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AGENDA
Tuesday, December 8

8:00 - 9:00 am  
Registration and Tradeshow

9:00 - 9:10 am  
Welcome  
Brian Freking

9:10 - 10:00 am  
Cattle Market Outlook  
Ross Pruitt

10:00 - 10:50 am  
What Feeder and Packers Want in the Cattle They Buy  
Tom Brink

10:50 - 11:10 am  
Break and visit Tradeshow

11:10 - 11:55 am  
Breakout Session 1 - Choose 1  
- Feeder Cattle Grading  
  James Ward  
- Managing Winter Hay Feeding  
  Dave Lalman  
- Why Vaccines Don’t Work  
  John Richeson

11:55 - 1:00 pm  
Lunch and Tradeshow

1:00 - 1:45 pm  
Breakout Session 2 - Choose 1  
- Feeder Cattle Grading  
  James Ward  
- Managing Winter Hay Feeding  
  Dave Lalman  
- Why Vaccines Don’t Work  
  John Richeson

1:45 - 2:00 pm  
Break and visit Tradeshow

2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Herd Health Program  
Dee Griffin

3:00 - 3:15 pm  
Wrap-up and evaluation  
Brian Triplett

FEATUREING

Ross Pruitt  
Louisiana State University AgCenter
Ross is an Associate Professor and Extension Economist for Livestock Marketing. He received his B.S. in Agriculture from Western Kentucky University in 2003, an M.S. of Agricultural Economics from Purdue in 2004 and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University in 2008. He joined Louisiana State University in 2014.

Tom Brink  
JBS Five Rivers Cattle, Colorado
Tom Brink was vice president of cattle ownership and risk management for Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding. He had the same position at ContiBeef prior to its joint venture with Smithfield Foods this spring. Before the merger, ContiBeef fed nearly 900,000 cattle per year, making it the second-largest cattle-feeding operation. Since the merger, Five Rivers has become the largest cattle feeder in the world, with 10 feedlots and a one-time capacity of 811,000 head of cattle. A Kansas native, Brink holds a bachelor’s and two master’s degrees from Kansas State University. Currently Tom is with Top Dollar Angus, which was introduced to the beef industry in the late summer of 2014.

James Ward  
USDA/AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News Service
James earned his B.S. in Agriculture with a minor in Animal Science from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 2003. Shortly after graduation, James started his career with Market News in Amarillo, TX. Since then, he has served as a market reporter in South Dakota, Missouri, Oklahoma and Montana. James is currently the Officer-in-Charge in Little Rock, Arkansas supervising livestock and grain market reporting plus local/regional reporting with cooperative agreements in both Arkansas and Mississippi.

Dave Lalman  
Oklahoma State University
Dave is a professor in the Animal Science Department at Oklahoma State University. His position is State Extension Beef Cattle Specialist with primary responsibilities in cow/calf and stocker cattle nutrition and management. Dave’s Extension and research program emphasis is on increasing profitability and/or reducing cost of production through improved forage utilization, grazing management, cow efficiency, defining optimal supplementation practices and evaluating beef production systems.

John Richeson  
West Texas A&M
John is an Assistant Professor of Animal Science at West Texas A&M University, where he teaches various undergraduate and graduate courses, and conducts research addressing beef cattle welfare, health management and immunology. Furthermore, he is interested in studying the application of biomarkers and technologies to assist in early disease detection and improve our understanding of bovine respiratory disease complex. He graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University in 2000, an M.S. in Ruminant Nutrition from Texas Tech University in 2004 and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.

Dee Griffin  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Dee, an “Okie” raised on a small cow/calf operation, has focused his entire professional career on cattle. After completing his veterinary degree from Oklahoma State University, he did his graduate work at Purdue University in pathology and nutrition. He is a Professor at the University of Nebraska in the Veterinary and Biomedical Science Department, teaching at the Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center. His emphasis area is developing pre-harvest HACCP (Hazard Analysis, Critical Control Points) production practices.

Brian Triplett  
Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service
Brian is the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Bowie County. He attended Texas A&M University, earning a B.S. in Animal Science in 1991 and an M.S. in Physiology of Reproduction in 1993. In 2012, he completed an Ed.D. from Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities. Brian has been a County Extension Agent in Texas for over 22 years.

Brian Freking  
Oklahoma State University
Brian attended South Dakota State University from 1987 to 1992, receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science. He began his Oklahoma Extension career in 2004 as the Agriculture Educator in LeFlore County. Brian currently serves as the SE District Livestock Specialist providing support for 19 counties in Oklahoma.