

# Washington Hosts Boot Camp

Register by March 1 to secure a place at Boot Camp.

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**C**attle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp April 15-16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, Wash. The event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with Washington State University (WSU), and provides purebred and commercial producers with timely information presented by academic and industry professionals. Registration is now available online and open until March 1.

"Cattlemen's Boot Camp events are engaging educational opportunities for both seedstock and commercial producers alike," says Jaclyn Clark, Association director of events and education. "The day-and-a-half event is packed with industry speakers and reports on research with significant impacts on the beef business."

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 and businesses. 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 materials are available online at [www.angusonline.org/event/bootcampmain.aspx](http://www.angusonline.org/event/bootcampmain.aspx). Registration forms are due March 1 and can be submitted electronically or mailed to Jaclyn Clark 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 Hampton Inn located at 3715 Plaza Way in Kennewick, for \$119 plus tax until March 15. Use code "ANG" to receive the group rate. A tentative schedule follows.



## 2016 Cattlemen's Boot Camp

April 15-16 | Kennewick, Wash.

### Friday, April 15

#### Evening Session: Post-fire Techniques — Tools and Strategies for Beef Producers

- 5-6:30 p.m. Registration and dinner
- 6 p.m. Post-fire Ecology of Range and Pasture: Kevin Guinn, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Washington state range management specialist
- 6:45 p.m. Post-fire Pasture Management: Reseeding and Grazing Management — Tip Hudson, range and livestock management specialist
- 7:15 p.m. Irrigated Pasture Management to Lengthen the Grazing Season — Frank Hendrix, livestock extension specialist
- 8 p.m. Emergency Feeding and Alternative Feedstuffs for Beef Cattle — Don Llewellyn, regional livestock extension specialist

### Saturday, April 16

#### Tools and Techniques for Beef Production

- 7:30 a.m. Registration continued, Benton County Fairgrounds
- 8 a.m. Greetings and Introductions — Jake Troutt, American Angus Association regional manager, and Mark Nelson, Washington State University (WSU)
- 8:15 a.m. Beef Cattle Economic Outlook — Shannon Neiberghs, WSU associate professor, extension economist
- 9 a.m. Selecting Bulls for the Beef Herd — Tonya Amen, director of genetic service, Angus Genetics Inc.
- 9:45 a.m. Genomics of Feed Intake — Holly Neiberghs, associate professor, and Kris Johnson, professor and interim chair, WSU
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. AI Concepts — Martin Macquivar, clinical assistant professor, WSU
- 11:30 a.m. Cow-Calf Nutrition, Fetal Programming — Min Du, professor, WSU
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch and keynote — Mark McCully, vice president, Certified Angus Beef LLC
- 1:15 p.m. The Value of Source Verification — Ginette Gottswiller, director of commercial programs, American Angus Association
- 2 p.m. Beef Quality — Jan Busboom, Extension meats specialist, and Paul Kuber, regional livestock extension specialist, WSU
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3-3:45 p.m. Beef Cattle Health — Dale Moore, WSU Extension veterinarian
- 3:45-4 p.m. Veterinary Feed Directive — Dale Moore and Mark Nelson