Back to Basics in Cattle Management Featured at UC Field Day

Back to basics in cattle management will be the theme for the 2008 UC Sierra Research and Extension Center Field Day on Saturday, April 5th. The program will run from 9:30 – 2:30 and the $15 registration fee includes proceedings and lunch.

The morning program highlights economics, grazing management, and animal health. Topics being covered include: range protein supplementation, determining forage quantity and quality, use of alternative feedstuffs in your beef operation, and monitoring animal condition. Health topics will be on pinkeye, recognizing a sick animal and choosing an appropriate treatment, foothill abortion, and poisonous plants.

The Yuba-Sutter Cowbelles and SFREC staff will provide lunch. This will be followed by an update from the California Cattlemen’s Association. The afternoon will feature hands-on demos of portable mineral feeders, chute side health discussion, identification of poisonous plants, and highlights of information on the Center’s website.

The UC Sierra Research and Extension Center can be reached From Marysville take Hwy 20 east (14 miles) towards Grass Valley, turn north on Peoria Rd. and follow the signs (5 miles). From Grass Valley, take Hwy 20 west (18 miles) to Peoria Rd.

There is no pre-registration needed. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can reach the Center by calling 530-639-8800 or at http://groups.ucanr.org/sierrafoothill/.
Register Today to Take Advantage of the Pre-Registration Fee of $80!

This year's conference features presentations and group activities on grass-finishing, processing, pastured poultry. The $80 registration fee includes two lunches and proceedings. Send your form in today!

Jim Gerrish Slated to be Keynote Speaker

Jim’s experience includes over 20 years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while on the faculty of the University of Missouri, as well as 20 years of commercial cattle and sheep production on his family farm in northern Missouri. The University of Missouri Forage Systems Research Center rose to national prominence as a result of his research leadership. His research encompassed many aspects of plant-soil-animal interactions and provided foundation for many of the basic principles of Management-intensive Grazing.

He was co-founder of the very popular 3-day grazing management workshop program at FSRC. These schools were attended by over 3000 producers and educators from 39 states and 4 Canadian provinces since their inception in 1990. Fifteen other states have conducted grazing workshops based on the Missouri model and Jim has taught in eleven of these states. He is a key instructor in the University of Idaho Lost River Grazing Academy held near Salmon, ID each June and September.

Before moving to Idaho, Jim was deeply involved in the Green Hills Farm Project, a grassroots producer group centered in north-central Missouri and emphasizing sustainability of family farms. His research and outreach efforts have been recognized with awards from the American Forage and Grassland Council, Missouri Forage and Grassland Council, National Center for Appropriate Technology, USDA-NRCS, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, and Progressive Farmer.

Jim is a sought after speaker across the United States and will focusing much of his presentation on grass-finishing. Make your plans today and register for the conference.
## Conference Agenda – Speakers Listed are Confirmed.
The schedule is still tentative.

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2008 Niche Markets for Meat Products Conference Pre-Registration Form

Please enclose a check to UC-Regents with the registration form. Mail completed form and check to:
Roger Ingram, Niche Markets Conference, 11477 E, Ave, Auburn, CA 95603.

Name ________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City __________ State ___________ Zip ____________

Telephone ________________________________ email ________________________________

March 26-27 - $80 per person ($90 if postmarked after March 18th) ______

One day registration - $50 per person ($60 if postmarked after March 18th) ______

Total Amount Enclosed ______

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Tehama County Cattlemen’s
Spring Field Day
March 29, 2008
Tom and Terry Bengard’s Gallatin Ranch
Red Bluff, California

10 AM  Signup for afternoon events
        Register for lunch
        Morning program
        • California Trichomonosis Control Program
          Dr. John Maas, Extension Veterinarian
        • Developing a tool chest to control Medusahead
          Josh Davy – UC Livestock Rep., Tehama, Glenn, Colusa
        • California Cattlemen’s Association Update
        • California Beef Council Update

1:00 PM  - Lunch by Vic’s Branding Iron - $12 per plate

2:00 PM  - Pine Creek Cattle Company sponsored Herman Daugherty
          memorial buckle and $1,000 added champion stock horse
          competition (horse and rider must compete in all three events).
          In addition, all entry moneys returned for payback in each event
          (no cattle charge). Must be or work under a CCA member

Pair Sorting – three-man team must pair up (no ear tags that match
pairs), and one at a time, sort out as many pairs as possible in five
minutes.
Paint Branding – three-man, three calf paint branding (each member
must head and heel)
Working Cow Horse Competition – one man, one calf - boxing and
fence work

