

## Increasing cow herd, beef production are focus of roundtable

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The 2014 High Plains Nutrition & Management Roundtable will be hosted Aug. 28 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Water Research Field Laboratory near Brule.

The theme is “Focus on Cow Herd Size and Beef Production.” Keynote speaker Tom Brink, founder and owner of Brink Consulting & Trading, will discuss “Creating Valuable Calves that Feedlots Really Want.”

The High Plains Nutrition & Management Roundtable is an annual meeting hosted by the local chapter of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS), which comprises beef industry professionals from Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado who share a common interest in improving the beef industry through improved nutrition and management practices. Each year, the meeting is hosted in the tri-state area by professors from Colorado State University (CSU), University of Wyoming (UW), and University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), along with industry professionals who want to share emerging technologies, peer-reviewed research, and ideas. The goal is to maintain an open dialogue between the academic, industry (or private sector), and producer segments who are in pursuit of making better beef for our consumers.

To register for the High Plains Nutrition and Management Roundtable, go to [www.nutritionroundtable.org](http://www.nutritionroundtable.org), click on meeting info button at top of page, then click on “2014 meeting registration” link for a registration form that can be filled out and mailed. Instructions are on that web page. Registration is \$40 for preregistrations received by Aug. 15. At the door cost will be \$50 per person.

For more information call Matt Luebbe, UNL feedlot management specialist, UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center, 308-632-1260.

ARPAS provides certification of animal scientists through examination, continuing education, and commitment to a code of ethics. Continual improvement of individual members is catalyzed through publications (including the PAS journal) and by providing information on educational opportunities.

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The roundtable will meet at the Purty Punkins Building neighboring the Field Laboratory. The building address is 350 Road West M South, Brule.

Driving directions:

From the East—From the Brule I-80 Exit 177, drive south to Road 60, then west for about mile; then south on Road West I for about 2 miles; then west on Road 40 for about 4 miles; then south on Road M about mile. The building is on the west side; look for the sign.

From the West—From the Big Springs I-80 Exit 107, drive south on Road 209 for about 1/8 mile; then east on Road 8 for about 5 miles; then south on Road West M about 1/2 mile. The building is on the west side; look for the sign.

Speakers and topics include:

Dr. Aaron Stalker, UNL, “Overview of Corn Residue use for Beef Cattle” and Tour of UNL’s Brule Water Research Field Lab

Dr. Karla Jenkins, UNL, University update on intensive cow-calf systems

Dr. George Seidel, CSU, “Beef Production without a Cow Herd”

Dr. Steve Paisley, UW, University update on the economics of increasing calf supply

Dr. Darrell Wilkes, Verified Beef, industry update on EPD technology

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Dr. Kent Andersen, Zoetis, "Genetic Game Plan for Cow-Calf Producers"

Hannah Cunningham, UW, 2013 poster winner, "Effect of Feed Efficiency Classification on mRNA Expression of Angiogenic Factors in the Jejunum of Finishing Steers."