

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)

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| 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 |