Directions
From Main Street in Red Bluff, go West on Walnut Street. Proceed on Walnut 2.3 miles to flashing yellow
light and turn left onto Wilder. Take Wilder for 1.3 miles and turn right onto Live Oak Road. Go 1 mile on
Live Oak Road and turn left onto Red Bank Road. Continue on Red Bank Road 6.7 miles and turn left onto
Gallatin Road. Stay on Gallatin road until you reach the headquarters. Watch for the TCCA signs.
Glenn-Colusa Wool Growers

Sunday, April 27, 2008
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Spring Barbeque

Lunch served 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Menu: Lamb and Chicken

$15 for Adults
$5 for Children 6-12 years
Free - Children 5 & Under

Location: Patton Ranch
6352 County Road 27, Orland
1/2 mile West of I-5 at Road 27 Exit

- No-Host Bar
- Sheep Dog Demonstrations
- Ranch Tour of Sheep, Goat and Cattle Operations
- Hand Spinners, Alpaca, Hair Sheep and Meat Goat Exhibits
- Silent Auction - Raising Funds for Glenn & Colusa Scholarships
- Live Auction - Squirrel Hunt in Alturas

This event is open to the public.
For more information or tickets, call Jane Patton at 865-7250
wespatton@glennlandfarm.com.
Organic Dairy Field Days  
March 25th & 26th, 2008—CSU Chico University Farm

Tuesday, March 25th: “Enhancing Milk Quality in Organic Herds”
8:00 – 8:05 Welcome – Jennifer Ryder Fox, Dean of the College of Agriculture
8:05 – 9:00 “Designing a total herd health program to optimize health” - Paul Dettloff, Holistic Dairy Veterinarian & Consultant
9:00 – 10:00 “Herd health via stewardship of soils & mineral nutrition” - Jerry Brunetti, Nutritionist & Founder of Agri-Dynamics, Inc.
   Break - Visit Trade Show
10:30 – 11:30 “Introduction to homeopathy – applications for milk quality” - Paul Dettloff
11:30 – 12:30 “The latest on botanicals and essential oils for mastitis treatment” - Jerry Brunetti
   Lunch - Catered - Visit Trade Show
1:30 – 2:30 “Acupuncture theory and methodology: applications to mastitis & elevated SCC” - Tina Johnson DVM, Newburg Veterinary Hospital, Newburg, OR
2:30 – 3:30 Producer Panel: Successful producers will reveal their secrets regarding low SCC counts and udder health” - Jon Bansen, Monmouth, OR — Moderator.
   Break - Visit Trade Show

Grazers Panel: Producers with years of experience will discuss: “Taking your grazing program to the next level.” Producers will cover plant varieties, grazing patterns, soil amendments, forage sequencing and the impact pasture has on bottom line.

Moderator: Blake Alexandre, Crescent City, CA
4:00 – 4:15 Jon Bansen, Monmouth, Oregon
4:30 – 4:45: Ward Burroughs, Denair, CA
5:00 – 5:15 Mark Alderson, Gerber, CA
5:15 – 5:30 Questions

BBQ Dinner - Dairy Management Team: 5:30 appetizers in Trade Show/ 6:30 dinner / 7:30 pm Speaker: Dr. Wendy Fullwilder, “Animal Care & Well-being - impact on our consumer”

Wednesday, March 26th: “Pasture/Forage Management”
8:00 – 10:00 Gary Zimmer – Midwest Bio-Ag Services: Reducing grain inputs with high-quality forages. Guidelines for producing top-quality forage – testing for quality - how to interpret results. Using sample forage quality and soil analysis reports, Gary will provide insight on how to interpret and use results to understand current conditions and how to improve productivity.
   Break - Visit Trade Show
10:30 – 11:00 Pasture quality survey data and analysis for Northern California – Josh Davy, UCCE.
11:00 – 11:15 Western Regional Pro-grass-tinators Grazing Group: “What is the Pro-grass-tinator’s Grazing Group, how does it function, how is it funded, what can it do for your pasture management and financial bottom-line”
11:15 – 12:00 Dairy Tour overview: Map, dairy overview, grazing plan, soil analysis, forage analysis, goals and plans for future. Panel Discussion by Gary Zimmer; Jerry Brunetti and Paul Dettloff
12:00 Board Buses for Dairy Tour: Picnic lunch - Tour of facility - Assessment/recommendations by Gary Zimmer, Jerry Brunetti, and Paul Dettloff.

An evening with Dr. Paul, Gary, and Jerry. No-host dinner at Sierra Nevada Brewery.
Dr. Paul presents: “Reading the Hair”