Master Hoof Care Program offered in southwest Iowa.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will offer a beef cattle lameness clinic to be held on September 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Research Farm near Lewis, IA. This one day Master Hoof Care Workshop for beef cattle producers, feedlot operators, feedlot personnel, and veterinarians will feature Dr. Jan Shearer from the Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. Participants receive a copy of “Lameness in Cow/Calf and Feedlot Cattle” manual and will learn through classroom discussion and a hands-on lab session.

“The lab session will provide an opportunity for participants to practice some hoof care skills,” says Chris Clark, ISUEO beef field specialist. “The agenda will include classroom discussion in the morning followed by demonstrations and some active learning in the afternoon lab session. I think the lab activities will really enhance the learning experience.”

Topics will include diagnosis and treatment of common causes of lameness in beef cattle, basic hoof trimming and hoof knife sharpening, appropriate use of antibiotics in the treatment of bovine lameness, and the application of foot blocks and wraps. "The material should be helpful for anyone involved in the day to day management of beef cattle,” Clark adds. “Lameness cases can sometimes be challenging. Dr. Shearer will offer insights that will help producers better manage feet and leg issues.”

The registration fee is $50 per person and includes lunch. Preregistration is required. The workshop is designed for a limited number of participants so please register early to secure a seat. To register or for more information please contact Chris Clark at 712-769-2650 or by email at caclark@iastate.edu.