



# 2026 TEXAS A&M BEEF CATTLE SHORT COURSE

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

| <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1</b>  |  |
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| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.<br><b>TAMU Beef Center</b>                               | <b><u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Veterinary CE Program</b>  |
| 5:30 p.m.<br><b>Brazos Co. Expo</b>  | <b><u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Brazos Valley Cattlewomen Steak Dinner and Dance (Ticket Admission)</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - <i>Rudder/MSC Complex/ Hildebrand Equine Complex</i></b> |  |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | <u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Ranch Horse Program   |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  | <u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Veterinary CE Program   |
| 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.   | On-site registration<br>Pre-registered participants may pick up their materials early  |
| <b>MONDAY, AUGUST 3 - <i>Rudder/MSC Complex</i></b>                            |  |
| 6:30 a.m.  | Coffee and Breakfast, compliments of trade show exhibitors   |
| 7:00 a.m.  | Registration Opens<br>Trade Show Open in Rudder and Rudder Plaza   |
| 8:00 a.m.  | General Assembly for Instructions and Orientation  |
| <b>8:30 a.m. - noon</b>  | <b>Cattleman's College Sessions -<br/>CONCURRENT TRAINING</b>  |
|  | <b><u>Introduction to Cattle Production I</u></b><br>Dr. Jason Smith and Dr. Karl Harborth   |
|  | <b><u>Forage Management I - "Celebrating 150 Years of Pursuing Excellence in Forages &amp; Pastures"</u></b><br>Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Dr. Larry Redmon, and Dr. Monte Rouquette<br>8:30 - Texas Conservation & Sustainability Initiative<br>9:20 - Soils & Soil Fertility<br>10:05 - Pasture mealy bug and other forage insect pests |

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|                             | 10:55 - Stored Forage   |
|                             | <p><b><u>Nutrition Management 1: Improving Cattle Performance and Managing Costs</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Jason Banta</p> <p>8:30 - From forages to supplements: cost effective nutrition for cow-calf operations - Dr. Jason Banta</p>   |
|                             | <p><b><u>Ranching Around the World</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Odile Polanco</p> <p>8:30 -Introduction and IBCA Talk- Dr. Odile</p> <p>8:45 – Ranching at a Continental Scale: The Brazilian Perspective - Dr. Eriklis Nogueira</p> <p>9:30 - Different latitude, same goal: Insights from Colombia’s tropical cattle industry - Dr. Camila López</p> <p>10:15 - USA and LATAM Beef Packing Plants overview: Focuses, Automation and Technology - Héctor Garnica</p> <p>11:00 - “Beef Cattle Production in Northern Veracruz, Mexico: Traditions, Challenges, and Opportunities” - Dr. Victor González</p> |
|                             | <p><b><u>Cattle Genetics: Commercial Cow-Calf Operations</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Andy Herring</p>  |
|                             | <p><b><u>Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification (3 CEU Opportunity)</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Mark Matocha and Jacob Wightman</p> <p>8:30 – Laws and Regulations Update – Jacob Wightman<br/>1 Laws and Regulations CEU</p> <p>9:40 – Feral Pig Management Toolbox – James ‘Jay’ Long<br/>1 IPM CEU</p> <p>1:50 – Spray Drift Minimization – Mark Matocha<br/>1 Drift CEU</p>   |
|                             | <p><b><u>Beef Cattle Health I</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Tom Hairgrove</p>  |
| <b>11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch served<br/>Trade Show activities</b>   |

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| 1:30 p.m.   | <p><b><u>General Session</u></b><br/> Dr. Jason Cleere<br/> 1:30 - Welcome – <i>Dr. Jason Cleere</i><br/> 1:45 - Forecasting the Future: What Long-Term Weather Trends Mean for Cattle Producers – <i>Mr. Brian Bledsoe</i><br/> 2:20 - Land Trends in Texas: How much agricultural producing land are we losing? - <i>Dr. Roel Lopez</i><br/> 3:00 – 3:45 - Cattle Producer Update – <i>Dr. Justin Benavidez, USDA Chief Economist Cattle</i><br/> 3:45 – 4:20 – Cattle Market Outlook - <i>Dr. David Anderson</i></p>   |
| 5:30 p.m.   | <p><b>Famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner, MSC Ballroom</b></p>   |
| <p><b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 - <i>Rudder/MSc Complex</i></b></p> |   |
| 7:00 a.m.   | <p>Coffee and Breakfast<br/> Trade Show Open<br/> On-site registration Opens</p>  |
| 8:30 a.m. to noon   | <p><b>Cattleman’s College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING</b></p> <p><b><u>Introduction to Cattle Production II - 365 Days on the Ranch</u></b> Dr. Jason Smith<br/> What is the yearly production cycle on a ranch? When do I put the bull with the cows? When do I vaccinate? When should I start feeding hay in the winter? When do I fertilize my pasture? These questions and many more will be addressed in this introductory ranch management session.</p> <p><b><u>AgTech - Beef Cattle Technologies - Embracing Technology on the Ranch to Improve Profitability</u></b><br/> Dr. Jacquelyn Prestegaard and Mr. Egleu Mendes</p> <p><b><u>Flies, Gnats, Ticks - Parasites that steal your profit! (3 CEU Opportunity)</u></b><br/> Dr. Tom Hairgrove</p> <p><b><u>Nutritional Management 2</u></b><br/> Dr. Karl Harborth and Dr. Jason Banta<br/> 8:30 - Understanding and preventing nutritional disorders: acidosis, founder, grass tetany, milk fever, and more – Dr. Jason Banta</p> |

