

Wyoming Hosts 2009 Range Beef Cow Symposium Dec. 1-3

This year's XXI Range Beef Cow Symposium (RBCS) will take place Dec. 1-3 at the Casper Events Center, said Steve Paisley, University of Wyoming (UW) Cooperative Extension Service beef cattle specialist.

"With more than 30 speakers addressing beef production topics such as nutrition, marketing, health, reproduction, consumer demand and current industry issues, the RBCS is a great opportunity to listen to nationally recognized speakers on a wide variety of topics," said Paisley, who is also an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science in UW's College of Agriculture.

Started in 1969 at Chadron, Neb., and held every other year, the RBCS is organized by the animal science departments of Colorado State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, South Dakota State University and UW. The event rotates between Colorado, western Nebraska, western South Dakota and Wyoming.

"The symposium has continued to grow in popularity and is now

recognized as one of the premiere production beef cattle symposiums in the country," Paisley said. Focusing on beef production issues in the Western states, the RBCS regularly attracts 800 to 1,200 attendees and more than 80 agribusiness booth vendors for the three-day event.

Paisley said one of the most popular aspects of the RBCS are the nightly "Bull Pen Sessions," where the invited speakers are brought back as panelists and are available for informal question-and-answer sessions.

The symposium begins at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, and concludes Thursday at noon. Additional information such as agenda, registration and lodging will be made available once final details are set.

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