

2011 Cattle Feeder Days

Presented by the University of Minnesota Beef Team

TOPICS and SPEAKERS

Priorities that Impact Feedlot Health: A Top 10 List, Dr. Jeremy Schefers, U of M College of Vet Medicine.

Dr. Schefers is a veterinarian at the U of M Vet Med diagnostic lab, so he sees first-hand the effects of health problems in the feedlot. Dr. Schefers incorporates his experience at the diagnostic lab as well as on-farm interactions with feedlot producers, nutritionists, and veterinarians to make recommendations on what can be done to keep feedlot cattle healthy and profitable.

Optimizing Efficiencies in the Feedyard, Dr. Chad Zehnder, Land O Lakes Purina Feed.

Feedlot input prices are at all-time highs with no definitive end in sight. Fortunately, with high fed cattle prices, opportunities still exist to remain profitable in the feedlot business. Dr. Zehnder will discuss steps that should be taken to remain profitable in an era of extremely high input costs.

Considerations for Feedlot Facility Management, Panel led by Dr. Alfredo DiCostanzo, U of M Beef Team.

With the unique feeding climate experienced in Minnesota and the upper Midwest, it is important to have feedlot facilities that allow for optimal cattle performance while maintaining a positive bottom line. Recent years have seen adaptation of confinement facilities of varying type, which has brought about questions as to ideal facility type and proper facility management. This panel of producers and industry experts will discuss different facility types and how they can best be utilized.

U of M Beef Research Update, U of M Beef Team.

The U of M Beef Team has been very active in recent years conducting research that can be applied to upper Midwest feedlot operations. An overview of current and recent research will be provided, along with suggestions on how these results can be applied to your feedlot operation.

DATES and LOCATIONS

December 5— Morris, U of M West Central Research and Outreach Center

5:30 pm registration; 6:00-9:00 program. Register with Rhonda Wulf at 320-231-7890 or wulfr@umn.edu.

December 6— Luverne, Blue Mound Banquet Center

5:30 pm registration; 6:00-9:00 program. Register with Grant Crawford at 320-234-0441 or craw0105@umn.edu.

December 7— Tracy, The Caboose

9:30 am registration; 10:00-2:00 program. Register with Mike Boersma at 507-836-6927 or boers010@umn.edu.

December 8— Rochester, America's Best Value Inn (Formerly La Quinta Inn)

5:30 pm registration; 6:00-9:00 program. Register with Devan Paulus at 425-246-6131 or paulu058@umn.edu.

Registration is \$35/person and \$20 for each additional person from the same farm or family. This fee includes a meal and all program materials.

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