UPCOMING EVENTS

By Manny Encinias, Extension Livestock Specialist

The Southwest Beef Symposium jointly hosted by NMSU Cooperative Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15-16 at the Overton Hotel & Conference Center in Lubbock, Texas.

The educational forum is tailored for beef producers and was established nine years ago to provide timely information annually about current industry issues and practical management. The event alternates locations in New Mexico and Texas with NMSU Cooperative Extension Service hosting last year's event in Roswell.

This year's SWBS will center around three educational sessions and a trade show. The first day's initial presentations will deal with the cost of doing business, with a special focus on the cost of commodities. This will be followed by presentations on how best to manage those costs at the ranch level.

The first day’s program will end with a rancher panel tasked with sharing what they and their organizations are doing to address the commodity input issue. The panel will include representatives from New Mexico’s Silver Spur Ranches (Bell and T.O.), B&H Herefords, CS Ranch, and the Clavel Ranch as well as Texas’ 6666’s Ranch.

The second day will cover a wide range of topics—the morning session will center on beef and food safety, starting with the National Beef Quality Audit. Next, the question of antimicrobial resistance will be addressed, what the science says and what some of the potential regulatory impacts may be. Following this will be a discussion on new pre-harvest technologies to improve beef safety, concluding with United Texas LLC and what they are seeing from the retail side in their stores.
The afternoon’s final session will address rebuilding cattle herds following drought, and will include discussions on replacement female options and management, biosecurity issues and new technologies in cattle reproduction.

Individual registration is $70 (no charge to agents/specialists). This includes a prime rib steak dinner, lunch, refreshments and a printed proceeding. Visit the program website to register online: [http://swbs.nmsu.edu](http://swbs.nmsu.edu) A detailed schedule of events, presenter bios and lodging information is also available. Contact Manny Encinias at mencinia@nmsu.edu or 505-927-7935 for additional information.

From our staff to yours, Happy Holidays 
and we wish you a wonderful New Year – 2013!
Calving Management
for
Drought Impacted Cowherds

January 2nd @ 4:30
Charlie’s Spic & Span
715 Douglas Avenue
Las Vegas, New Mexico

January 3rd @ 4:30 pm
Elks Lodge
201 South 1st Street
Clayton, New Mexico

Panel Members
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Supper Provided at Both Locations

Walk-Ins Welcome. RSVP Appreciated
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