

***Iowa Beef Center & Tri County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative***

**“Cull Cow Feeding Project Summary Meeting”**

**Wednesday February 26, 2003  
Wallace Foundation Learning Center, Lewis, Iowa  
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

The Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative, Iowa Beef Center, and SW Iowa beef producers have just completed an Iowa quality cull cow-feeding project.

**The Program**

Summary of TCSCF and Marckmann/Wallace cull cow-feeding projects. - Daryl Strohbehn, Darrell Busby, and Bud Beedle, Iowa Beef Center and Iowa State University Extension

Various cow markets and the future of premium white fat cows. - John Larson, American Foods Group, head of procurement division, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Our experience feeding cows for the premium market - Doug Wallace, Delmar Marckmann, and Bruce Bentley, local cattle feeders

What to expect in a quality cull cow marketing grid. - Joe Sellers, livestock field specialist, Iowa State University Extension

What does it take to have a cow contract with the Iowa Quality Beef Supply Cooperative? - Ed Greiman, Iowa Quality Beef Supply Cooperative

**Iowa Quality Cull Cows** – Yes, that is correct! On Tuesday, November 4, 2002 the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative accepted delivery of 60 Iowa produced open cull cows. The cows were implanted and fed 70 to 90 days before harvest. All cows were ultra sounded after delivery to determine base line carcass composition and evaluate changes in marbling, rib eye area, and fat cover during the feeding period. The Iowa Beef Center assisted in marketing the cows to the American Foods Group.

Complete gain, feed efficiency, and carcass data were collected on the cows and the data is being summarized to draw information to assist you in the decision-making process with feeding and marketing cull cows. With a renovated harvesting facility at Tama being started by the Iowa Quality Beef Supply Cooperative, different marketing alternatives for cull cows will be provided to Iowa producers. It is our hope this Iowa Quality Cull Cow test will provide everyone with important information from which to make more sound decisions in the future.

Now is the time to take advantage of this new information. Please consider attending the strong program outlined above.

For more information contact your ISU county extension office; Darrell Busby, ISU Extension Livestock Specialist at 712-769-2600; Alan Teel, Cass County Extension Education Director at 712-243-1132; or Bud Beedle, East Pottawattamie County Extension Education Director at 712-482-6449.