

## Welcome to the new digital Livestock Lines Newsletter!

I hope this format works well across platforms for everyone, please provide any input so I can continue to improve the process and deliver information to you. This is a very brief newsletter, with information about local upcoming meeting, a webinar series you may be interested in, and a survey by a local UC student interested in risks to agriculture in Stanislaus County.

Be on the lookout shortly for a more in-depth newsletter.



### Survey Opportunity: Your Response Needed!

Researchers from the University of California are conducting a brief survey on risks facing Stanislaus County farms. The goal of the survey is to better understand the issues and risks that you—the farmers—are most concerned about, be it California's water policies or national tax reform. Results will be useful for farm advisers, policymakers, and the farming community at large. All personal information will be kept anonymous. Please take just 10 minutes to share your local expertise today: [click here](https://ucanr.edu/farmrisksurvey) to take the survey now or scan the QR code.



**Lions and Horses and Wolves, OH MY! – Policy and Management of Wildlife Conflict on Rangelands**

**AGENDA Tuesday, January 16, 2018 SUMMIT**

- 9:00 **Registration and Morning Coffee** *San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen*
- 9:30 **WELCOME!** Bre Owens, President and Luke Macaulay, Moderator
- 9:40 **Ranching with Wildlife, Conserving Habitat on Working Lands** Wally Roney, Northern California Rancher
- 10:10 **California Wild Pig Survey & Mobile App** John Harper, UCCE Mendocino County
- 10:35 **Coyotes - Non-lethal control** Stephanie Larson, UCCE Sonoma County
- 10:55 **Living with Wildlife While Ranching Sheep – the UC ANR HREC current practices and initial results** Alex McInturff, UC Hopland REC
- 11:15 **Break**
- 11:30 **Table Discussion – What have we learned so far?**
- 11:55 **Range Management Degrees** Marc Horney, Cal Poly
- 12:00 **Lunch prepared by** *San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen*
- 1:00 **Wild Horse impact of springs and seeps on the Modoc National Forest** Laura Snell, UCCE Modoc County
- 1:30 **How policy has shaped wild horse management for nearly 40 years** Shane Starr
- 2:00 **When Things go Wrong: Depredation causes and contexts** Veronica Yovovich, Mountain Lion Foundation
- 2:30 **Mountain Lion Policy and Research** Justin Dellinger, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- 3:00 **Break** **Homemade cookies and treats from San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen**
- 3:15 **Managing Livestock and Grass in a Wolf Populated Landscape** Joe Engelhart, Spruce Ranching Co-Op
- 3:45 **Hurdling the policies to figure it out on the ground. Wolf management in California.** Kent Laudon, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

4:15 **Group discussion/Wrap up** Luke Macaulay, Rangeland Policy & Planning Specialist

5:00 **Social Hosted by San Joaquin-Stanislaus Cattlemen's Association**

5:30pm **Dinner (cost included in registration)** *San Joaquin Stanislaus CattleWomen*

6:00 pm **Stewardship with Vision Film Festival** Lesli Alison, Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance

**Other Features: Photo Contest, Posters, Booths, Silent Auction**

Register [Here](#) or call 209-525-6800

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### **NCBA, Cattle Genetics Experts Team Up For 2018 Genetic Webinar Series**

#### **Four sessions will help producers better utilize genetics in beef production**

Denver (Jan. 3, 2018) – Cattle genetics will be the focus of a new set of webinars to help cattlemen and women better use the tool in their operations. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association is teaming up with six genetics specialists from across the country to offer the NCBA Cattlemen's Genetics Webinar Series, which will kick off Jan. 18, 2018.

Titled "Fake News: EPDs Don't Work," the January webinar will be followed by sessions in February, March and April that explore other aspects of genetic utilization that will give cattle producers a knowledge boost on cattle selection and breeding.

Providing expertise to producers through the webinar series is the eBEEF team,

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a group of six genetic specialists from five academic institutions that have invested time and resources in the advancement of the cattle industry through genetics. Members of the team are: Darrh Bullock, Ph.D., University of Kentucky; Jared Decker, Ph.D., University of Missouri; Alison Van Eenennaam, Ph.D., University of California-Davis; Matt Spangler, Ph.D., University of Nebraska; and Megan Rolf, Ph.D., and Bob Weaber, Ph.D., Kansas State University.

The Cattlemen's Genetics Webinar Series is being coordinated by the NCBA producer education team. The January session on EPDs will feature Van Eenennaam and Spangler, with other members of the eBEEF team conducting future webinars.

According to Josh White, NCBA executive director of producer education, the genetics webinar series is an extension of NCBA educational webinars started several years ago. "Our model has been to do six or seven timely and seasonal webinars a year, geared to times that producers are looking at specific production practices," White said. "We noticed that some of our largest viewership has been when we focused on genetics in the spring. We are excited to be partnering with the eBEEF team to expand the offering in 2018."

Darrh Bullock said the eBEEF team was created to expand the understanding of genetics beyond their own states. "Genetics specialists are a limited resource," he said. "Even though we provide education in our own states, we feel an obligation to provide more education on a national basis, recognizing that many states don't have genetics specialists."

Bullock said one of the creations of the eBEEF team is a website on eBeef.org where cattlemen can find out much of what they need to know about the genetics of beef cattle, featuring videos, factsheets, frequently-asked-questions and other resources. The new opportunity to work with NCBA on the webinar, he said, is an extension of the team's outreach.

"We have worked informally with NCBA for years, through Cattlemen's College and individual webinars on genetics," he said. "This new program is an opportunity to provide cattlemen with more information in advance of the upcoming breeding season, getting them up-to-date genetics information. There really is no better way to get the word out about this topic than through NCBA and the educational programs they coordinate. They reach many cattlemen."

Bullock said the upcoming webinar series is geared for any producer who would

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benefit from genetics knowledge, from the experienced seedstock breeder to someone who might be new to the cattle industry and needs to better understand genetics.

Cattle producers are invited to join the webinars live, or access recordings of them following the sessions. For more information on the NCBA Cattlemen's Genetics Webinar Series go to the producer education tab of the NCBA.org website. Recordings of previous webinars are also available on the site.

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The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has represented America's cattle producers since 1898, preserving the heritage and strength of the industry through education and public policy. As the largest association of cattle producers, NCBA works to create new markets and increase demand for beef. Efforts are made possible through membership contributions. To join, contact NCBA at 1-866-BEEF-USA or [membership@beef.org](mailto:membership@beef.org).

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