

Minnesota Beef Team

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REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. *Regional Extension Educator Backfill Position Filled*

Jamie Larson has recently been hired to fill the Regional Extension Educator (Beef) position in Roseau as of Sept 1, 2005. Jamie's position will be replacing Gene Krause's position working extensively with the Beef Team in assisting program planning providing value-based, research-based information to producers in the beef industry. To contact Jamie Larson, you can e-mail her at: larso538@umn.edu or call at 218-689-5306.

2. *Animal ID Education Training to be Offered*

The MN Board of Animal Health and MN Dept of Agriculture will offer an animal ID educators training and animal disease awareness session on Oct. 12 (8 - 10:45 am) at the Annual Extension Fall Program Conference.

Topics will include:

- MN's National Animal ID
- Species update from National Animal ID Expo
- MN Emergency Procedures for Animal Disease Outbreaks

For information, contact Lori Schott at 320-225-5055.

3. *2005 Fall Beef Round-up*

The 2005 Fall Beef Round-up is Oct. 17, 5:30 - 9:30 pm at the American Legion in Pine River and Oct. 18, 9:30-3:30 pm at the Bagley Livestock Exchange. Registration for Pine River is \$15/person and Bagley is sponsored by area sponsors. Registration at both locations covers meal and program.

Topics will include:

- Update on Anthrax and Tuberculosis Issues
- Extending the Grazing Season
- Mineral Nutrition
- Herd Health Calendars
- Pre-weaning Factors Affecting Carcass Quality

For more information, contact Denise Plonis at 218-327-4490.

4. *Informational Tuberculosis (TB) Meeting in Roseau*

The MN Beef Team, MN Board of Animal Health and the MN Dept of Agriculture will be hosting a free informational town meeting for livestock producers in Roseau on Oct. 18, at 7:00 pm at the Roseau High School auditorium. State and federal officials will be on hand to answer questions regarding investigation, wildlife, indemnity, food safety and the state's TB status. All area livestock producers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Malissa Fritz, Board of Animal Health Communications Director, at 651-296-2942 ext. 35. For additional information on TB or anthrax, visit the Beef Team website at:

www.extension.umn.edu/beef/

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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5. *Livestock Handling Demonstrations to be offered at 2005 MN Beef Expo*

The MN Beef Team, MN Beef Expo and MN Soybean Growers will be hosting a free livestock handling demonstration on Saturday Oct. 22 (9 - 10:30 am). Dr. Lynn Locatelli, DVM from Benkelman, Nebraska, will educate and demonstrate to livestock handlers the skills needed for handling livestock to reduce stress on animals and the handler. For more information, visit the MN Beef Expo website at: www.mnbeefexpo.com/pages/education.html

6. *Second Annual University of Minnesota and Guests Angus Production Sale*

The Second Annual Angus Production Sale will be held at the south beef unit at the North Central Research & Outreach Center on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005. Sale cattle will be available for viewing Friday afternoon (Oct. 28) and Saturday morning (Oct. 29) with sale starting Saturday 12:00 noon. This year's sale will include two guests consigners (Clearwater Cattle Co. and Blue Ribbon Stock Farm). Dr. Cliff Lamb highlights the sale offerings to include yearling heifers, pregnant cows, heifer and bull calves and yearling bulls. For sale catalog request, contact the sale manager, Laree Walker, at 218-360-1613 or e-mail: lvatm00@yahoo.com.

6. *National Holstein Beef Conference*

Extension faculty from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and North Dakota will host the National Holstein Conference on November 2 & 3 at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN. The theme of this year's conference is "Managing and Marketing Quality Holstein Steers" and is intended to help Holstein beef-market players improve their intra-sector communication and enhancement management skills. Registration before Oct. 16 is \$125/person, and \$150 after. For additional information, contact Chuck Schwartz at 888-241-4536 or e-mail at: cschwartz@umn.edu

6. *2005 MN Cattle Feeder Days Announced*

The 2005 MN Cattle Feeder Days will be in five locations this year; Thief River Falls (Dec. 5, 6 - 9:00pm), Morris (Dec. 6, 9:30 - 3:30 pm), Slayton (Dec. 7, 9:30 - 3:30 pm), Springfield (Dec. 8, 9:30 - 3:30 pm) and Rochester (Dec. 8, 6 - 9:30 pm). Information on topics to be presented or registration will be available later in the month. To find out more information, visit the Beef Team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/

9. *Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Anthrax Updates*

With the discovery of TB and Anthrax in northwestern MN, the MN Board of Animal Health, MN Dept 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 information will provide you with the basic information on TB and Anthrax and how it affects both the production of livestock and food safety. To learn more on TB or Anthrax visit the Beef Team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/ or the MN Board of Animal Health website at: www.bah.state.mn.us

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