Workshop offered tocow/calfranchers

By Julie Elliott, NRCS Rangeland Management **Specialist**

Did you know that a common cause of foot rot when cattle are grazing sandy ground is the lack of three inexpensive, yet essential

Do your eyes glaze over when the livestock supplement salesmen comes around? Should you buy a low quality feed close by or a high quality feed that is far away?

Learn the answers to these questions and more at a Beef Cow Nutrition and Economics 101 workshop on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The workshop will be held at The First Presbyterian Church, 250 East 4th Street (one block east of the Courthouse) in Wray. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. central time (9 a.m.mountain time) and the workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. central time.

Presenters will be Mike Slattery, DVM, and Matt Stockton from the Departament of Ag Economics at University of Nebraska Lincoln at North Platte.

Basic beef cow nutrition will be first on the program. Dr. Mike's presentation will be aimed at livestock producers that typically turn the cows out on range or corn stalks and don't spend much time considering nutritional needs. He won't be talking in doctor terms that most of us don't understand.

Dr. Mike will open the day by discussing how the ruminant func-

benefit your community. As a

volunteer you could be eligible

to participate in Prairie Land

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be available in Cheyenne

County and surrounding areas

in Nebraska and Colorado, if

This program offers a nutri-

tious grocery package which in-

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competition with the local gro-

cery stores, the packages are of-

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This is for all levels of income.

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The more people that partici-

pate, the greater the buying

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tions. Then he'll help attendees get a handle on the protein content of several forages. Armed with this information, producers will better understand how much extra protein they need, if they need any at all. Finally, protein needs for cows calving at different times of year and mineral supplementation made easy will wrap up Dr. Mike's presentation.

Matt Stockton will open his presentation with a demonstration of an interactive feed cost calculator. The calculator can help producers decide which feed is the better value, based on cost and quality. This easy to run program works in excel, is intended for home computer use and will be available for free to attendees.

Don't let the fact that Mr. Stockton is an economist deter you. He is enthusiastic, entertaining and knowledgeable. This won't be a nap time economic presentation!

There will be plenty of time for questions and answers from both speakers.

You can gain a working understanding of beef cow nutrition and the economic implications of a good nutritional program if you attend. Registrations are requested by Friday, Feb. 9. Lunch will be provided and there is no registration fee. Call 970-332-3173 ext. 3 between 8 a.m. central standard time and five weekdays, or email julie.elliott@co.usda.gov.

church choir or volunteering in

the church nursery, checking on

your neighbors, picking up

trash in daily walks and giving

of your time in many other

The packages can be paid by

cash, check, EBT/food stamps.

This district includes northern

Kansas, Nebraska and eastern

Colorado. Registration is made

at the site when packages are

picked up or at registration

sites. Deliveries are usually

made near the last of the month.

love, trust, faith, charity and

hope. If you are interested in

participating in such a program

The First Baptist Church will

made at Video Connection

Monday through Fridays. Fur-

ther details will be available in

the next few weeks with the

type of food packages and reg-

istration deadlines and pickup

dates announced.

The program is based on



Program for beef producers set for Feb. 6

Beef producers will have the a.m. central time, 10 a.m. moun- eral Nutrition; Beef Nutrition and cator, Furnas County; Troy Walz, opportunity to learn the latest information on a variety of topics at a seminar that will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the First Presbyte-

men. Registration will begin at 11 of DIP and UIP"; Beef Cow Min-ties; Noel Mues, Extension Edu-

tain time, and the program will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. central time

Speakers will present the folrian Church in Wray at 250 E. 4th lowing topics as time allows: Current Issues in Animal Identifica-The program will feature Uni- tion; Establishment and Manageversity of Nebraska Extension ment of Irrigated Pastures; Dry-

Ration Evaluation; What's New in Beef Home Study?

Presenters are as follows: Doug Anderson, Extension Educator, Keith-Arthur-Perkins counties; coln Extension. Dennis Bauer, Extension Educator, Brown-Rock-KeyaPaha counties; Kent Been, Extension Educators who will provide infor- land Forages; Utilizing Corn Co- Educator, Red Willow County; mation on timely topics which products in Beef Rations; Me- Steve Gramlich, Extension Edu- Friday, Feb. 2, by calling the Extenwill be of interest to area cattle- tabolizable Protein "The Concept" cator, Lincoln-McPherson counsion Office in Keith-Arthur-Perkins

Extension Educator, Custer County

The clinic is being sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lin-

Coffee, rolls, lunch and handouts will be included in the registration fee.

Please pre-register no later than counties (Grant, 308-352-2683).



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