

2014 Winter Field Day

PATH TO profit:

record ANALYSIS & GENETIC EVALUATION

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 | Termuende Research Ranch, Lanigan, SK

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Registration & Coffee

In the Calving Barn (green roofed metal-sided building in yard)

10:00 AM - 10:05 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:05 AM - 10:35 AM

Record This, Calculate That

Kathy Larson, WBDC

Larson will provide an overview on the basic production records a cow-calf producer should keep, as well as the importance of analyzing the records for informed decision making, providing a few basic calculations a producer should be doing with their production records. Phenotypic records are the stepping stone to being able to do genomic analysis on your herd. She will explain how WBDC is working to demonstrate the value of record keeping and some of the tools available to collect, manage and analyze production records.

10:40 AM - 11:15 AM

What is Q-Link Anyway?

Steven James, Quantum Genetix

Quantum Genetix will provide an overview of its parentage test called Q-Link. Producers who use multi-sire breeding pastures will learn what is needed to have parentage testing completed on their calves and what the potential value could be from testing. Findings from parentage testing completed on WBDC's 2014 calf crop will be shared.

11:20 AM - 12 NOON

Technology In Action - Demo

Jason Williams, Tru-Test

The two most popular items with the SK Ministry of Agriculture's Traceability Rebate Program are wand readers and scale heads. How do you use those tools for data capture on your ranch? Watch Jason Williams demonstrate with Tru-Test wand reader and scale head how easy it can be to measure animal weights, calculate gains and then to transfer the weights to your computer for further analysis.

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Hot Chili Lunch

Compliments of Blair's Crop and Livestock Solutions



1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Field Tour

Weather permitting, see steer calves grazing standing corn and barley swaths in the final year of a 3 year project investigating extensive backgrounding. Dr. Lardner's graduate student on the project, Stephanie McMillan, will share her preliminary findings.

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Coffee Warm-Up

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

21 Day Calving Challenge

Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Specialist Naomi Paley will explain a new contest being launched based on your calving book records.

3:15 PM - 3:50 PM

The Quest to Improve Livestock Productivity: Understanding the Phenotype- Genotype Connection

Obi Durunna, SK Ministry of Agriculture

Dr. Obioha Durunna will come full circle stressing the importance of measuring phenotype and pedigree in order to expand the horizon and broach into genotyping and genomics.

3:50 PM - 4:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Agenda subject to change without notice.

Registration for this event is required. There is no cost to attend this event.

Registration will be capped at sixty (60) registrants. Please register early to guarantee a spot.

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Larson by email klarson.wbdc@pami.ca or phone 306.930.9354.

Door prize draws!

Parentage testing compliments of



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Must be in attendance to win.