

TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

Department: Extension Office

Event Name: 71st Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle
Short Course and Industry Trade Show

Location: College Station

Event Dates: August 4-6, 2025

Purpose: ☒ Required Continuing Education/Certification
☐ Job Training
☐ Other: _____

Name of Attendees:

Cassandra Mavis _____

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 7-28-25

Required Documents Checklist:

**** Same-Day Travel - Commissioners Court Approval is not required ****


Overnight Travel

- ☒ Travel Approval Form
- ☒ Registration Information or Confirmation
- ☒ Itinerary, Agenda, or Breakdown
- ☒ Hotel Information, Confirmation, or Hotel Reservation Request Form

For Out of State Travel, please also include:

- ☐ Cost Estimation Breakdown for Trip with Airfare, Rental Car, Meals, Hotel, Etc.
- ☐ Narrative as to why the Out of State Travel is necessary

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:



EXTENSION BEEF CATTLE



INVITATION

TO: County Extension Agents

FROM: Jason J. Cleere
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Beef Cattle Specialist
Beef Cattle Short Course Coordinator 

DATE: June 12, 2025

SUBJECT: The 71st Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course and Industry Trade Show
August 4-6, 2025

The Extension Beef Cattle Specialists want to invite all Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents to attend the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course FREE OF CHARGE and apply these hours as professional training in beef cattle education. Texas A&M AgriLife faculty from across the state have developed another outstanding beef cattle educational program and there will be many opportunities to obtain current information on forages, grazing management, brush control, health, reproduction, nutrition, landowner issues and much more.

We will have a special program and dinner for agents at 5:30 Tuesday evening in MSC Room 2300B. Dr Karl Harborth will coordinate this informal gathering and meal. We will be summarizing the topics discussed at the Short Course and discuss how agents can use these topics in their 2026 Beef Producer Educational Program Planning. The dinner and program will conclude at approximately 7:00 pm. There are two additional trainings for veterinarians on August 2 & 3 that you may also be interested in and your BCSC registration includes them.

The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course is the most diversified technical beef cattle training program provided at the state level and we hope you can encourage beef producer participation in the program. Registration, Short Course schedule, press releases and additional information can be accessed through our website: <https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/>

Register online at [BCSC Registration](#) and use the code **Agent2025**. **Be sure to use your Extension email when registering. This is how we will verify your registration.** As in the past, agents will be responsible for the cost of their own parking. Parking information can be found at the following link:

<https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/parking-maps/>

We believe your involvement has helped to make the conference expand to more than 1,900 participants annually, and establish it as the place to be for beef cattle producers and educators. Thank you for your support.

We hope to see you at the Short Course.

JJC

CC: Rick Avery, Angela Burkham, Donald Kelm, Dan Hale, District Extension Administrators, Regional Program Leaders for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Andy Herring, Clay Mathis, Karl Harborth

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Becky Kozera

From: Cassie Mavis
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 8:31 AM
To: Becky Kozera
Subject: Fw: Registration Confirmed - 2025 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

Registration proof for Beef Cattle Short Course.

Cassie Mavis | County Extension Agent
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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

From: Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course <jana-corley@tamu.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 12:18 PM
To: Cassie Mavis <cassie.mavis@ag.tamu.edu>
Subject: Registration Confirmed - 2025 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

Dear Cassie,

Your registration has been confirmed. Please save this email for future reference.

Event: 2025 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

Attending: Cassie Mavis

Number in Party: 1

Time: 7:00 AM

Date: August 4, 2025

Confirmation Number: HSN CZLRY2LS

[Click here for receipt](#)

Registration Information

Cassie Mavis

In Person Registration

Questions

Are you staying in a hotel in the Bryan/College Station area for this event?

Yes

What hotel?

Hyatt Place College Station

How many rooms?

1

How many nights?

3

Do you have a pesticide applicator's license in the State of Texas?

No

Are you a veterinarian and want continuing education credits?

No

[View or modify your registration](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the Beef Cattle Short Course.

