



## Beef Times

### REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 1. *Northwest MN Tuberculosis (TB) Information Meetings set for January 17 & 18*

The MN Beef Team will be hosting a free informational town meeting for livestock producers in Bagley (Tuesday, January 17; 1:00 - 4:00 pm), Grygla (Tuesday, January 17; 6:30 - 9:30 pm) and in Badger (Wednesday, January 18; 6:30 - 9:30 pm). The Bagley program will take place on the 3rd floor meeting room of the Clearwater County Courthouse and the Grygla and Badger programs will take place at the local high school gymnasium. Both state and federal officials from the MN Board of Animal Health, MN Dept of Agriculture, USDA and the MN Department of Natural Resources will be on hand to present the current status of TB in MN, investigation, indemnity, livestock movement restrictions, wildlife, and to answer additional questions. All area livestock producers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jim Stordahl (Bagley, 218-563-2465), Howard Person (Grygla, 218-683-7030) or Nathan Johnson (Badger, 218-463-0294).

#### 2. *2006 MN Beef Cow/Calf Days*

Cow/Calf Days are scheduled for February 7-9 in Glenwood, Pipestone, New Prague, Rochester and 13-17 in Mora, Staples, Bagley, Greenbush and Grand Rapids. Topics this year include: Update on Current University of Minnesota Research and Education, Johne's Disease/Tuberculosis (TB) Status and Update, National Animal ID System, Grazing Pasture Management, Vaccination Strategies and Herd Health, Estrous Synchronization, and Current and Future Trends—Cattle Marketing. For more information, visit our website at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/cowcalfdays.htm](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/cowcalfdays.htm)

#### 3. *2006 Stocker Backgrounder Nutrition and Management Home Study Course*

Registration deadline is February 1, 2006 and the registration fee is \$40/person. The 2006 course includes: Nutrition, Health, Grazing Management, Preconditioning, Economics, Facilities, Equipment & Labor and Animal ID. For more information or to download a brochure, go to: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/homestudy.htm](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/homestudy.htm)

#### 4. *Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Anthrax Updates*

With the discovery of TB and Anthrax in northwestern MN, the MN Board of Animal Health, MN Department of Agriculture and the MN Beef Team have provided updates and information to be available for livestock producers, extension faculty, industry representatives, governmental officials and consumers. This resource will provide you with the basic information on TB and Anthrax and how it affects both the production of livestock and food safety. For more information on the topics below, visit the Beef Team web site at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/), and click on Bovine TB Page.

- ◆ [Bovine TB Facts and Updates](#)
- ◆ [Free TB Testing Offered](#)
- ◆ [Listing of all Major Surrounding State Veterinary Offices](#)
- ◆ [Bovine TB Movement Requirements for Major Surrounding States](#) - Interactive map
- ◆ [MN Bovine TB Status](#)
- ◆ [Bovine TB and the Food Supply](#)

For more information on upcoming events, contact Denise Plonis at (218) 327-4490 or visit the beef team website at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/). If you have any comments or would no longer like to receive this newsletter, please e-mail your request to Ryon Walker at: [walke375@umn.edu](mailto:walke375@umn.edu)

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### 5. *Pasture Management Program (Winter Session Part III)*

Tuesday, January 24, 2006 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Leader Community Center in Leader, MN. Registration fee is \$7.00/person and includes lunch. Topics include: demonstration results and animal measurements, soil fertility and related components, soil testing and analysis of the 2005 rotational vs continuous grazing study; water related issues, intensive grazing and forage improvements, and fabricated windbreaks for winter livestock protection. For more information, contact Mel Wiens at 218-894-2715.

### 6. *2nd Annual Beef Pasture Day*

The 2nd Annual Beef/Pasture Day will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 in Aitkin, MN. Program time is from 9:30–3:00 pm and the registration fee is yet to be determined. Topics will include: Understanding grass growth, extension updates on forage plots, Animal ID and TB/Anthrax issues, windrow grazing/pasture improvement project, managing environmentally sensitive areas and NRCS updates. Additional information on the location will be available soon on the Beef Team website, or contact Brad Irwin at (218) 927-7322.

### 7. *Animal ID Training Sessions Offered*

The Minnesota Beef Team, Dairy Team, Equine Team, Swine Team and 4-H is working cooperatively with the MN Board of Animal Health to educate livestock producers, extension educators, industry professionals and government officials on the National Animal Identification System. Throughout the winter and spring of 2006, trained educators will be providing training sessions on Animal ID to a number of sectors of the livestock industry. If you are interested or know of someone that would be interested in becoming educated on animal ID in Minnesota, contact Lori Schott at (320) 225-5050 or Ryon Walker at (218) 327-5958.

### 8. *Conference Proceedings from “Managing and Marketing Quality Holstein Steers” are available*

Proceedings papers are still available from the well attended and well received National Holstein Beef Conference in November 2 & 3, 2005. To order your conference proceedings, visit the Beef Team website at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/pdfs/HolsteinProcOrderForm.pdf](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/pdfs/HolsteinProcOrderForm.pdf) and print off the order form to mail in. For additional information on the conference proceedings, visit the website at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/releases/HolsteinBeefProceedingsavailable.pdf](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/releases/HolsteinBeefProceedingsavailable.pdf)

### 9. *Check out the Beef Team articles in the Minnesota Farm Guide*

The Beef Team contributes, bi-monthly, an article on cow/calf or feedlot management to the MN Farm Guide publication. This publication is read by over 60,000 readers and is a great tool to read about new issues facing the Beef Industry and provides useful information to the cow/calf and feedlot producer. To read the latest article published in the MN Farm Guide, visit the Beef website at: [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.htm](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.htm)

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