

2008 Beef Cattle Short Course Program

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Market Outlook and Current Topics

- Presiding: Matt Hersom
- 1:00 Welcome – Dr. Geoff Dahl, University of Florida
 - 1:15 Cattlemen’s Comments – Larry Rooks, President, Florida Cattlemen’s Association
 - 1:30 Market Outlook – Dr. John Lawrence, Iowa State University
 - 2:15 Implementation of Instrument Grading for Beef Carcasses– Dr. Kerry Smith, USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
 - 3:00 Break
 - 3:30 Market Definitions of Alternative Production Systems – Dr. Kerry Smith, USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
 - 4:15 Economic Comparison of Alternative Production Systems – Dr. Curt Lacey, University of Georgia-Tifton
 - 5:00 Allied Industry Trade Show and Reception

Thursday, May 1, 2008

All About Bulls

Presiding: Dr. John Arthington

AM Session

- 8:30 Understanding and Utilizing EPDs to Select Bulls – Dr. Jane Parish, Mississippi State University
- 9:15 “No Bull” Discussion on Genetic Markers – Dr. Dorian Garrick, Iowa State University
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Adapting Bulls to Florida – Dr. Chad Chase, USDA-STARs
- 11:00 Bull Management for Commercial Producers – Dr. Todd Thrift, Dr. Matt Hersom, University of Florida
- 11:30 How Much Can I Pay for a Bull? – Dr. Curt Lacey, University of Georgia; Dr. Todd Thrift, University of Florida
- 12:00 Leave for Lunch at UF/IFAS Beef Teaching Unit
Lunch Sponsored by **Farm Credit of North Florida**

PM Session

Presiding: Jerry Wasdin

- 1:30 Phenotypic Evaluation of Bulls – Dr. Todd Thrift, University of Florida
Ultrasound Evaluation of Bulls – Dr. Roger West, Gainesville, Florida
Fertility and Breeding Evaluation of Bulls – Dr. Joel Yelich, University of Florida
Matching Bulls to Different Cow Types – Jesse Savell, University of Florida
- 2:15 Second Rotation
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Third Rotation
- 4:00 Fourth Rotation
- 5:00 Adjourn

6:30 Cattlemen's Steak-Out

Friday, May 2, 2008

UF Emphasis on Production Practices

Presiding: Dr. Chad Carr

8:30 Backgrounding Calves on Co-products – Dr. Matt Hersom, University of Florida

9:00 Forage-Based Replacement Heifer Management – Brad Austin, University of Florida

9:30 Factors Affecting Calf Value – Jesse Savell, University of Florida

10:00 Break

10:20 Utilization of Biosolids for Pasture Fertilization – Dr. Maria Silveria, University of Florida

10:50 Utilization of Limpograss for Grazing – Dr. John Arthington, Dr. Bill Brown, Dr. Joao Vendramini,
University of Florida

12:00 Adjourn