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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Private Pesticide Recertification Workshops:

Tuesday, February 19; 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Town/Fire Hall, Wilson

Tuesday, February 26; 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Fillmore County Office Building, Preston

Wednesday, February 27; 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Justice Center, Caledonia



Farm to Cafeteria Workshop:

Thursday, March 7; 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ramada Hotel, 1517 16th St. SW, Rochester

The registration deadline is March 1. The cost is \$20(meal included)
For more information on the regional workshops and to register go to
www.extension.umn.edu/go/1132
or contact Jan Joannides, joann001@umn.edu

University of Minnesota Extension Forage Day:

Thursday, March 21; 10:00 am - 3:00pm (9:30am registration)

Cost: \$25/participant (lunch & materials)

Lynndyn Bridge, Rushford

Pre-register by: March 14, 507-765-3896, tesme001@umn.edu

Topics to be covered include:

Fungicides & insecticide use with alfalfa

Alfalfa Grass production

Maximizing forage production

Pasture Grazing updates

Guest speaker: Dan Undersander, UofW Forage Specialist

Multiple Practices Conservation Tour:

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am - 2:00 pm (lunch will be provided)

St. Charles Area

(we will meet at St. Charles City Hall to board a bus, and the tour local farms in the Whitewater & Rush Pine watersheds area)

Cost: \$10/participant

Registration/details: whitewaterwatershed@gmail.com

Farm Transitions and Estate Planning with Attorney John Baker

Attend this very special Farm Succession and Estate Planning workshop where you will receive expert guidance and legal assistance to help ensure that you have a sound plan in place for the eventual transfer of your farm to your family or non-family successor (rather than Uncle Sam!).

Thanks to the generous support of USDA-Risk Management Agency, we are able to bring John Baker, Atty. to Minnesota to conduct this four-day workshop. Baker is an internationally known expert on farm succession planning. His 30 years of experience working with families on planning for the future has made him the “go-to” guy on farm transitions. Baker has conducted workshops in Iowa, Alaska, Nebraska & North Dakota, and now Minnesota! Don't miss this rare opportunity to get extensive assistance and hands-on help with developing your farm succession plan.

The two-part, four-day workshop will assist families to plan for the eventual transition of their farm. The workshops are planned as a multi-generational event for current farm owners and for their heirs or non-family members to whom they hope to transfer the farm. We are capping attendance at 60 people to ensure that everyone has access to individualized assistance.

Farm Transitions is a joint project of Renewing the Countryside and the Sustainable Farming Association. Funding for Farm Transitions is provided by USDA Risk Management Agency.

Workshop Agenda:

Monday – March 4, 2013, 8:30a - 5:00p

- What are we trying to find out?
- What did you say?
- Wants, needs, expectations, fears
- Retirement planning
- Financing retirement
- Can't we all just get along?

Tuesday – March 5, 2013, 8:30a - 3:00p

- The most important things in my life are...
- Years from now we will...
- What are we doing?
- Setting the guideposts

Monday – March 25, 2013, 8:30p - 5:00p

- Knowing the numbers
- Strategic business planning
- Transfer planning
- Estate planning

Tuesday – March 26, 2013, 8:30a - 3:00p

- Reviewing the process
- The Critical Path process

If you attend, you'll walk out of the final session with: the beginning of a plan, answers to questions, and contacts to experts who can help finish your plan.

WHEN: March 4-5 and March 25-26

TIME: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. each day

WHERE: Villa Maria, Frontenac, MN

CONTACT: info@rtcinfo.org • 612.910.7601

COST: \$95/ person (\$160/couple), \$75 for each additional person from a farm (all meals included)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Available at the Villa Maria or in nearby Lake City or Red Wing

REGISTER: [HERE \(https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/7232/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=51307\)](https://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/7232/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=51307) or by calling Brett at 612-910-7601. Questions can be emailed to brett@rtcinfo.org.

Your Checkoff Funds Hard at Work

by Karin Schaefer, Minnesota Beef Council executive director

As winter can be a very busy time for cattle farmers, the Minnesota Beef Council is hard at work as well. Tis the season for tradeshows, retail beef promotions and producer communication efforts. My staff and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to connect with those farmers and ranchers who invest their dollars into the checkoff at various meetings and conventions.

Thank you for your continued participation in the beef checkoff. As calendar year 2012 comes to a close and we reflect back on the year, it's hard to select only a few program highlights to share because there were so many. Minnesota Beef Council is responsible for investing your beef checkoff dollars to build beef demand through promotion, research and education. We are pleased to share with you the enclosed state & national beef checkoff annual report for fiscal year 2012, highlighting our successful programs and a report of expenditures.

The beef checkoff program is celebrating its 25th year of continued success! But as we ring in the New Year we also face challenges as an industry and as a checkoff program. At their 2013 Outlook & Strategies Seminar, CattleFax stated that they expect the US cattle inventory to be 89.8 million head on Jan. 1, 2013, down over 1 million head (1.1 percent) from a year ago.

That means in 2013, your checkoff will once again be doing more with less.

We all have a role in the beef checkoff and we appreciate your cooperation in remitting the dollars due from private treaty sales. Enclosed is a copy of the private treaty remittance form. Thank you again for your support and investment in the beef checkoff. For more information about your beef checkoff investment, visit MyBeefCheckoff.com. If you have any questions regarding the checkoff, please call the Minnesota Beef Council office at (952) 854-6980.

Agricultural Literacy Beef Books Are Here!

Minnesota authors Susan Anderson and JoAnne Buggey have written several books in a series about various agriculture commodities. Awesome Agriculture books are dedicated to teaching agricultural literacy to young children. These books explain to children the importance of farming and its relationship to the food they eat.

“Awesome Agriculture: Beef Cattle an A to Z Book” – This book introduces beef cattle and beef to children in preschool through early elementary. The book utilizes a child’s developing alphabet and reading skills to teach the basics of agricultural literacy.

“Beef Cattle in the Story of Agriculture” – This book is for children in the older elementary grades. In this book, children first learn where and how beef cattle are raised. Then they learn how these cattle are turned into the beef products that provide an important part of their diet. Plus, they discover how non-edible beef by-products show up in everyday objects.

Minnesota Beef Council has an inventory of both books in stock and encourage producers to conduct beef education with youth groups. Books are available by request by contacting the Minnesota Beef Council at 952-854-6980.



28th Annual Private Treaty Bull Sale

~ selling 75 Balancer and Angus Bulls ~

Saturday, February 23th
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
At the farm, Goodhue, MN



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