Parking: Parking is not included in your registration. You must arrange for your parking separately. For parking maps and information related to the Beef Cattle Short Course, please visit beefcattleshortcourse.com/parking-maps/.

- **SUNDAY-TUESDAY PARKING:** Parking is available across the street from the MSC in the University Center Garage or the Gene Stallings Blvd. Garage for a maximum of \$15 per day.
- Lot 61 is not available for parking this year.
- **WEDNESDAY PARKING:** Rosenthal Meat Science location: Parking is available at the West Campus Garage for approximately \$10 on Wednesday morning.
- Texas A&M Beef Center, Pearce Pavilion, and Hildebrand Equine Complex do not require a parking permit.

Parking in lots other than those listed may result in fines. Parking will be enforced by Texas A&M. For additional information, visit the Transportation Services website, transport.tamu.edu.

Cancellation Requests: Refunds of registration fees, less an administrative fee of \$75, will be made if request is received no later than July 27, 2024. After July 27, 2024, no refunds will be honored.

If you no longer want to receive emails from the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, please [Opt-Out](#).

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2025 TEXAS A&M BEEF CATTLE SHORT COURSE
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 - <i>Texas A&M Animal Science Beef Center</i>	
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Veterinary CE Program
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - <i>Rudder/MSC Complex/ Hildebrand Equine Complex</i>	
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Ranch Horse Program
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Veterinary CE Program
12:00 p.m.	On-site registration and registered participants may pick up their materials early.
1:00 p.m.	<u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Carl Rugg Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Bigshots Golf
6:00 p.m.	<u>Optional Pre-Conference</u> Brazos Valley CattleWomen Steak Dinner and Dance (Ticket Admission)
MONDAY, AUGUST 4 - <i>Rudder/MSC Complex</i>	
6:30 a.m.	Coffee and Breakfast, compliments of trade show exhibitors
7:00 a.m.	Registration desk open, TRADE SHOW OPEN in Rudder
8:00 a.m.	General Assembly for instructions and orientation
8:30 a.m. - noon	Cattleman's College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING
	<u>Introduction to Cattle Production I</u> - Dr. Jason Smith and Dr. Karl Harborth
	<u>From Ground to Grazing: Mastering Soil Fertility & Forage Excellence</u> - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Dr. Larry Redmon and Dr. Monte Rouquette
	<u>Nutritional Management - "How much should I feed my cattle?"</u> - Dr. Jason Banta This session will cover ways to improve forage and hay quality, cow-calf and growing cattle nutritional requirements and how to design a supplementation program to optimize herd performance.

	<u>Ranching Around the World – Ms. Odile Polanco</u>
	<u>Cattle Breeding and Selection I - Dr. Joe Paschal and Dr. Andy Herring</u>
	<u>Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification (3 CEU Opportunity) - Dr. Mark Matocha and Dr. Don Renchie</u>
	<u>Beef Cattle Health I - Dr. Tom Hairgrove</u>
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch served, trade show activities
1:30 p.m.	<u>General Session – Dr. Jason Cleere</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather Outlook: Good News or Bad News? – Mr. Brian Bledsoe • 2025 Market Outlook: What is the risk of a repeat of the 2015-2016 slide? – Mr. Randy Blach • New World Screw Worm: We just thought it was history!!
5:30 p.m.	Famous Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner, MSC Ballroom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 - Rudder/MSC Complex

7:00 a.m.	Trade Show opens, coffee and breakfast, on-site registration continues.
8:30 a.m. to noon	Cattleman's College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING
	<u>Introduction to Cattle Production II - 365 Days on the Ranch</u> - Dr. Jason Smith What is the yearly production cycle on a ranch? When do I put the bull with the cows? When do I vaccinate? When should I start feeding hay in the winter? When do I fertilize my pasture? These questions and many more will be addressed in this introductory ranch management session.
	<u>AgTech - Beef Cattle Technologies - Embracing Technology on the Ranch to Improve Profitability</u> - Mr. Egleu Mendes and Dr. Jacquelyn Prestegaard
	<u>Beef Cattle Health Management II - Dr. Tom Hairgrove</u>
	<u>Nutritional Management</u> - Dr. Jason Banta and Dr. Karl Harborth

