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Beef Team

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Meet The Beef Team

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REPORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. *MN State Cattlemen's Beef Tour & Industry Trade Show*

The 2007 MSCA Beef Tour and Industry Trade Show is Tuesday, July 10th in Sunburg, MN. The Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association is hosting the annual event highlighting seven stops that encompass cattle production facilities. On-site registration (\$30/person), bus departures & trade show will be at the Glacial Plains Cooperative Facility in Sunburg. For more information, contact Mark Halls at (320) 278-3285 or visit the MSCA website at: www.mnsca.org.

2. *Upcoming Summer Forage Field Days*

The summer of 2007 offers several opportunities to learn about grazing management through on-farm forage field days. For more information on any of these field days, visit the following websites or contacts:

- July 10, Greenbush - Contact Pembina Trail RC&D at (218) 253-2646 at extension 103
- July 17, Leader - www.extension.umn.edu/beef
- July 24, Blackduck - www.extension.umn.edu/beef
- July 31, Deer River - Contact Lonney Ross at (218) 328-5821
- August 22, Grand Rapids - Look for information on the Beef Team website by the end of July!

3. *Carcass Merit Program will begin this Fall*

The Carcass Merit Program provides an opportunity for seedstock and commercial cow-calf producers to evaluate how their genetics perform in the feedlot and on the rail. Based on their results, producers can select for genetics that meet the requirements for our changing marketing system and high consumer demand. The entry deadline is September 25, program begins November 8, and cost is \$25/head. For more information, contact Grant Crawford at (320) 234-0441.

4. *Beef Team to offer Beef Industry Traveling Tour (BIRT)*

Join the Beef Team on a beef industry tour November 11-14 traveling to the states of South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa to experience and learn about the backgrounding and feeding industry. Tentative stops include South Dakota State and University of Nebraska Research Feedlots, USDA MARC, Adams Land & Cattle, E3 Biofuels and several other backgrounding and feedlot facilities. To request an interest form, contact Ryon Walker at (763) 767-3847 or e-mail at walke375@umn.edu.

5. *Dry Weather, Heat Wave, and Drought*

Managing crops, natural resources, and livestock during extremely dry and hot weather can be complicated and stressful. The following website may be helpful to Minnesotans to make the best decisions possible during heat wave and drought conditions: www.extension.umn.edu/administrative/disasterresponse/wi_drought.htm.

6. *Read the Latest MN Farm Guide Articles*

Catch the latest information on production management by reading recent articles published in the MN Farm Guide. Visit the Beef Team website at www.extension.umn.edu/beef/components/mediareleases.htm.

For more information on upcoming events, contact Denise Plonis at (218) 327-4490 or visit the beef team website at: www.extension.umn.edu/beef/. If you have any comments or would no longer like to receive this newsletter, please e-mail your request to Ryon Walker at: walke375@umn.edu

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