

2013 beef feedlot roundtables planned

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LINCOLN—Beef feedlot managers, owners, employees and supporting industry personnel will learn the latest in feedlot health, nutrition, environment and economics at the 2013 Beef Feedlot Roundtables Feb. 19-21 in Gering, Holdrege and West Point, with remote connections to locations in Iowa.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Roundtables will be offered Feb. 19 at the Gering Civic Center in Gering, Feb. 20 at the Phelps County Extension Building in Holdrege and Feb. 21 at the Nielsen Community Center in West Point. Attendees should note that the western and central events are being held in different locations this year than in previous years.

Registration is from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. local time, with introduction and welcome at 8:15 by local Extension personnel.

University and industry representatives will speak on feedlot economics, animal health, nutrition and management which include a producer panel on adapting to the current environment, and a research update.

The Nebraska Beef Council will give an update on new beef products and sponsor lunch.

Feedlot economics and research topics include feeding options with more expensive inputs, issues related to formula pricing, animal welfare in the feedlot and current animal health issues. The program will conclude with a research update and adjourn by 3:30 p.m.

Morning topics will cover feedlot economics and environment with the following presentations: market outlook and key issues related to formula pricing, Jim Robb, Livestock Marketing Information Center; offsetting high priced grain, Galen Erickson, UNL Extension; cow confinement, Terry Klopfenstein and Karla Jenkins, UNL Extension; producer panel on adapting to the current environment, local producers and industry; and Beef Council update, Adam Wegner, Nebraska Beef Council.

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Afternoon sessions will cover feedlot health and nutrition with the following presentations: animal welfare challenges facing the beef feedlot industry, Temple Grandin, Colorado State University; generic vs brand name parasite control, Dale Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health; UNL feedlot research update, Matt Luebbe, UNL Extension.

Preregistration is available by phone, fax, e-mail or mail, and requested by Feb. 14. Cost is \$30 for those who preregister, and will be accepted at the door. Cost for those who have not preregistered will be \$40.

For more information or a registration form contact Matt Luebbe at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center, 4502 Ave. I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, phone 308-632-1260, fax 308-632-1365 or e-mail mluebbe2@unl.edu.

A downloadable and printable brochure with registration form also can be accessed on the World Wide Web at panhandle.unl.edu.