

TRI-STATE BEEF CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AUGUST 5th IN BLOUNTVILLE, TN

The thirteenth Annual Tri-State Beef Cattle conference will be held at the Ron Ramsey Regional Ag Center in Blountville, Tennessee on August 5th. 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 stocker health, using EPDs and genomically enhanced EPDs in today's decision making, beef cattle outlook, price risk management tools and uses, upgrading existing working facilities, and mineral supplementation. 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 23rd and \$25 after July 23rd. Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Scott Greiner, Extension Beef Specialist, Virginia Tech, phone 540-231-9159, email sgreiner@vt.edu, through your local Extension office, or on the web at <https://www.apsc.vt.edu/extensionandoutreach/beef-extension.html>

PROGRAM

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Visit Trade Show
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome
- 9:20 a.m. Managing Macro and Micro Nutrients in Mineral
Dr. Katie Mason, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
University of Tennessee
- 10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: EPDs and Genomically Enhanced EPDs
Dr. Scott Greiner, Professor and Extension Specialist
Virginia Tech University
- 10:00 a.m. Breakout Session: Price Risk Management
Dr. Lew Strickland, DVM, Associate Professor and Extension Veterinarian
University of Tennessee
- 10:40 a.m. Break and Visit Trade Show
- 11:10 a.m. Upgrading Existing Working Facilities and Low-Cost Options
Mr. Kevin Thompson, Director of Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center
University of Tennessee
- 11:50 a.m. Steak Lunch and Visit Trade Show
- 1:05 p.m. Beef Cattle Outlook and Risk Management
Dr. Andrew P. Griffith, Associate Professor and Livestock Economist
University of Tennessee
- 1:45 p.m. Virtual Tours and Panel Discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Wrap-up