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|                          | <p>9:30 - Nutrition strategies for successful heifer development - Dr. Karl Harborth</p> <p>10:15 - Break</p> <p>10:30 Are excess mineral levels hurting performance of your cattle? - Dr. Jason Banta</p> <p>11:15 - Open question and answer period for any additional questions – Dr. Jason Banta and Dr. Karl Harborth</p>   |
|                          | <p><b><u>Forage Management II</u></b><br/> Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Dr. Larry Redmon and Dr. Monte Rouquette</p> <p>8:30 - NRCS programs</p> <p>9:00 - Integrated Weed Management</p> <p>9:45 - Winter Pasture Options</p> <p>10:30 - Grazing Management</p>  |
|                          | <p><b><u>Reproductive Management</u></b><br/> Dr. Bruce Carpenter</p>  |
|                          | <p><b><u>Cattle Genetics: Purebred Cattle Production</u></b><br/> Dr. Andy Herring</p>   |
| 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | <p><b><u>2026 - Picolinic Acid Training (1 CEU Opportunity)</u></b><br/> Registration required at the Envu Range and Pasture Booth</p>   |
| 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  | <p><b>Lunch served and Trade Show activities</b></p>   |
| 1:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm     | <p><b>Cattleman’s College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING</b></p>   |
|                          | <p><b><u>New World Screwworm Symposium</u></b><br/> Dr. Karl Harborth and Dr. Tom Hairgrove</p>  |
|                          | <p><b><u>Landowner Rights - Legal Issues Facing Ranchers</u></b><br/> Mrs. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet</p> <p>1:30-2:30 – Transmission Lines &amp; Eminent Domain - Luke Ellis, Attorney, Marrs, Ellis Hodge, LLP</p> <p>2:30-4:30 – Farm &amp; Ranch Succession/Estate Planning - Shannon L. Ferrell, Professor, Oklahoma State</p> <p>4:30-5:30 – Texas Water Law - Jim Bradbury, Attorney, James D. Bradbury, PLLC</p> |
|                          | <p><b><u>Managing Risk in the Grazing Business -</u></b> Dr. Jacquelyn Prestegaard and Dr. Jeff Goodwin</p>  |

**Farm to Fork: Finishing and Marketing Cattle on the Ranch**

Mrs. Rachel Cutrer and Dr. Rick Machen

This session will feature ranchers who are successfully raising and finishing cattle on the ranch. Discussions will include the production of the cattle, how to get them processed and what marketing strategies are to get the most value out of the cattle you raise.

**Beef Cattle Research in Texas**

Dr. Andy Herring

This session highlights beef cattle research projects being conducted at Texas A&M University System locations across the state. Topics will encompass cow-calf and grazing aspects through feeding and end-product considerations.

**Rangeland Management: Cows, Grass, and Cash Flow**

Dr. Megan Clayton and Dr. Barron Rector

This session will cover considerations when restocking in this new era, how grazing management choices influence financial performance, the hidden costs of overgrazing and underutilization, monitoring for healthy productivity, and setting goals with trigger dates and decision points.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - TAMU ANIMAL SCIENCE FACILITIES**

7:30 a.m.

Coffee and breakfast provided at each location

8:30 a.m. to noon

**Cattleman's College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING**

**Cattle Reproduction Management Demonstration**

Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Dr. Ky Pohler and Dr. Rodolfo Cardoso

**Fence Building Demonstration (7:00 am start)**

Ms. Kara Matheney

This session will cover the different types of fencing materials and designs. Learn how to build pipe stretch sections and string multiple types of wire during this demonstration. Learn from the industry experts!

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|                        | <p><b><u>Brush Busters: Interactive Training on Brush ID, Spray Equipment, Additives, and Safety (3 CEU Opportunity)</u></b><br/> Dr. Barron Rector and Dr. Megan Clayton<br/> This session will include stations focused on identifying your brush species and their values, setting up proper spray equipment for improved control, different herbicide application options, which additives in the spray mix are necessary for success, and selecting and using herbicides safely on your ranch.</p> |
|                        | <p><b><u>Beef Cattle Business Management Workshop</u></b><br/> Dr. David Anderson and Pancho Abello</p>   |
|                        | <p><b><u>Live Cattle Handling Demonstration</u></b><br/> Dr. Bruce Carpenter and Dr. Ron Gill<br/> Learn how to utilize safe and effective strategies to maximize your live animal handling, while creating a low stress environment.</p>   |
|                        | <p><b><u>Beef Carcass Value Determination Demonstration</u></b><br/> Dr. Davey Griffin, Dr. Dan Hale, and Dr. Drew Cassens<br/> Learn about the value of the beef carcass and what happens to your cattle when they are processed.</p>  |
|                        | <p><b><u>Chute Side Working Demonstrations</u></b><br/> Dr. Jason Banta, Jason Smith, and Dr. Karl Harborth<br/> Station 1: Vaccination Considerations: needle and syringe selection – Jason Banta<br/> Station 2: Castration and Implants- Jason Smith and Ryon Walker<br/> Station 3: Animal Identification - hot iron branding, freeze branding, and ear tags – Karl Harborth and Bryan Davis</p>  |
| 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | <p><b><i>NEW!!!! Private Pesticide Applicator’s License Training Course</i></b><br/> An opportunity to obtain a private pesticide applicator’s license. Training will occur before lunch with an opportunity to take the certification test at 1:00 p.m. There will be an additional \$50 charge for this course. To register, please call (979)845-3849, or email <a href="mailto:tina.vanhorn@ag.tamu.edu">tina.vanhorn@ag.tamu.edu</a></p>   |
| 12 p.m.                | <p><b><u>Beef Cattle Short Course 2026 - Adjourned</u></b></p>  |

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