

Campbell County Agriculture Update

Cattle Association Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Campbell County Cattle Association has set **Tuesday, October 27, 6:15 p.m. at the Environmental Center** for the annual meeting. As you can see from the enclosed flyer, the program will highlight the past year's activities and lay out upcoming programs and activities. The guest speaker for this year's program will be Mr. Tom McKee, State Representative and chair of the Agriculture and Small Business Committee. He will focus his discussion on hot agriculture topics of the 2010 General Session. Cost for this year's roast beef dinner will be \$5, payable at the door. Don't forget to call in your meal reservations by October 23 at 572-2600. Individuals who have paid their 2010 Cattle Association dues of \$30 before or during the annual meeting will be eligible for the drawing of two T.G.I. Friday's certificates—one for a party of four and one for a party of two.

Cattle Association Board of Directors

Please call Steve Martin at 635-5919 or me if you are interested in running for one of the open Cattle Association Board of Director positions. This seven-member board is responsible for coordinating many of the beef and forage programs that are offered in Campbell County. The Board usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Environmental Education Center.

Freezer Beef Marketing Program

The idea of starting a freezer beef program in Campbell County was first discussed in October of 2007 during an Ag Issues Planning Meeting. The idea didn't become a priority (catch fire) until March of 2009 when the first of five freezer beef programs was held. Approximately 30 individual producers attended these programs and voted to move forward with a freezer beef program. A committee of five to seven producers will begin meeting in early November to establish the guidelines for the production, marketing and processing of locally-grown freezer beef. If you are interested in or if you know of someone who is interested in purchasing locally-grown freezer beef, then give me a call. I will have more on this as this program moves forward.

KY Beef Conference October 27, 2009

The KY Beef Conference "Planning Today for Tomorrow's Market," is scheduled for October 27, 2009. It will be held at the Fayette County Extension beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m.

This year's conference will feature the most up-to-date information on beef marketing with an emphasis on herd management and marketing options. A representative from Cattle-FAX, Randy Blach; Dr. Larry Hollis, DVM, Kansas State University Extension Specialist; and UK Extension Specialists Dr. Cory Walters and Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler will be the presenters. Topics to be covered are:

Marketing Overview and Long-Term Marketing Trends Related to Beef

Feed Grain Outlook

Nutrition for Healthy Calf to Market

Management Practices that Influence Marketability of the Stocker and Cow/calf Herd

Marketing Strategies for 2009-2010.

Registration is \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of a buffet lunch and refreshments. For more information and to pre-register, call Don at 572-2600. I will coordinate car pooling.

Replacement Heifer Sales

One of the best ways to improve your cow herd is to purchase bred heifers. Each fall there are a number of replacement heifer sales that will offer bred heifers that will calve in early spring (February/March) of 2010. If you were to put a pencil to what it cost you to raise a heifer from weaning to a 1,000 to 1,200 pound replacement heifer that is bred to a low birth weight bull, you would quickly find out that purchasing replacement heifers may be a more economical way to go. In most cases you will also be purchasing superior genetics. The following is information about some upcoming replacement heifer sales. Gene Dobbs will be selling several angus/simmental cross bred heifers in the Owenton sale. Give me a call if you need additional information.

Capital Classic Premium Heifer Sale: United Producers Stockyards, Owenton, Friday October 29, 6:00 P.M.

Elite Bred Heifer Sale: Paris Stockyards, Friday, October 30, 6:00 P.M.

Central KY Premier Heifer Sale: Marion County Fairgrounds (Lebanon), Saturday, October 31, 1:00 P.M.

Feeder Calf Grading School

United Producers Stockyards Owenton, KY October 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Call (859) 824-3355 with questions and to register. Dinner will be provided.