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## **Ohio Beef Cattle School**

*Hardin County* – The OSU Extension Beef Team has announced the details for the 2015 Ohio Beef Cattle School. The Hardin County Extension office will serve as a host site for this winter's series. The dates for the school are Tuesday, January 27 and continue on February 10 and February 24, 2015 and will start each evening at 7:00 p.m. The programs will address some of the most important issues currently facing Ohio's beef industry. Rapidly changing forces are constantly shaping the beef industry's landscape and successful producers need to stay abreast of changes to remain competitive.

The school begins on January 27, 2015 by addressing a pair of topics in the thoughts of many beef producers today. John Grimes, OSU Extension Beef Coordinator, will present the topic "Capitalizing on the Historic Beef Economy." This presentation will discuss specific management decisions that a producer can make to take full advantage of the beef economic outlook in the present and for years to come. Troy A. Brick DVM, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine will discuss a frequently debated topic in the popular press today, "The Future of Antibiotic Use in Beef Cattle."

The February 10, 2015 session will examine a pair of subjects that will impact the direction of beef production locally, nationally, and globally for years to come. Kim Stackhouse-Lawson, PhD, Director of Sustainability Research for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association will address "Sustainable Beef Production." She will highlight how beef industry has used funding from the Beef Check-off Program to document the economic, environmental and social impacts from the beef industry and is identifying practical ways to improve the sustainability of beef and remain on the path of continuous improvement over time. In Ohio, water quality concerns have led to new legislation regarding nutrient management in agriculture. Kevin Elder, Chief of

the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting, will cover "Manure Management and Fertilizer Application Issues for Beef Producers."

The final installment of the school will be held on February 24, 2015. Dr. Monique Pairis-Garcia, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Steve Boyles, Professor, both of the OSU Department of Animal Sciences, will discuss "Beef Animal Handling and Facility Design." Videos will be used to demonstrate the positive and negative aspects of animal behavior and they will discuss how facilities can improve animal handling concerns. Dr. Bill Weiss, Professor, OSU Department of Animal Sciences will also address "Forage Evaluation and Making Quality Dry Hay, Balage, and Silage."

If you would like to attend any of these Ohio Beef Cattle School presentations, please call the Hardin County Extension office at 419-674-2297 or email Mark Badertscher at [badertscher.4@osu.edu](mailto:badertscher.4@osu.edu) to RSVP so that preparations can be made to accommodate the number of people interested in attending. These webinar programs are sponsored locally by Farm Credit Mid-America, with an office in Bellefontaine. Refreshments will be provided to those who attend. For more information about OSU Extension, Hardin County, visit the Hardin County OSU Extension web site at [www.hardin.osu.edu](http://www.hardin.osu.edu), or the Hardin County OSU Extension Facebook page.