

Cow/calf college planned for Jan. 18

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension's annual Farmers and Ranchers Cow/Calf College "Partners in Progress—Beef Seminar" will be Jan. 18 at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center and Great Plains Veterinary Education Center near Clay Center.

Registration, coffee and donuts will start at 9 a.m. with the program starting at 9:50 a.m. and concluding at around 3:45 p.m.

Several speakers will discuss issues and management strategies that can affect the profitability of all beef producers. There is no cost for the event and it is open to the public. A noon meal is included, which makes early registration by Jan. 13 necessary.

John Pollak, USMARC director, will kick off the college, followed by the first speaker, Larry Berger, UNL animal science department head, who will give an "Overview on the Direction of UNL Animal Science" and his vision for the future of animal science.

Berger will be followed by Michael Kelsey, executive vice president of the Nebraska Cattlemen Association, who will speak on "Issues Facing Cattlemen in 2011."

Willow Holoubek, director of Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (A-FAN), will conclude the morning with "Standing Up for Animal Agriculture."

Area cattlemen Ken and Zach Herz will offer information on "Construction of a Bedded Manure Pack Beef Barn." The session will highlight a 200 foot by 100 foot barn that was built for confined beef management. It is one of the first in Nebraska. They will show what thought and research went into the planning and construction, and then will give an oral and pictorial presentation on the construction and facility use. The barn is located a mile east and a mile south of Lawrence, Neb.

The afternoon session will start at 1:30 p.m. with Rick Rasby, UNL Extension beef specialist, who will discuss "Feeding Ethanol By-Products to Forage Fed Cattle." There will be copies of

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the new manual of the same name available for attendees. Darrell Mark, UNL Extension livestock marketing specialist, will explain "Marketing Plans for the Cow/Calf Operation."

The college will conclude with all presenters offering final thoughts and considerations, followed by a coffee-shop style panel discussion. Cattlemen can ask questions and get answers on topic questions that came to them during the day's sessions. The discussion will be moderated by Berger.

Door prizes will be awarded to those that stay for the entire event.

Any beef producer or other interested individual should pre-register by Jan. 13 at the UNL Extension office at 621 North Cedar, Red Cloud, Neb. 68930 or call (402) 746-3417 to insure a seat and lunch. Walk-ins are accepted, but may not get a lunch. You may also e-mail registration to Dewey Lienemann at dlienemann2@unl.edu.

For more information, visit the Webster County UNL Extension [website](#) .