

# Kansas State University to Host Cattlemen's Boot Camp

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**C**attle producers who want to learn more about various segments of production, nutrition and carcass value should plan to attend the Cattlemen's Boot Camp Dec. 16-17 at Kansas State University's (K-State's) Weber Hall in Manhattan, Kan. The Cattlemen's Boot Camp is a cooperative effort between K-State, the American Angus Association and the Angus Foundation.

This is the tenth Cattlemen's Boot Camp sponsored by the Association and the Angus Foundation. It is open to all cattle producers, but enrollment is limited, so producers should sign up in advance.

"The Cattlemen's Boot Camps include interactive sessions that will benefit all cattle producers," says Shelia Stannard, director of communications and events for the Association. "Boot Camp is a great refresher course for longtime producers and gives beginners an insight to the beef industry."

K-State professors, former K-State professor Twig Marston and Association staff will present the program that will include information on reproduction, marketing, carcass value and communicating a positive message as

beef producers. Hands-on courses on permanent identification (ID), body condition scoring and carcass evaluation will also occur in smaller group settings.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Weber Hall, and run through noon Wednesday, Dec. 17. Following the Boot Camp, Association staff will offer an optional session about specific Association processes and procedures for any member who wants to participate.

Registration is just \$75, which includes meals and materials for the Boot Camp. Enrollment is limited, so sign up today by contacting the Association for registration materials. Registrations must be received by Dec. 5; late and walk-in registrations are not accepted.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn. Call 785-539-5000 by Nov. 15 to reserve a room at the negotiated rate. Be sure to ask for the American Angus Association block.

Registration forms are available online at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). For more information about Boot Camp or to register, contact Monica Jordan or Shelia Stannard at 816-383-5100.

