



Beef Times

REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. *The Beef Team says Goodbye to Dr. Cliff Lamb*

The Beef Team will be losing, not only a friend, but a key link to the success of the Beef Team. Dr. Cliff Lamb has accepted a position with the University of Florida. Starting in early January, Cliff will become a Florida Gator. The position that Cliff has accepted will provide him with a great opportunity to further his career and achievements as a Scientist. We wish Cliff all the best.

2. *Last Chance to Sign up (January 15) for the 2008 Beef Home Study Course*

Registration fee is \$50 and Topics include: Common Breeding Herd Diseases; Internal and External Parasite Control; Antibiotic Use, Biosecurity and BQA; Herd Health Calendar; Newborn Calf Care, and Preparing Calves for Weaning. For more information, visit the Beef Team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef.

3. *4th Annual Beef/Forage Day*

Saturday, January 19 (9:30 - 3:00 pm) is the 4th Annual Beef Forage Day at the VFW in Aitkin, MN. Registration begins at 9:00 am and is \$15/person (\$10/extra spouse) and includes educational materials and lunch. Topics include: *Feeding Distillers Grains to the Cow Herd, Estrous Synchronization and AI, and Risk Management for Cow/Calf Operations*. For more information, contact Brad Irwin at (218) 927-2538.

4. *2008 Winter Pasture Management Workshop*

A winter workshop will be held January 22 at the Leader Community Center (9:30 - 3pm) with Registration beginning at 9:00 am (\$15/person or \$25/family). Topics include: **Morning Session** - *Extending your Pasture Season; Transportation Safety; and Nutrient Management of Pastures*. **Afternoon Session** - *Weed Identification and Control; Managing Winter Feeding Areas for Additional Grazing; Use of Dried Distiller's Grains in Balanced Rations; and Grazing Techniques in Sensitive Areas*. For more information, contact Walt Sowers - (218) 397-2378.

5. *2008 MN Beef Cow/Calf Days*

Cow/Calf Days is set for February 4 - Mora (5:30-9:30pm), 5 - Staples (9:30-3pm) and Bagley (5:30-9:30pm), 7 - Greenbush (5:30-9:30pm), 8 - Grand Rapids (5:30-9:30pm), 12 - Glenwood (9:30-3pm), 13 - Pipestone (9:30-3pm), 14 - Houston (9:30-3pm) and Rochester (5:30-9:30pm), and 15 - New Prague (9:30-3pm). Registration for all locations is \$25/family or farm and includes a meal and proceedings. Topics include: *Current Beef Team Updates, Grazing Management Strategies for 2008, Developing Heifers for the Breeding Season, Calf Weaning Management—what do the feeders want, Impacts of Wolf Depredation on the Cattlemen, and Livestock Development—siting and permitting in Minnesota*. Detailed information for each location will be available in mid-January at www.extension.umn.edu/beef/, or call (218) 327-4490.

6. *MDA Seeks Members for New Beef Profitability Task Force*

State Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson has announced plans to create a new task force to help enhance Minnesota's beef industry. The 14 member task force will be made up of representatives from each segment of the beef industry (Pasture to Plate) to recognize the diverse nature of MN's beef industry. For more information, visit the MDA website at: www.mda.state.mn.us/news/releases/2007/12-13-2007a.htm.

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/. If you have any comments or would no longer like to receive this newsletter, please e-mail your

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