

2014 BIF Meeting Scheduled

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) will host its 2014 annual meeting and research symposium in Lincoln, Neb., June 18-21 at the Cornhusker Marriot in the heart of downtown Lincoln. The event will be co-hosted by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL), Nebraska Cattlemen, and the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC).

“It is no coincidence that we decided to host this event in Nebraska in 2014,” says Matt Spangler, associate professor of animal science at UNL. “The U.S. Meat Animal Research Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2014, and we thought it appropriate to celebrate by hosting the annual BIF meeting, a meeting that USMARC scientists have contributed to since the beginning.”

BIF was formed more than 45 years ago as a means to standardize beef cattle performance programs and evaluation methodology and to

create greater awareness, acceptance and usage of these concepts for the genetic improvement of beef cattle. The organization represents more than 40 state and national beef cattle associations.

Attracting 450-900 attendees, the annual meeting is an opportunity for the research community and industry to meet and discuss issues surrounding the genetic improvement of beef cattle and for attendees to learn about technologies and management practices that can aid in the profitability of their operations.

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