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Upcoming Beef Conference Links Producers to University Experts

URBANA—Cow-calf producers are encouraged to attend the second annual Southern Illinois Beef Conference on Thursday, July 14, in the Applied Science Center at Rend Lake College, Ina.

This conference will provide practical, reliable and relevant beef production information from university experts. Producers will also have the opportunity to network with other beef producers to share successes and challenges.

Rebecca Atkinson, a Southern Illinois University animal scientist, will discuss the use of distillers grains in cow-calf operations.

University of Illinois veterinarian Sherrie Clark, DVM, will discuss modified live versus killed vaccines as well as trichomoniasis.

Beef producers will have the opportunity to engage in a roundtable discussion with Atkinson and Clark.

Other topics include nutritional programming of developing fetuses by U of I Extension specialist Teresa Steckler and pasture weed management by Robert Bellm, U of I Illinois Extension educator.

Veterinarian and veterinarian technicians will be able to receive 3.75 CED units.

Beef industry products and services will be on display.

A \$15 conference registration fee is due by July 1. This fee includes lunch. Late and at-door registration is available at \$20 but does not guarantee lunch. Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jefferson> or contact Patti Fitzpatrick at 618-242-0780.