

The Southern Beef School offers a unique opportunity for producers of beef to learn from one of the best assembled line-ups of guest speakers available.

Stud breeders, store cattle and feeder steer producers as well as grain and grass finishers will all benefit from this workshop. The program has been designed to address issues that face producers, with a special focus on Southern Production Systems.

Special topics included in the program relate to carcase evaluation, market requirements, live animal assessment, producing efficient cattle, profit drivers for optimum productivity, industry innovations and targeted market sire selection.

The Southern Beef School, now in its fifth year, has received tremendous feedback from people associated with the beef industry and has become a 'must do' in the industry's annual calendar.

PAYMENT

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Cheques payable to South West Institute of TAFE.

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Southern Beef School

Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th July 2007



Glenormiston Campus

South West Institute of TAFE

Tuesday 17th July

SESSION 1 MEETING THE MARKET

8.15 am
9.00 am

Registration, conference centre foyer
Welcome

Joe Piper, CEO, South West Institute of TAFE

9.05 am

Introduction to the course, program and participants

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

9.35 am

Grass fed sector: Overview and future direction, domestic and export markets

Peta MacDougall, Meat and Livestock Association

10.05 am

Morning tea

10.30 am

Feeder steer sector: Overview and future direction

Daniel Gilmour, DPI, Bendigo

11.00 am

An insight into animal growth, maturity and market suitability

Dougal Purcell, DPI, Rutherglen

11.30 am

Export and domestic specifications for southern producers

Steve Rennie, Operations Manager, Charlton Feedlot

12.00 md

Steer selection to target the market

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

12.30 pm

Lunch

SESSION 2 ASSESING FAT, MUSCLE AND MATURITY TYPE (Practical session in the arena)

1.30 pm

Demonstrations assessing fat and muscling in feeder and slaughter cattle

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

2.00 pm

Dick Whale, Independent Breeding Services

Assessing feeder steer groups for various markets

Afternoon tea

4.00 pm

Discussion of assessment groups

SESSION 3 MEAT QUALITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

4.30 pm

Meat Standards Australia - Satisfying the consumer

Kate Brabin, Certified Australian Angus Beef

5.00 pm

National Livestock Identification System

Kellyanne Semple, DPI, Bendigo

5.30 pm

Finish

6.30 pm

Drinks

7.00 pm

Dinner

Speaker, Meat and Livestock Association

Wednesday 18th July

SESSION 4 PRODUCING EFFICIENT CATTLE

8.00 am

Manage your margins by managing your supply chain

Mark Holcombe, "Willawa", Mansfield

What drives profit and managing risk in your beef operation

James Whatley, AgConcepts, Ballarat

10.00 am

Morning tea

10.30 am

Pasture management workshop

Rex Clements, SW TAFE and Kate Sargeant, DPI, Seymour

11.30 am

Optimal preparation strategies for weaner cattle to minimise sickness

Paul Cusack, Australian Livestock Production Services, Cowra

12.30 pm

Lunch

SESSION 5 CATTLE EVALUATION (in the arena)

1.30 pm

Assessment of slaughter and feeder cattle

Dick Whale, Independent Breeding Services

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

3.00 pm

Afternoon tea

SESSION 6 GROWTH, NUTRITION AND STRUCTURE (3 concurrent sessions)

3.30 pm

Growth, compensatory effects and development of steers

Emma Weatherly, DPI, Hamilton

How the rumen works - A dissection

Anita Morant, DPI, Hamilton

Structural soundness in bulls

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

Finish

Drinks

Dinner

Participant talks

Thursday 19th July

SESSION 7 SIRE SELECTION PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

8.00 am

Breedplan for full buyers

Emma Weatherly, DPI, Hamilton

OR

Latest developments in Breedplan

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

8.45 am

Using \$Indexes in a practical way

Tom Gubbins, Te Mania Angus

9.30 am

Morning tea (in the arena)

10.00 am

Practical session - Structural soundness

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

Bull selection exercises

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

Dick Whale, Independent Breeding Services

Review of bulls

Bob Dent, Angus Australia

Dick Whale, Independent Breeding Services

12.00 md

Lunch

SESSION 8 PRODUCING EFFICIENT CATTLE

1.00 pm

Carcass evaluation

Kate Brabin, CAAB and Danae Reed, DPI

Side breakdown

Meat Training Australia

3.00 pm

Close

REGISTRATION FORM Southern Beef School

Registrations close 2nd July 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Registration Fees (GST Inclusive)

Full residential course including notes, all meals (morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner) and two night's accommodation per person \$492.00

Non-residential course including notes, all meals (morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner) per person \$416.00

Additional accommodation on Monday 16th July 2007 including bed/breakfast \$38.00 per person.

