has worked closely with industry groups to offer educational programs in artificial insemination (AI) and pregnancy determination in cattle. Because of continuing interest by Texas producers on this topic, a series of statewide schools have been planned for 2009. Companies who will participate in the joint educational effort in 2009 include American Breeders Service, and Bovine Elite, LLC.

In addition to the actual, hands-on training in these two techniques using live cattle, participants will devote half of their time to classroom instruction in herd management. Topics covered include:

- anatomy and physiology of reproduction,
- principles and techniques of artificial insemination,
- management application and techniques of pregnancy determination,
- semen handling and thawing,
- estrous synchronization,
- selection and timing of the breeding season to optimize fertility,
- successful feeding and mineral programs for the breeding herd,
- genetic selection and record keeping programs,
- replacement heifer development and management,
- management to avoid calving problems, and
- herd health programs.

Participants are given a comprehensive manual on AI technique and management. School curriculum time also is devoted to other subjects, and participants are given an introduction to the Texas Beef Cattle Management Handbook with information on securing a personal copy.

To be eligible for training in pregnancy determination, participants must have had previous AI training or be concurrently enrolled in AI training. Training received from any of the major AI companies or a college/university course will satisfy this requirement.

Prices for the specialized training are variable and depend upon the choice of the sponsoring company:

AI and pregnancy determination (taken concurrently from either company)	\$650
Artificial insemination (taken alone – Bovine Elite, LLC)	\$400

The registration fees are necessary to defray the larger expenses associated with the technical training. Registration normally begins at 8:00 a.m. on the first morning of the school except for weekend schools which start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. All participants must complete a practical examination in each technique on the last afternoon of the school.

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It is imperative that participants contact the school coordinator at least two weeks in advance, since schools not having the minimum number of participants may be canceled. Advance registration is requested and can be obtained by contacting the appropriate coordinator at one of the following phone numbers or Web sites. All companies require a deposit with advanced registration which will be applied to the full registration amount.

American Breeders Service

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Bovine Elite, LLC

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The attachment indicates the schools that have been scheduled for 2009. The date, location (town/city), and sponsoring company are also listed. The exact location for the school should be obtained from the respective clinic coordinator.

Sincerely yours,



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Attachment

Location	Company	Date
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	February 10-13, 2009
Muenster	American Breeders Service	March 9-11, 2009*
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	April 7-10, 2009
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	May 5-12, 2009
Gainsville	American Breeders Service	June 8-10, 2009*
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	June 9-12, 2009
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	July 14-17, 2009
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	September 8-11, 2009
Muenster	American Breeders Service	September 14-16, 2009*
Clarendon	American Breeders Service	October 5-9, 2009**
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	October 6-9, 2009
College Station	Bovine Elite, LLC	November 10-13, 2009
San Angelo	American Breeders Service	February 9-11, 2010
Clarendon	American Breeders Service	April 20-22, 2010
San Angelo	American Breeders Service	May 11-13, 2010

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