2015 Virginia Stocker Cattle Summit to Focus on Forage Management for Optimal Animal Gain

Virginia Cooperative Extension will host a beef stocker program on February 25, 2015 at the Weyers Cave Community Center from 9 AM—3 PM. The program will explore differences in stocker systems in Virginia and the southeast and provide strategies for optimizing forage production and animal performance.

Keynote speakers include:

- Dr. Matt Poore, Ruminant Livestock Specialist (North Carolina State University)
- Dr. Tom Griggs, West Virginia University
- Dr. John Currin, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
- Mike Carpenter, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

The program will conclude with a discussion panel focusing on risk management for stocker operators. Panel members include Rodney Leech, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, Joe Guthrie, Virginia Tech, and Jonah Bowles, Senior Market Analyst for the Virginia Farm Bureau.

Program registration costs of $10 will cover a catered lunch and program proceedings. Additional sponsorship for the program is provided by Farm Credit of the Virginias, Boehringer Ingelheim, VDACS Livestock Marketing Service, Merial and Zoetis. To provide an accurate head count for lunch please register by February 23 by calling the Augusta County Extension Office at 540-245-5750 or email John Benner at benner89@vt.edu. A downloadable brochure will be available under the “What’s New” section of the Augusta Extension website http://offices.ext.vt.edu/augusta/ and on the VT APSC webpage www.vtbeef.apsc.vt.edu.

If you are a person with a disability and desire accommodations to participate in this program, please contact the Augusta County Extension Office at (540) 245-5750 (TDD 800-828-1120) during business hours to discuss accommodations within 5 days prior to the event.