

News Release
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Beef Production and the Working Cow Dog

Coffey County Extension and the Frontier Extension District are working together to host the public meeting “Beef Production and the Working Cow Dog.” The meeting will be held October 8th, 2019 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building, Williamsburg, KS. Please RSVP by October 3rd by going online to register at: frontierdistrict.k-state.edu or by calling the Coffey County Extension Office at 620.364.5313 or Frontier District Office in Lyndon at 785.828.4438. Thanks to our generous sponsors this event is no cost to those attending, we just need numbers for meal count and handouts.

The morning presentations will feature Debbie Lyons-Blythe, Blythe Family Farms, and Co-Chairman of the Outreach Committee of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, and Patti Dollarhide, the Value Chain Director of the KSU Beef Cattle Institute. Both ladies play a part in the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

The U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (USRSB) is a multi-stakeholder organization whose 116 members represent 30% of the nation’s cattle herd, more than 20 billion lb. of beef processed and more than 100 million consumers. Their goal is to identify opportunities for continuous improvement in all types of operations and companies throughout the beef industry. The USRSB recently developed the U.S. Beef Industry Sustainability Framework that was

adopted by major food and retail companies, cattle producers, veterinarians, scientists and non-government organizations to strengthen the sustainability of U.S beef production. According to USRSB Chair, Dr. Kim Stackhouse, “The U.S. Beef Industry Sustainability Framework is about telling that story to consumers by improving transparency as well as exploring opportunities to more responsibly use resources, raise animals and care for the people who help beef get to the American dinner table.”

Starting at 11:30, Laura Stimatze, of Stimatze Working Cow Dogs, Macksville, Kansas, will highlight the possibilities and abilities of a working stock dog. After lunch, as a group we will travel a couple of miles to Silkville Ranch where Laura will continue to discuss topics associated with using cow dogs in a low stress manner to work cattle. Demonstrations of dogs with various levels of training will occur throughout the afternoon. Laura will also visit with the group about selecting a dog, a puppy or adult, a started dog or finished dog, finding the right trainer, and how to get started training a dog. A cattle dog is a valuable asset to many cattle operations. They can help ranchers through the daily work of raising cattle.

Come learn about ways to be an advocate of your business “Beef Production” and see what a cattle dog could do for your operation. Hope to see you October 8th, please RSVP for the meal count and handouts.