	<u>From Ground to Grazing: Mastering Soil Fertility & Forage Excellence (Repeated from Monday)</u> - Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Dr. Larry Redmon and Dr. Monte Rouquette
	<u>Reproductive Management</u> – Dr. Bruce Carpenter
	<u>Cattle Breeding and Selection II</u> - Dr. Joe Paschal and Dr. Andy Herring
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Served, trade show activities
1:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm	Cattleman's College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING
	<u>Landowner Rights- Legal Issues Facing Ranchers</u> - Mrs. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet
	<u>Farm to Fork: Finishing and Marketing Cattle on the Ranch</u> - Mrs. Rachel Cutrer and Dr. Rick Machen This session will feature ranchers that are successfully raising and finishing cattle on the ranch. Discussions will include the production of the cattle, how to get them processed and what are marketing strategies to get the most value out of the cattle you raise.
	<u>Beef Cattle Research in Texas</u> – Dr. Andy Herring This session highlights beef cattle research projects being conducted at Texas A&M University System locations across the state. Topics will encompass cow-calf and grazing aspects through feeding and end product considerations.
	<u>Range Management: Common Rangeland Challenges and Solutions for Beef Cattle Producers</u> - Dr. Barron Rector and Dr. Megan Clayton
	<u>Reimagining Value in a Grazing Enterprise</u> - Dr. Jacquelyn Prestegaard and Dr. Jeff Goodwin How can a landowner assign value to their grazing lands and the cattle that inhabit them? "Value" can look like increased or diversified revenue, increased natural resources, or the human value of creating resilient operations.
	<u>Flies, Gnats, Ticks - Parasites that steal your profit! (3 CEU Opportunity)</u> - Dr. Tom Hairgrove
	<u>Purebred Cattle Management and Marketing</u>

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 - TAMU ANIMAL SCIENCE FACILITIES

7:30 a.m.	Coffee and breakfast at each location
8:30 a.m. to noon	Cattleman's College Sessions - CONCURRENT TRAINING
	<u>Cattle Reproduction Management Demonstration</u> - Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Dr. Ky Pohler and Dr. Rodolfo Cardoso
	<u>Fence Building Demonstration (7:00 am start)</u> – Ms. Kara Matheney This session will cover the different types of fencing materials and designs. Learn how to build pipe stretch sections and string multiple types of wire during this demonstration. Learn from the industry experts!
	<u>Brush Busters Demonstration (3 CEU Opportunity)</u> - Dr. Barron Rector and Dr. Megan Clayton Three-hour workshop with do-it-yourself equipment and specific methods for controlling specific brush species including mesquite, huisache, prickly pear, Chinese tallow tree, Macartney Rose, Cedar, Greenbrian, Cut stump and mixed brush options.
	<u>Beef Cattle Business Management Workshop</u> - Dr. David Anderson and Pancho Abello
	<u>Live Cattle Handling Demonstration</u> - Dr. Bruce Carpenter and Dr. Ron Gill
	<u>Beef Carcass Value Determination Demonstration</u> - Dr. Davey Griffin, Dr. Dan Hale, and Dr. Drew Cassens
12 p.m.	<u>Chute Side Working Demonstrations</u> - Dr. Jason Banta, Jason Smith, and Dr. Karl Harborth Live animal demonstrations covering basic cowherd management practices with emphasis on Beef Quality Assurance, vaccination considerations, needle and syringe selection, castration, implant considerations, hot iron and freeze branding, and tagging.
	<u>2025 - Optional Picolinic Acid Training (1 CEU Opportunity)</u> Registration required at the Envu Range and Pasture Booth
	<u>Beef Cattle Short Course 2025 - adjourned</u>

[Register here for BCSC](#)