

Heat stress topic for Cattlemen sessions

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Lexington is one of three sites for a Nebraska Cattlemen program on feedlot heat stress.

Beef feedlot managers, owners, employees and supporting industry personnel will learn the importance of managing heat stress in cattle during the Nebraska Cattlemen Managing Feedlot Heat Stress lunch and learn sessions March 10-12.

These sessions will be a pre-summer review for feedlot sites to help determine the adequacy of facilities and prepare management plans to reduce the impact of heat stress on cattle.

The sessions will be offered at:

West Point—Monday, March 10, at the Nielsen Center from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Columbus—Monday, March 10, at the River's Edge Convention Center from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Albion—Tuesday, March 11, at the Boone County Fairgrounds Casey's Building from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lexington—Wednesday, March 12, at the Dawson County 4-H Office from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Topics and presenters include:

Finding the potential problem areas in your facilities and planning ahead (Dee Griffin, University of Nebraska)

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Heat waves, why are some areas affected more than others? (Terry Mader, Mader Consulting, LLC)

Heat stress management, physiological and behavior responses (Mader)

Design options for heat stress abatement (Jake Mayer, Settje Agri-Services & Engineering)

Cattle handling in heat. What is a compromised animal? (Rob Eirich, University of Nebraska)

Animal welfare impacts of heat stress (Jake Mayer, Settje Agri-Services & Engineering)

These 4 hour meetings will include a free meal.

For more information about the meeting schedule please contact Bonita Lederer at 402-329-6273.