Reports and Upcoming Events

1. **2005 Minnesota Beef Cow/Calf Days**
   February 7-11 & 15-18 (Mora, Staples, Bagley, Greenbush, Grand Rapids, Glenwood, Pipestone, Rushford, Rochester and New Prague). Meals will be served at all locations.

2. **2005 Beef Home Study Course**

3. **2005 Minnesota Carcass Merit Program Update**
   Genetic performance will be evaluated on 128 head registered for the Carcass Merit Program held at U More Park in Rosemount. The program allows seedstock and commercial producers to evaluate their own genetic performance in the feedlot and on the rail. The beef team invites you to stop by and visit.

4. **New Exciting Programs Coming Soon!!!**
   - Estrous Synchronization Planner, available in early 2005
   - Cow/Calf Management Calendar, available in early 2005

5. **New: Dairy/Beef Production Section on the Website**
   Dr. Hugh Chester-Jones has compiled a list of articles on management & feeding, production, budget and implant strategies for raising dairy beef steers.

6. **New: Nutrient Management Section on the Website**
   Dr. Mindy Spiehs has compiled a list of articles and resources on livestock manure management.

7. **2005 Minnesota State Cattlemen’s Summer Tour**
   The Beef Team is hosting the State Cattlemen’s Summer Tour for 2005. The Beef Team will be working closely with the MSCA in coordinating tour headquarters, dates and potential program stops.

8. **2005 State Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
   State program providing financial assistance to producers. Applications are due January 28, 2005.

9. **Beef Team Website**
   Visit the Beef Team website for updated news, information and weekly events.

For more information on these 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)

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