3-State Beef Conference held in Creston on January 13

The 3-State Beef Conference is designed to provide beef cattle producers and other agricultural professionals in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska an update on current cow-calf or stocker topics. The Iowa site is Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, on January 13, 2014. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., and the program runs from 6 to 8:45 p.m.

The 3-State Beef Conference topics and speakers are based on producer input. Rick Rasby from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will present Evaluating Supplementation Strategies. The benefits to calves from the supplementation of cows on low quality forage during pregnancy is well documented. Rasby will help participants think through positive and negative associative benefits of supplements.

Bruce Anderson from the University of Nebraska will present Rethinking our Forage Systems. Anderson completed his PhD in 1980, and he’s been helping producers optimize the use of their forage for decades. With high pasture rental rates, there isn’t forage to waste.

Patrick Gunn from Iowa State University will present Financial Impacts of Fertility and Infertility in the Current Cattle Market. High prices for calves provide both the means and an incentive for expansion of herds. Returns are based on calves being born to those new heifers and cows joining the herd.

Pre-registration is required for the 3-State Beef Conference by January 9. The registration fee is $25, which includes a meal and materials. To register, call Page County Extension at 712-542-5171 or toll free at 877-596-7243. Information about the Missouri and Nebraska sites is available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/feci/3stbeef/.

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