

# Missouri Livestock Symposium Set For Dec. 3-4

*Experts On Beef Cattle Feeding, Reproduction, Health Will Be Featured*

**KIRKSVILLE, MO.**

The 2010 Missouri Livestock Symposium, Dec. 3-4 in Kirksville, will feature internationally recognized speakers on several topics of interest to beef producers. Bill White, director of the USDA Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, will talk about the role the lab plays in keeping our livestock industry healthy. Beef cattle producer Steve Radakovich of the Radakovich Cattle Company in Earlham, Iowa, will speak on his operation and chasing the profit gene. An expert panel of beef cattle specialists from the University of Missouri will provide the latest information important to beef cattle producers related to feeding, reproduction and genetics. Bruce Shanks, Lincoln University, will tell you about the top 10 ways producers can cut costs while adding value.

According to Garry Mathes, chair of the 2010 Missouri Livestock Symposium, the beef section of this year's symposium will provide information that every beef cattle producer will want to hear. "I guarantee that you will learn something to benefit your operation if you attend this year's symposium."

Bruce Lane, MU Extension livestock specialist and vice chair of the symposium committee, says the Missouri Livestock Symposium is especially proud of the beef section lineup. The information producers

will be exposed to will be timely and applicable to their operations. This will be an opportunity to hear from some of the leaders in the beef industry, regardless of the size of your operation. "From learning the latest information about how beef breeds stack up in 2010 to timed artificial insemination, from the latest on feed efficiency to how we protect the industry from foreign animal diseases, the Missouri Livestock Symposium committee has coupled industry experts with present-day topics sure to be of interest."

There will also be programs on forages, stock dogs, equine, sheep, meat goats and various other interesting topics. There will be a free evening meal on Friday, Dec. 3, and a free governor's-style luncheon on Saturday. Becky Blackaby ([www.beckyblackaby.com](http://www.beckyblackaby.com)) will close the program Saturday evening with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert can be purchased by calling 660-665-9866.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is free and no pre-registration is required. The symposium will be held at Kirksville Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove. The symposium runs 4-9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. A list of trade show vendors and other information can be found on the symposium website at [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com) or by calling 660-665-9866 or 660-341-6625. Δ



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