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**Beef Producer Feed Management and Planning Meetings to be Held**
Cow-calf and feedlot operators continue to deal with drought related issues. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Beef Center continue to support farmers with their decision-making by hosting “Drought – a Game Changer for Beef Operations” meetings in locations across the state.

Northeast Iowa producers can choose to attend meetings in Maquoketa on Nov. 12, Osage on Nov. 14 or Postville on Nov. 15.

“These fall meetings will focus on managing feed costs and alternative feeds for fall and winter feeding of the cow herd or feedlot use,” said Russ Euken, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “Developing feeding programs that use available feeds and keep feed costs in check is the goal.”

The fall meetings will focus on managing feed costs and alternative feeds for winter feeding of the cow herd or feedlot. With corn costs relatively high producers are searching for ways to reduce corn use but still maintain performance. Chemically treating lower quality forages and supplementing the forage or drought stressed corn silage will also be a part of the discussion. A situation update on beef outlook, current beef supply and demand, and feed price outlook will also be provided by Lee Schulz, ISU Extension Livestock Economist via a recorded presentation. A short update on precipitation outlook will be provided by Dr. Elwynn Taylor via a recorded presentation. The meetings will also give an introduction to planning for next year and beyond.

Winter meetings covering additional topics are being considered. Topics for these meetings will be determined as the weather and economic situation develop.

To find a complete listing locations and dates, visit [www.iowabeefcenter.org](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org). There will be a $10 fee payable at the door to cover refreshments and other miscellaneous cost.

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