

58th Annual Florida Beef Cattle Short Course

Program Schedule

Cash, Cows, and Calves

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

AM

11:00 Registration (Hilton UF Conference Center)

Addressing Cash Flow Issues

PM

Presiding: *Dr. Matt Hersom*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL

- 1:00 **Welcome** – *Dr. Geoff Dahl*, Chairman, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 1:15 **Cattlemen's Comments** – *Mr. Bo Hobby*, President, Florida Cattlemen's Assoc., Williston, FL
- 1:30 **Market Outlook** – *Dr. James Mintert*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 2:15 **Understanding and Controlling Basic Cost Inputs into the Cow Herd** – *Dr. Curt Lacy*, University of Georgia, Tifton, GA
- 3:00 **Refreshment Break** – **Norvartis Animal Health**
- 3:30 **Differentiation/Justification of the Basis Difference for SE Cattle** – *Dr. James Mintert*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 4:15 **Performance of SE Cattle When Placed on Feed** – *Mr. Gary Fike*, Certified Angus Beef, Manhattan, KS
- 5:00 **To Fertilize or Not Fertilize, What are the Alternatives?** – *Dr. Joao Vendramini*, University of Florida, UF/IFAS, Range Cattle REC, Ona, FL
- 5:45 **Allied Industry Trade Show & Reception** – Several companies will have exhibits and representatives to answer your questions. Hors d'oeuvres provided compliments of the exhibitors. A cash bar is available for your enjoyment.

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Concentration on the Cow Herd

AM

Presiding: *Dr. Max Irsik*, UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, FL

- 8:30 **Relationship of Cow Size, Cow Requirement and Production Issues** – *Dr. Matt Hersom*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 9:15 **Feed Efficiency in Breeding Cattle** – *Dr. Cliff Lamb*, University of Florida, North Florida REC, Marianna, FL

10:00 **Refreshment Break** – **Central Life Sciences**

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Central States Enterprises, Inc.

- 10:30 **Factors Affecting Cow Reproductive Efficiency** – *Dr. Joel Yelich*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 11:15 **Market Cow/Bull Quality Audit** – *Dr. Todd Thrift*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL

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- 12:00 **Leave for lunch at UF/IFAS Horse Teaching Unit** (Sponsored by **Farm Credit of Florida** -directions to be provided)
- 1:00 **Market Cow Evaluation & Discussion**
- Evaluate Age, BW, BCS, Breed type, Price/Value, Defects,
 - Panel Discussion
- Breeding Cow Evaluation & Discussion**
- Evaluate Age, BW, BCS, Breed type, Price/Value, Defects, Match the Calf
 - Panel Discussion
- 3:30 **Refreshment Break Sponsored by – Helena Chemical**
- 4:00 **Market Calf Evaluation & Discussion**
- Evaluate Calf Age, BW, Frame, Breed Type, Price/Value, Gain Opportunity
 - Panel Discussion
- 5:00 **Adjourn**
- 6:00 **Cattlemen's Steak-Out**
(Horse Teaching Unit)

Friday, May 1, 2009

Weaning Management for Calves

AM

- Presiding: *Dr. Todd Thrift*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 8:30 **Can We Allow a Calf to Have a Bad Day?** – *Dr. Matt Hersom*, Department of Animal Sciences, UF/IFAS, Gainesville, FL
- 9:15 **Making Pre-Conditioning Pay: Small Producers** – *Dr. Matt Poore*, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 10:00 **Refreshment Break – Alltech**
- 10:15 **Making Pre-Conditioning Pay: Large Producers** – *Dr. John Arthington*, University of Florida, UF/IFAS, Range Cattle REC, Ona, FL
- 11:00 **Economics of Added Gain** – *Dr. Curt Lacy*, University of Georgia, Tifton, GA
- 11:30 **Panel Discussion of Pre-Conditioning and Backgrounding** – *Cattlemen and Presenters*
- 12:00 **Adjourn – Thanks for Attending!**