

# October 9 Registration Deadline For Steer Feedout Programs

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**

The deadline to enroll beef calves in the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture's Arkansas Steer Feedout Program for 2009-2010 is October 9.

"The feedout program is an opportunity for cow-calf producers to see how their calves fit the needs of the beef industry," said Brett Barham, assistant professor for cattle breeding-genetics for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. "The information generated by the program also helps producers determine if they need to change their herd's genetics or their management practices to be more competitive in the cattle market."

Enrollment forms are available online at [www.agriculture.org/livestock/beef/steer\\_feedout.htm](http://www.agriculture.org/livestock/beef/steer_feedout.htm). The completed forms can be printed and mailed to Brett Barham, Arkansas Steer Feedout Program, PO Box 391, Little Rock, AR 72203, or may be e-mailed to [bbarham@uaex.edu](mailto:bbarham@uaex.edu).

The U of A Division of Agriculture will coordinate the shipping of the calves, which will be sent to Wheeler Brothers Feedyard near Watonga, Okla., on November 19. Producers must fill out a background information form for each calf. Electronic and visible ear tags will be furnished.

Participating producers will receive the average daily gain, break-even, net return, dressing percent, carcass weight, ribeye area, fat thickness, USDA yield grade and USDA quality grade for each of their calves.

Barham said the calves should weigh between 500 and 850 pounds when they arrive at the feedyard.

For more information, contact your county extension office or visit extension's Web site at [www.uaex.edu](http://www.uaex.edu). Select Agriculture, then Livestock and Forages, Beef Cattle and Arkansas Steer Feedout Program. The Cooperative Extension Service is part of the U of A Division of Agriculture. △



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