



Ranch Management Field Day

Carpenter Cattle Company, Brewster

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Carpenter Cattle Company is a feedyard, cow-calf and farming operation based in Brewster. Wayne Carpenter, his two sons and their families are the fourth, fifth and sixth generations to live and ranch in western Kansas. In 1980, Wayne started feeding cattle. Today they have grown into a 15,000-head feedyard and have been U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) members since the beginning. Carpenter Cattle Company dry land farms and irrigates, sending all of their crops through their feedyard. The majority of their cattle are marketed through USPB.

» **Where's My Grass? Managing Drought and Weedy Species** *Keith Harmony, KSU Ag Research Center, Hays*

Dr. Harmony, professor and range scientist, will discuss why less desirable or weedy plants may show up during or after drought. He also will offer up solutions, if there are any, that could and arguably should be done to control the particular species.

» **Where Will the Calves Be?** *Don Close, Terrain*

In his market outlook, Don will discuss the opportunities and challenges for rebuilding the U.S. cowherd. Inflationary risk for consumer demand, cattle replacement costs and weather all will impact how long the rebuilding phase will take. Don is the chief research and analytics officer for Terrain, leading the team of economists and analysts who provide insights for customers of American AgCredit and Frontier Farm Credit.

» **U.S. Premium Beef Overview and What Drives Grid Premiums** *Brian Bertelsen, USPB*

Carpenter Cattle Co. has been involved with U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) since its inception over 25 years ago. Wayne Carpenter will discuss why he got involved and the benefits he has received in marketing cattle and having ownership in processing through USPB. Brian Bertelsen, vice president of field operations for USPB, will give a brief overview of USPB and share insight as to what drives premiums on the USPB value-based grid.

Location

Pasture entrance at the intersection of Eagle Eye and Logan Co. Rd 150 in Logan County.

Field day directional signs will be posted.

From Oakley: Travel west on US-40 for 21 3/4 miles. Turn northwest (right) on Apache Acre and continue straight through the town of Winona for approximately 6 miles. Turn north (right) onto Logan County Road 170, then travel 4 miles. Turn west (left) onto Eagle Eye and travel 2 miles to intersection.

Schedule

3:30 p.m. CDT Registration

4:00 p.m. CDT Welcome & Introductions

4:15 p.m. CDT Educational Sessions

7:00 p.m. CDT Dinner

From Goodland: Travel east on I-70 for 17 miles. Take exit 36 and go south (right) on Thomas County Road 2 for 2 miles. Turn east (left) onto Thomas County Road M, then travel 1 mile. Turn south (right) onto Thomas County Road 3 and go 12 miles. Turn west (right) onto Fort Fox/Thomas County Road A and travel for 1 3/4 miles to Logan County Road 150. Turn south (left) onto Logan County Road 150 and travel 1 mile to intersection.

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