

## 2012 Minnesota Beef Cow/Calf Days

It is that time of year again; the 2012 Minnesota Beef Cow/Calf Days will be held in the Southern region of the state February 6 to 10 and in the Northern region of the state February 14 to 17. The dates and location of these events are below.

### **Southern Tour:**

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Town</b>    | <b>Location &amp; Time</b>                             | <b>Pre-registration</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Monday, February 6    | Mora, MN       | Kanabec Co. Courthouse Meeting Rm<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm | (320) 732-4435          |
| Tuesday, February 7   | Glenwood, MN   | Minnewaska House<br>9:30 am – 3:00 pm                  | (320) 231-7890          |
| Wednesday, February 8 | Pipestone, MN  | MN West Comm. & Tech College<br>9:30 am – 3:00 pm      | (218) 463-0291          |
| Thursday, February 9  | Rochester, MN  | America's Best Value Inn<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm          | (425) 246-6131          |
| Friday, February 10   | New Prague, MN | KC Hall<br>9:30 am – 3:00 pm                           | (507) 357-8230          |

### **Northern Tour:**

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Town</b>      | <b>Location &amp; Time</b>                    | <b>Pre-registration</b> |
|------------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Tuesday, February 14   | Staples, MN      | Central Lakes College<br>9:30 am – 3:00 pm    | (320) 732-4435          |
| Tuesday, February 14   | Bagley, MN       | American Legion<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm          | (218) 694-6151          |
| Wednesday, February 15 | Lancaster, MN    | Old Community Center<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm     | (218) 463-0291          |
| Thursday, February 16  | Warroad, MN      | Patch Restaurant<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm         | (218) 463-0291          |
| Friday, February 17    | Grand Rapids, MN | Itasca Community College<br>5:30 pm – 9:00 pm | (218) 327-5958          |

Many exciting topics are on the agenda of this year's program. You depend on your cows and your cows depend on forages; learn more about pasture and forage management and intensive grazing from NRCS specialists. Genes or jeans; what's the difference? Learn about the latest advancements in genetic profiling of cattle and how you can use genomic testing in your beef herd from Dr. Zac Hall. Please pass the Magnesium; learn more about mineral requirements for beef cows and how these vital ingredients of a cow's diet impacts productivity at various stages of production from Dr. Jenny Jennings and Dr. Grant Crawford. During the Northern tour, you can learn more about dealing with wolves and what to do if you have a wolf related issue from John Hart of the USDA Wildlife Services. On the Southern tour, Dr. Allen Bridges will discuss proper replacement heifer selection and development strategies.

We look forward to your attendance at these events. Registration for the meeting, which includes a meal and a proceedings booklet or CD, is \$20 per person. Please pre-register for the meeting at least 1 week in advance. If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Allen Bridges ([gbridges@umn.edu](mailto:gbridges@umn.edu); 218-327-4615) or check out the University of Minnesota Beef Team website at [www.extension.umn.edu/beef](http://www.extension.umn.edu/beef).