

TRI-STATE BEEF CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AUGUST 8th IN BLOUNTVILLE, TN

The Twelfth Annual Tri-State Beef Cattle conference will be held at the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center in Blountville, Tennessee on August 8th. 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 advancing reproductive management, restoring feeding areas back to pasture, beef cattle outlook, corn silage as an alternative feed, stocker versus feedlot health, and endophyte vs. novel endophyte fescue. 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 26th and \$25 after July 26th. 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, or on the web at <https://www.apsc.vt.edu/extensionandoutreach/beef-extension.html>.

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. Corn Silage as an Alternative Feed: Feeding Cows and Stocker Cattle
Dr. Jason Smith, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
University of Tennessee
- 10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Advancing Reproductive Management
Dr. Vitor Mercadante, DVM, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
Virginia Tech
- 10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Stocker vs. Feedlot Health
Dr. Mark Alley, DVM
Zoetis
- 10:40 a.m. Break and Visit Trade Show
- 11:10 a.m. Endophyte Fescue vs Novel Endophyte: Impacts on Reproduction, Milk Production, and Stocker Growth
Dr. Matt Poore, Professor and Extension Leader
North Carolina State University
- 11:50 a.m. Steak Lunch and Visit Trade Show
- 1:05 p.m. Beef Cattle Outlook
Dr. Kenny Burdine, Associate Professor
University of Kentucky
- 1:45 p.m. Virtual Tours and Panel Discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Restoring Feeding Areas Back to Pasture after Feeding and Developing a Feeding Area
Dr. Gary Bates, Professor and Director of UT Beef and Forage Center
University of Tennessee
- 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up