

# December News

## Special points of interest:

- Medora Beef Day
- Making 'Em Mind and Saving a Dime in '09
- District Crop Improvement Meeting
- Pesticide Trainings



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## Making 'Em Mind and Saving a Dime in '09

A Beef producers meeting will be held in Dickinson on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will focus on beef issues ranging from calving problems and cattle handling to the marketing outlook.

More information on the meeting can be found on the enclosed poster. Registration Fee is \$40 before December 2<sup>nd</sup> and more information can be obtained from any local Extension office. Registration forms can be

found online at <http://www.ext.nodak.edu/county/stark/beefmtg.pdf> or by contacting the Extension Office.

## District Crop Improvement Meeting

The SW District crop improvement meeting will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> in Mandan. The meeting will be held at the Seven Seas beginning at 1pm CT. Andrew Smith's term as SW district director to the State Crop Improve-

ment association is up this year. He is eligible for another 3 year term. This will be voted on at the meeting. Topics to be covered at the program during the meeting include: "small grain variety update", "State Seed

department update", and "Foundation Seed Stocks-Update and Program Review". 40 acres of free field inspection will be given away as a door prize.

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## Pesticide Trainings

Pesticide training season is just around the corner. If your certification expires in 09, be looking for a letter in the mail shortly after the first of the year with dates and times of local re-certification trainings. There will probably be 2 to 3 meetings held in the Golden Valley/Billings County areas in February and March this coming year.

**Medora Beef Day.**

Medora Beef Day will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Medora Community Center. Featured speakers include: John Lockie, of RMA speaking on Pasture, Rangeland Forage Rainfall Index Insurance. Jeff Printz of NRCS to speak on the drought calculator tool, as well as Michelle Thomp-

son, SW Feeders Coordinator, Greg Lardy, NDSU Beef Cattle Specialist, and Tim Petry, Livestock Marketing Specialist. The meeting will begin with registration at 10am.

The Golden Valley SCD will hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual cattlemen's meeting, which is an

open informational meeting, immediately following beef day. Look for more information to be coming on topics for this meeting.

For more information on these meetings please call the Extension Office.

**Bovine Connection - Feedlot School Set for December 3 & 4**

*This is part of a news release article taken from the Richland County, Montana Extension Website.*

**The 2008 Bovine Connection Feedlot Management School has been set for December 3rd and 4th at the Sidney Country Club.**

This two day intensive short course will teach principles of feedlot production, nutrition, management, and marketing. Instructors include

NDSU and MSU faculty from the Animal and Range Sciences Departments, the Carrington Research and Extension Center, North Dakota Stockmen's Association, as well scheduled speakers that all have extensive experience working with northern plains feedlots. Participants will be trained in all aspects of feedlot management, nutrition, waste management, and market-

ing.

The cost is \$125 per person. The fee does not include hotel accommodations. The registration deadline is November 21st. For more information, contact Wade Whiteman at 406.433.1206 or [whiteman@montana.edu](mailto:whiteman@montana.edu) or Dale Naze at 701.444.3451 or [dale.naze@ndsu.edu](mailto:dale.naze@ndsu.edu)

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**Up Coming Events****December**

3-5- Ashley on Vacation  
4- District Crop Improvement Mtg  
9- Beef Meeting Dickinson  
24 - Christmas Eve - office closes at Noon  
25- Christmas - office closed  
31- New Years Eve

**January**

1 - New Years Day - Office closed  
12-14- Rhame, Killdeer and Medora Beef Days  
19- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office closed



# **Making 'Em Mind and Saving a Dime in '09**

**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008  
Dickinson State University  
Agricultural Building  
400 State Ave.  
Dickinson, N.D.**

Cow-calf seminar focusing on low-stress handling of cattle and understanding and dealing with dystocia in cattle

## Registration

Preregistration: \$40 due by Dec. 2, 2008.

Registration at the door: \$50

Registration includes lunch, kabob taste test, breaks and materials for the program.

## Schedule

9:30-10 a.m. Registration and coffee

10-10:10 a.m. Welcome

10:10 a.m. - noon Handling Calving Problems, Robert Mortimer, Colorado State University

Noon-1 p.m. Lunch on site

1-1:30 p.m. Beef Cattle Market Outlook for 2009, Tim Petry, North Dakota State University

1:30-2 p.m. NDSU Beef Systems Center of Excellence Update, Greg Lardy, North Dakota State University

2-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-4:15 p.m. Making 'Em Mind, Curt Pate, Newell, S.D.

4:15-5:45 p.m. Palatability Education of the New Beef Value Cuts (includes kabob taste test)

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