

Beef Improvement Federation Conference Scheduled May 26-29

For the latest information about beef production, plan to attend the 25th annual meeting of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) in Asheville, N.C., May 26-29.

Registration begins on Wednesday, May 26, followed by a special symposium on "Improving Reproductive Performance," sponsored by the National Association of Animal Breeders.

Thursday's session focuses on what we have learned in the past 25 years. Presentations include information on birthweight and calving ease, milk production, mature size and growth.

Friday's program deals with "Tools to Emphasize Competitiveness." Discussions will cover **competitiveness**, Integrated Resource Management, carcass quality and modern biological tools to improve genetics.

A special banquet commemorating the 25th anniversary of BIF will be held on Friday night. Those who attend will receive a copy of "Ideals Into Action," a history of BIF.

The conference will be held at Grove Park Inn Resort in scenic western North Carolina. Participants will experience bluegrass music, clogging, and local arts and crafts. Saturday's program features a tour of the historic Biltmore Estate.

For a conference brochure with com-

plete details, contact Roger McCraw, BIF Conference coordinator, North Carolina State University, Box 7621, Raleigh, NC 27695; (919) 515-2761; or contact Charles McPeake, The University of Georgia, Extension Animal Science, Coliseum, Athens, GA 30602; (706) 542-2584.



Beef Improvement Federation '92 Proceedings Available

If you missed the 1992 Beef Improvement Federation Symposium you don't have to miss out on interesting topics shared in this meeting. Proceedings are available for \$5 per copy.

Some of the topics covered in the proceedings include the Beef Quality Audit, Value Based Marketing, Correlated Selection Response, Prioritizing

Trait Selection and Breed Comparisons.

To receive your copy send \$5 (check made payable to BIF) to: BIF, Charles McPeake, Extension Animal Science, The University of Georgia, Coliseum, Athens, GA 30602.

BIF Guidelines for Breeders

How do you adjust a weaning weight? What's included in a breeding soundness exam? How do you calculate a yield grade?

Answers to these questions along with information like frame score charts, breed standards for adjustments and methods used in national cattle evaluation are all included in "BIF Guidelines for Uniform Beef Improvement Programs (6th Edition)."

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) is a federation of organizations, businesses and individuals involved in performance evaluation of beef cattle. "BIF Guidelines" is the standard reference for beef performance programs and represents a cooperative effort between extension, research and industry.

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Iowa State University Hosts Ultrasound Training Seminar

An ultrasound training program covering both beef and swine body composition measurement will be held June 2-5 at Iowa State University, Ames.

Trainees may obtain certification as a scanner from the Beef Improvement Federation. A related symposium June 4 will cover the latest advances in ultrasound research.

The trainees may choose to scan beef, swine or both. Activities scheduled for trainees include class study, scan interpretation, written examinations, and viewing of carcasses. Certification officials will be present from the Beef Improvement Federation and the National Swine Improvement Federation.

Friday, June 4 will feature a symposium from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Major topics to be discussed include the future for real-time ultrasound and the use of real-time ultrasound data in the industry. Speakers from universities, USDA and the livestock industry will discuss meat traits and technology. The program includes a trade show and banquet.

Participants may choose from several different training options at the Ultrasound Certification program.

For more information on the beef program, contact Doyle Wilson at (515) 294-2240. For information on registration and fees, contact Deb Schmidt at (515) 234-5961.