TRI-STATE BEEF CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AUGUST 9th IN BLOUNTVILLE, TN

The Eleventh Annual Tri-State Beef Cattle conference will be held at the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center in Blountville, Tennessee on August 9th. This year’s conference will address topics of interest to both stocker and cow-calf producers. The conference will be a one-day event and will include educational sessions covering such topics as beef cattle outlook, stocker versus feedlot health, management intensive grazing, breeding soundness exam, agricultural policy impacting the beef industry, and aerial chemical application. There will once again be virtual tours of operations from each of the three states and then a time of questions and answers with the producers themselves.

A trade show will be open during the conference, with many of the organizations involved in the region’s beef industry there for participants to meet and learn more about their products and services.

The conference will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the program beginning at 9:20 a.m. The trade show will open at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting is being sponsored by the University of Tennessee Extension, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Registration information and complete details will be available through your county Extension Office. Registration for the conference is $20 through July 27th and $25 after July 27th. Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Scott Greiner, Extension Beef Specialist, Virginia Tech, phone 540-231-9159, email sgreiner@vt.edu, or through your local Extension office.

PROGRAM (Registration begins 8:00 AM, Program at 9:20 AM)

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Visit Trade Show
9:10 a.m.  Welcome
9:20 a.m.  Aerial Chemical Applications for Pastures and Rough Terrain
          Mr. Scott Jessee, VCE- Russell County Extension Agent
          Mr. Billy Cockrell, Air Assault Agricultural Aviation
10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Breeding Soundness Exam
          Dr. Lew Strickland, DVM, Assistant Professor and Extension Veterinarian
          University of Tennessee
10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Stocker vs. Feedlot Health
          Dr. Harold Newcomb, DVM, Merck Animal Health
10:40 a.m. Break and Visit Trade Show
11:10 a.m. Ag Policy Impacting the Beef Industry
          Mr. Burton Eller, Burton Eller and Associates
11:50 a.m. Steak Lunch and Visit Trade Show
1:05 p.m.  Beef Cattle Outlook
          Dr. Josh Maples, Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University
1:45 p.m.  Virtual Tours and Panel Discussion
2:45 p.m.  Management Intensive Grazing
          Dr. Dennis Hancock, Associate Professor, University of Georgia
3:30 p.m.  Wrap-up