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Yadkin County Beef Cattle Producers

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CATTLE PRODUCERS MEETING: There will be a Yadkin County Beef Producers Meeting, Tuesday, February 12, at Deep Creek Friends Church, in the fellowship hall, beginning at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing and making final plans for the upcoming Beef Bar-B-Que, to be held March 29.

Many circumstances have influenced the cattle industry and the profit margin has become tighter. Producers must make wise decisions to show any profit and many times to keep from losing money. Meeting participants will receive information on: how to improve herd health, improve herd genetics, improve forage output, improve marketability of cattle and cost effective ways to meet the needs of your cattle. You will learn ways to be more organized, reduce stress, reduce expenses and hopefully enjoy your cattle operation more.

Supper will be served and reservations are requested. Please call the Extension Office at 679-2061, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, to make reservations. We need an accurate count so food preparations can be made. Don't forget to register for the door prizes that will be given away.

NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET! Even though we have had some rain in the last couple of weeks, we are still being affected by the drought. As a result, we all still need to consider management practices to help us survive the current situation as well as prepare for grazing in the immediate future and after. Make plans to MANAGE the forage so you do not allow grass to become even more stressed and reduce output. If you need hay/feed, contact the distribution locations of the NCDA Emergency Hay Program, form a network with other producers to search for hay, contact the Hay Alert, look at alternative feeds, think about grazing hay fields or other areas not being utilized. Be creative.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!!

February 12 Beef Producers Meeting, 6:30, Deep Creek Friends Church
 February 22 – 23 NC Cattlemen's Conference, Hickory

Sincerely,

Phillip Rucker, Jr.
 Extension Agent
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Pesticide Credits Offered: Earn your 2 hours of category V credits for Private Applicators License by attending one of the following:
Yadkin County
 Monday, March 3 at 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 pm
Davie County
 Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, March 5 at 8:30 am
 Contact the Extension Center @ 679-2061 for locations!

Special accommodations will be made for the physically disabled, vision, or hearing impaired person upon request. If special accommodations are required, please call at 679-2160 before February 8, 2008.