



# Beef Times

## REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. *2007 Cow/Calf Day Presentations Available On-line*

Presentations given at the 2007 MN Beef Cow/Calf Days are available on the Beef Team website at [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/cowcalfdays\\_07presentations.htm](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/cowcalfdays_07presentations.htm). Topics included: A New Look at Fall Grazing, Feeding Distillers' Grains to Beef Cows, Targeting a Branded Beef Program, Planning and Zoning for Animal Agriculture at the Local Level, Bovine Tuberculosis Update, National Animal ID Update, Anthrax in Northwest MN, and Introducing Grant Crawford, new Beef Team member.

### 2. *Minnesota Beef Quality Assurance Trainings Available*

The MN Beef Council offers Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification Workshops to any dairy or beef producer in MN. The Beef Council has trained over 400 producers in 9 locations since January 1st. The next BQA Certification Workshop is April 17 in Aitkin at the VFW with registration at 6:00 and program at 6:30 pm (\$5/farm). Aitkin County Extension has asked that you RSVP at 218-927-2538. For more information on BQA Certification, contact the MN Beef Council at (952) 854-6980 or e-mail at [info@mnbeef.org](mailto:info@mnbeef.org).

### 3. *Read the Latest MN Farm Guide Articles*

Catch the latest information on production management by reading recent articles published in the MN Farm Guide, livestock section. To find articles related to production management, visit the Beef Team website at [www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.htm](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.htm).

### 4. *Current updates on Bovine TB in Minnesota for 2007*

The MN Board of Animal Health is continuing with a statewide Bovine TB surveillance testing 1500 herds in MN. To date, 750 herds have been tested with no positives. There will be new testing requirements for cattle herds located within 12-mile radius surrounding deer that have tested positive for bovine TB. Minnesota DNR implemented a 4,000 square mile feeding ban in NW MN and have contracted with USDA to remove potentially infected deer in critical areas where the disease has been found. To date, 448 deer have been taken. For more information on bovine TB in cattle and deer, visit the MN BAH website at: [www.bah.state.mn.us/diseases/tuberculosis/tuberculosis\\_program.htm](http://www.bah.state.mn.us/diseases/tuberculosis/tuberculosis_program.htm) or the MN DNR website at: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/deer/tb/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/deer/tb/index.html).

### 5. *What is the "Farm Information Line"*

U of M Extension provides a statewide Farm Information Line that works with local Extension agricultural professionals and regional offices to provide answers to production agriculture. Staff includes experienced Extension personnel who take calls from 8:30 - 1:30 pm Monday - Friday. You can call 1-800-232-9077 or e-mail your questions to [fil@umn.edu](mailto:fil@umn.edu). For more information visit the website: [www.extension.umn.edu/farmline](http://www.extension.umn.edu/farmline).

### 6. *2007 MN State Cattlemen's Association Summer Tour & Trade Show*

The 2007 Minnesota State Cattlemen's Summer Tour and Trade Show is Tuesday, July 10th in Sunburg, MN. The Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association will be hosting the annual event highlighting stops that encompass cow/calf and feedlot operations. For more information, contact Mark Halls at (320) 278-3285 or visit the MSCA website at: [www.mnsca.org](http://www.mnsca.org).

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/](http://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](mailto:walke375@umn.edu)

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