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News Release
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Beef Feedlot Roundtable Sessions Offered
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the University of Nebraska will be teaming up to offer a Feedlot Roundtable session at six Iowa locations on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 12:45-3:45 pm.

The feedlot roundtable sessions are offered annually in Nebraska for feedlot operators and agri business interests. Through a cooperating agreement between ISU Extension and University of Nebraska Extension to share livestock educational resources and programs, and the benefit of technology, the roundtables will be offered at the following local Iowa locations via internet connection. Participants may register for the webinar by contacting the Allamakee County Extension Office at (563)568-6345 to attend the Postville Vet Clinic site, the Howard County Extension Office in Cresco at (563)547-3001 or the Delaware County Extension office in Manchester at (319) 472-4739. Registration is due by Tuesday Feb. 19.

The webinar program will feature Dr. Temple Grandin discussing animal welfare challenges for the beef feedlot industry. Also Jim Robb, Economist and Director or the Livestock Marketing Information Center in Colorado will present a market outlook and issues related to formula pricing for fed cattle. The afternoon will feature an overview of research and projects related to the beef feedlot industry at Iowa State University.

A fee of $10 payable at the door will cover proceedings, meeting costs and refreshments. For more information please contact your local county extension office or ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist, Denise Schwab at (319)721-9624.

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News Release
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Calf Health Focus of Discussion Feb. 8

CALMAR--The Young Dairy Producer Peer Group will meet on Friday, February 8th at 10:30 am at the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation Calf Barn to discuss calf health programs. Dr. Chris Harvey, practicing veterinarian and dairy instructor at NICC, will be on hand to discuss calf health programs and ways to improve calf health.
If you are interested in joining this group or participating in the discussion, please contact Jennifer Bentley, ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Field Specialist, at 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu. The Young Dairy Producer Peer Group meets 4 times a year to discuss topics of interest within the group to provide farmer learning and interaction.

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**Landscape Design Seminar to be held March 14**

DECORAH—According to a recent study, a well-designed and maintained landscape can add as much as 20% to the value of a property. It is one of the few “remodeling” projects where a homeowner can recoup their investment when the property is sold.

While most people would not consider a do-it-yourself home addition, many think that landscaping means just planting a few trees, bushes and flowers. The results can be quite attractive until the spruce starts to take over the driveway and the Norway maples in the front yard shade out the grass. Landscape designers will draw up plans for your property that will avoid these pitfalls, but most homeowners can create an attractive, functional and sustainable landscape if they are willing to spend the time and effort.

To learn the basics of landscaping, attend the Landscape Design Seminar at the Winneshiek County Extension Office on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bob Hauer, Extension horticulturist and former landscaper will explain the steps in planning a landscape design. Participants will have the opportunity of creating a landscape design. While the majority of the evening will be spent on plants, information about “hardscaping” the paths, patios and pools that can add so much to a landscape, will also be discussed.

Pre-registration is requested by March 11 by calling the Winneshiek County Extension Office at (563) 382-2949.

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