



Angus Stakes

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Two to attend

Manhattan, Kan., is the place to be this June. Two of our favorite industry meetings will be hosted by the folks at Kansas State University. These programs are definitely worth your time and effort to attend. Sometimes, we know, that's just not possible, and you can look forward to comprehensive coverage via all our media channels.

Focusing on animal welfare

K-State's Beef Cattle Institute (BCI) will host the Fifth International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare (ISBCW) at the Alumni Center June 8-10. The event will provide a valuable opportunity for beef industry leaders and influencers to learn, gain fresh insight and actively participate in addressing beef cattle welfare.

This biennial event addresses cattle welfare issues from a practical management perspective. Presentations Monday afternoon, June 8, include pain management, heat stress in the feedlot, novel interventions for bovine respiratory disease and body condition score considerations for beef cattle welfare.

Thursday gets a little more technical, with presentations on immunologic responses to stress and metrics for measuring stress, but speakers will also address stockmanship, flooring issues, lameness, transportation issues and dealing with compromised cattle.

Friday morning's final session will deal

with feedlot issues — impacts of preconditioning, acidosis, liver abscesses, feeding to larger end points and fatigued cattle syndrome.

Look for our media team's coverage at www.angus.media and in future editions of the *Angus Journal* and *The Angus Report*.

BIF coverage online

The Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Research Symposium and Convention returns to the Midwest this year. It will be June 14-17 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Manhattan. Online coverage will be available on our event coverage site, www.bifconference.com.

A session for young producers will lead off the program Tuesday afternoon, June 14. Last year this was a tremendous session that provided a little background on what BIF is and the role it plays in the beef industry. Speakers also presented more of a landscape view of topics regularly addressed at BIF, providing a basic frame of reference

on which to base the more technical program to follow.

The main program will begin Wednesday morning with a focus on what the industry will look like in 20 years and the opportunities available in the beef value chain. Presenters will offer an economic outlook, consumer trends and what they mean, and the genetics of meat science. Our own John Stika, president of the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand, will look at beef as a consumer-driven industry and changing mindsets from cattle to food production.

Thursday's morning session takes a management approach, focusing on how to protect producer profits. Topics range from analyzing the current cow herd and looking at areas that need to be improved upon to addressing cow maintenance efficiency and what you can learn by feeding out the calf crop.

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons will focus on the technical side of beef improvement, with each of BIF's standing committees presenting a technical breakout session.

If you can't make it to Manhattan for the symposium, you'll find comprehensive coverage posted to the newsroom at www.bifconference.com. Included will be presentation summaries written by our editorial team, proceedings, audio and PowerPoint presentations.

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