

Cattlemen's Boot Camp

Register by March 2 to secure a place at the educational event in Florida March 9-10.

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp March 9-10 at the Jackson County Agricultural Center in Marianna, Fla. The event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with the University of Florida, and provides purebred and commercial producers timely information presented by academic and industry professionals.

Registration is now available online and is open until March 2.

"We are looking forward to hosting cattlemen in Florida this March for an extensive program aimed at improving operations of all types. There is something for everyone," says Ashley Mitchell, Association assistant director of events and education.

Open to all cattle producers, the event is funded by the Angus Foundation and features a day and a half of educational speakers and hands-on activities to help improve their herd operations. The workshop is packed with pertinent information, including bull selection, reproductive technologies, genetic markers, forage management and much more.

Registration is \$75 per person and includes meals and educational materials. Registration forms are due March 2 and can be submitted electronically at <http://bit.ly/1wMQ1kE>, or mailed to Ashley Mitchell at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Late and walk-in registrations are not accepted.

Hotel rooms are available at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Marianna for \$83 plus tax until Feb. 1. Use the code "Angus Cattlemen's Boot Camp" to receive the group rate. A tentative schedule follows.



2015 Cattlemen's Boot Camp

March 9-10 | Marianna, Fla.

Monday, March 9

- 8 a.m. Registration, Jackson County Agricultural Center
- 9 a.m. Greetings and introductions: David Gazda, American Angus Association, and Cliff Lamb, University of Florida beef specialist
- 9:15 a.m. Economics of herd expansion: Chris Prevatt, University of Florida ag economist
- 9:45 a.m. Opportunities for branded-beef programs: Certified Angus Beef LLC
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Where we are with genetic markers and what is their current role as a selection tool?: Raluca Mateescu, University of Florida geneticist
- 11:30 p.m. Selecting bulls for the beef herd: Tonya Amen, Angus Genetics Inc.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. The role of reproductive technologies for herd expansion: Cliff Lamb
- 2 p.m. Science-based strategies for mineral supplementation: John Arthington, University of Florida beef specialist
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3 p.m. Understanding common byproducts available to beef producers: Lawton Stewart, University of Georgia beef specialist
- 3:45 p.m. Forage management and storage for enhanced production: Kim Mullinex, Auburn beef specialist
- 4:30 p.m. Supplementation strategies and considerations when expanding the beef herd: Nicolas DiLorenzo, University of Florida beef specialist
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. The value of source verification: Ginette Kurtz, American Angus Association
- 6:45 p.m. Decision-aid tools for enhanced production: Cliff Lamb, Nicolas DiLorenzo and Lawton Stewart

Tuesday, March 10

- 8 a.m. Expanding grazing lands: Cheryl Mackowiak, University of Florida soils specialist
- 8:45 a.m. Grazing management strategies to improve range production: José Dubeux, University of Florida forage specialist
- 9:30 a.m. Management of weeds and pests affecting forage production: Josh Thompson, Integrated Pest Management Extension educator
- 10 a.m. Morning break: Drive to the North Florida Research and Education Center, Beef Unit
- 11 a.m. Forage management demonstration: José Dubeux
- 11:30 a.m. Reproductive technology demonstration: Cliff Lamb
- 12 p.m. Lunch, Q&A, surveys

