



## Workshop for Extension workers on the TCSCF Program

The workshop is designed to explain the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity program and how local Extension workers can use the growth and carcass data collected and analyzed by TCSCF to improve the profits for their cow-calf producers. In the last 10 years, TCSCF has collected growth and carcass data on 75,743 head of steers and heifers from 23 states and Manitoba province. Factors that impact profit in retained ownership will be highlighted. Examples of how cow-calf producers have used the TCSCF data to improve their profitability will be shared.

### Agenda

- Day1            Travel to SW Iowa
- Check into Super 8 Motel Atlantic IA
- Day 2
- Meet at TCSCF office at the ISU Armstrong Research Farm
- 8:00 am        Introductions
- 8:15 am        What is TCSCF? Who started it? And why?
- 9:00 am        Projections, On-test reports and re-implant reports
- 9:30 am        Risk Management Alternatives
- 10:00 am      Sire summary and Benchmarking
- 11:00 am      TCSCF QSA program If you are not trained in our QSA program you will be now.
- 12:00 pm      Lunch
- 1:00 pm        Depart for feedlot tour
- 1:30 pm        Arrive at feedlot to discuss arrival processing, USDA frame and muscle scores, on test weights and rations
- 2:30 pm        Depart feedlot
- 3:00 pm        Arrive feedlot to discuss re-implanting, disposition scoring and handling facilities
- 4:00 pm        Depart feedlot

- 5:00 pm Arrive TCSCF office to answer feedlot questions and how feedlots are selected
- 6:00 pm Supper provided by Arbor Bank and TCSCF Feedlots
- 7:00 pm Your chance to share successes and areas for improvement with TCSCF board members and feedlots

### Day 3

- 7:00 am Depart motel for tour of packing plant Depending on the response to the workshop we will try to schedule a tour of packing plant if at all possible.
- 11:00 am Depart for feedlot
- 12:00 pm Lunch courtesy of Certified Angus Beef Gary Fike, CAB Feedlot Specialist will explain the CAB program and the demand for high quality beef.
- 1:30 pm Feedlot stop to explain sorting and marketing of TCSCF cattle
- 2:30 pm Depart for TCSCF office
- 3:00 pm Final reports and financial reports
- 4:00 pm Open discussion for state coordinators on how they how they manage the program in their states. i.e. consignment, distribution of tags, covering cost for postage and other incidentals, follow up with producers to convert data into information, logistics of trucking, load outs, etc.
- 5:00 pm Sharing with participants Power Points, Excel files and handouts
- 6:00 pm Supper at Feedlot in Atlantic
- 7:30 pm Depart for motel

### Day 4

#### Return home

Depending on your travel schedule TCSCF staff will be available to take you to any of the feedlots not on the tour to see cattle from your home state. Arrangements can be made with our office to go to other feedlots either on your arrival day (Day 1) or on your departure day (Day 4).

The workshop is limited to 30 people. Minimum number of participants is 20 people. Cost of the workshop is \$250/person. Participants will provide travel to Omaha and lodging. TCSCF will provide ground transportation while in SW Iowa, meals, refreshments, materials, and meeting room. State coordinators will receive a \$250 scholarship and other Extension staff currently affiliated with TCSCF will receive a \$200 scholarship.

Please fill out the registration form below to reserve your spot in the workshop. Fax to TCSCF office at 712.769.2610. For more information contact the TCSCF office at 712.769.2600.

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### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current position:

- TCSCF State Coordinator
- Extension Staff
- Other

Please rank the dates that would work best for you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nov 8-9, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ Nov 29-30, 2011

\_\_\_\_\_ Dec 6-7, 2011

Any special accommodations you will need (ie. Food allergies)?

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How important is attending a tour to the packing plant to you?

- Not necessary
- Would be ok
- Really want to see the plant
- Will not attend the tour if I cannot tour a packing plant

Please return this form to:

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