



Beef Times

REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. *Rotational Grazing & Ultrasounding for Meat Quality Workshop*

The Minnesota Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Todd County Soil & Water Conservation District/ Long Prairie River CWP and Natural Resource Conservation Service will host a field demonstration to persons interested in pasture (drought) management and livestock ultrasounding for meat quality. The FREE event will be held at Moran Angus Tuesday, August 8th from 9:30 to 2:20 pm. Pre-register by August 3 with Sandy Rohr at (320) 732-2644. For more information, visit the Beef Team website: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/

2. *Managing Drought Conditions for Beef Producers*

Minnesota rain has not been in abundance for livestock producers and farmers this summer. In a drought year, it can become physically challenging and mentally stressful to manage your livestock or crop fields. The University of Minnesota Extension Service has developed a list of resources for livestock producers and farmers to access information on managing in drought situations. For drought information for beef producers, visit the Beef Team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/drought.htm. For drought information for other livestock species and farmers, visit the U of M Extension website at: www.extension.umn.edu/administrative/disasterresponse/wi_drought.htm

3. *Anthrax Outbreak in Northwest MN*

Since the middle of June, Anthrax has been discovered in Northwest Minnesota from 23 farms in Kittson, Roseau, Red Lake and Lake of the Woods counties, making this the second largest anthrax outbreak in the state's history. For more information on the Anthrax outbreak, visit the Beef Team Website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/ and click on Anthrax under hot topics.

4. *TB Testing Recommended for Cattle Exhibitions*

In a news release sent by the MN Board of Animal Health, recommendations were made requiring all cattle six months of age and older from Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Northern Beltrami, Pennington and Roseau counties be tested for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 90 days of exhibition. Also, cattle coming from herds that have completed a whole-herd TB test in the previous year are exempt from testing requirement. For more information on testing cattle for Bovine TB, contact your local veterinarian or call the Board (612) 201-6814.

5. *2006 Beef Forage Days*

Beef Forage Days for 2006 is set for August 24th at the North Central Research & Outreach Center in Grand Rapids with registration starting at 9:30 am. The program (10:00 am - 3:30pm) will cover topics on pasture grazing and cow/calf management. More information on the Beef Forage Days will be available soon on the Beef Team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/

6. *Have you seen the BEEF TEAM Website!!!*

Read cow/calf articles written by Beef Team members in the MN Farm Guide at www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.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 request to Ryon Walker at: walke375@umn.edu

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