Make Plans To Attend The 2010 Mid-South Stocker Conference

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he 2010 Mid-South Stocker Conference, a cooperative program of the Cooperative Extension of the University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee Extension, will be held February 23 and 24 at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, Tennessee. Burns is near Dickson, Tennessee. Bayer Animal Health and BEEF are also partners in the Conference.

In addition, Cattle Industry Agribusinesses will also serve as sponsors of the conference.

This will be the fifth consecutive Conference. Last year's event attracted 258 beef producers from 17 states and 22 trade show exhibitors.

The Conference is a one and half – day educational program. It will feature well-known professionals in the cattle industry who will provide updates on production and health topics in the area of stocker cattle production and marketing. It will get underway at 12:00 Noon, Central time (CST) on Tuesday, February 23 with a tour of area stocker operations. The day will conclude with a reception, dinner and trade show opening at the lodge and convention center at Montgomery Bell State Park.

The program on Wednesday will "kick-off" with a continental breakfast in the trade show. The

educational program will start at 9:00 a.m. with topics concerning stocker health, results of a national survey of stocker operations, economics of custom grazing. A panel of successful backgrounders will discuss what works for them. Outlook for the stocker industry will complete the program.

Rooms at Montgomery Bell State Park are available for the Conference at \$45.95 per night, Montgomery Bell State Park is in a beautiful environment and is located west of Nashville off Interstate 40.

The registration fee for the conference is \$95.00 per person and \$150 for husband and wife if completed by February 15, 2010. After that, registration will be \$125.00. Early registration is encouraged in order plan buses for the tours, meals and use of the facilities. You may register online www.midsouthstocker.org or complete the registration form below.

Additional information about the Conference will also be posted on the web site or you may contact either Roy Burris at 270-365-7541 or Jeff Lehmkuhler at 859-257-2853 with University of Kentucky or Jim Neel at 865-974-7294 or John Bartee at 931-648-5725 with the University of Tennessee. $\ \Delta$



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