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Growing Beef With Forages

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 -- 9 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

Lucas and Jolene Hoff Farm:

Directions: from the intersection of old Highway 10 and ND Highway 8 west of Richardton, go north 5.0 miles on ND Highway 8 to 31st St. SW, then west 0.75 mile.

“Can a partial system work for you?”

Scott Ressler, North Dakota Stockmen’s Association

•• The North Dakota Stockmen’s Association has worked aggressively to promote siting and relocation of handling and feeding facilities. Facility changes can range from expensive engineered systems to lower-cost partial extensive systems. Scott will discuss how a partial system may work for you.

“The Value of Corn Grazing for Backgrounding My Calves After Weaning”

Lucas Hoff - Hoff Grain and Livestock Farm, Richardton, ND

•• Taking an alternative approach to confinement feeding, this will be the 3rd season Lucas and Jolene have backgrounded their calves grazing corn. His lender said, “It would not work.” Lucas proved them wrong and has shown excellent returns over commodity corn backgrounding his calves after weaning grazing corn and converting it into beef. Tour the corn field where the calves are grazing.

“Commodity Prices Have Eroded: Grazing Forages to Improve Net Return with Cattle”

Doug Landblom, DREC Beef Cattle Scientist

•• There are different options for adding value to beef cattle by grazing annual forages that can improve net returns without the costly expense of confinement and feeding harvested forages. Learn about adding value to calves, yearlings, and cull cows, and how to reduce cow wintering cost.

“Using your Livestock Nutrients as Fertilizer”

Mary Berg - Livestock Environmental Management Area Specialist

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•• Nutrients in manure are a valuable fertilizer resource. Alternative grazing methods reduce manure accumulation common to confinement feeding operations and can reduce or even eliminate the cost of manure hauling. Whole farm nutrient balance will be discussed.

“Winter Grazing: Profitability from Less Inputs ...

Improving the Bottom Line on the Black Leg Ranch”

Jerry Doan - Black Leg Ranch, McKenzie, ND, Rancher and Entrepreneur

•• At the Black Leg Ranch, cover crops and intensive grazing are being used to improve soil health, enhance wildlife, and to reduce winter feeding and feed cost of the cowherd

“Using Cover Crops on Our Ranch”

Derrick Dukart - Dukart Ranch, Manning, ND

•• The Dukarts are using cover crops to help improve soil quality, provide wildlife cover, and for grazing to reduce harvested feed inputs.

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RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary to attend. Call Diane at 456-1149; Doug at 456-1109 or 690-8245.

