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No Bull-Improving Structural Soundness for Future Productivity

No Bull -Improving Genetics for Climate Variability

MODULE FROM RTE40103 CERTIFICATE IV IN AGRICULTURE

RTE5107A – Identify & select animals for breeding

**Cattle Workshops 2009 Supported by
Table Top Angus, Table Top.
Ebbeck Family Farms "KiaOra", Crowther.**

Series 1 - "Improving Structural Soundness"

(ISS) is a 1 day workshop designed specifically for beef producers to assist and apply the fundamentals in breeding livestock. Selection and correct structure for your environment is a critical component for sustaining functional and profitable stock. This can lead to both management and economic business benefits. This program will cover selecting for seedstock, commercial and steer production to assist both the existing and new breeders. Topics include:

- **Selection** & structural soundness
- **Identifying** correct structure and the skeletal framework
- **Laying** down the foundation - feet, legs and bone substance
- **Assessing** fat, muscle & maturity patterns
- **The** importance of bull and female selection
- **Steer** selection, finish, trade suitability and profitability

Series 2 -To gain maximum benefit consider doing the second workshop "Improving Genetics".

Series 2 is developed specifically to assist beef producers to utilise technology in breeding livestock. Selecting the genetics to suit your environment and basing decision making on data are critical components for your beef enterprise's future productivity. The Series 2 Topics will include:

- **Using** NLIS with on-farm management to record data on which to base selection decisions. This can lead to both management and economic business benefit.
- **Using** individual animal data to meet market specs all the time and more efficiently.
- **Using** and linking breed plan / \$indexes into your 'decision making'
- **Through** better management and more accurate data capture and use – producing more efficient cattle adaptable to climate variability

Statement of Attainment awarded, where participant achieves program outcomes.

Funding

Ag Connections No Bull Series has been approved for FarmReady funding as it addresses a need by cattle producers to adapt to future climate variability. Eligible cattle producers will be able to apply to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for reimbursement grants to offset

Reimbursable Fees

Each workshop will be \$440 (GST inclusive) which includes training materials, lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

The participant pays the full amount to Ag Connections. The eligible participant receives **100%** Farm Ready reimbursement from DAFF. For further information on eligibility and how to apply for the reimbursement grant go to www.farmready.gov.au

For Eligible Participants

The enterprise must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and the applicant must provide a declaration of the primary production tax status of the enterprise.

Management positions' include, but not limited to: assistant managers, human resource/personnel managers, office managers, head stockmen and farm overseers.

(Reimbursement grants are not available to employees of Commonwealth, State and local government departments and agencies involved in primary production, fishing and forestry.)

Guest Speakers

Dick Whale:

Independent Breeding Services and Marketing

Alison McIntosh:

AJM Livestock Solutions

How to Register

Fill out the Registration Form on the reverse side of this flyer and return with payment to:

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ALBURY NSW 2640

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Registration Form

Please tick the appropriate box: (If you wish to do both courses please tick both dates)
The group size of the workshop will be 15-20 participants for you to get the full benefit.

No Bull-Improving Structural Soundness for Future Productivity
(FarmReady approved course number: 0398)

Albury – Saturday 10th October 2009
Young – Sunday 11th October 2009

No Bull -Improving Genetics for Climate Variability
(FarmReady approved course number: 0399)

Albury – Saturday 14th November 2009
Young – Sunday 15th November 2009

DISCOUNT RATE-Two people per business wishing to do both courses total cost \$1500

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Owner

Manager

Family Member

Overseer

Stockperson

Please tick the appropriate box:

Full payment of cheque is enclosed

Deposit for \$100 is enclosed. Balance will be paid 1 week prior to course commencing.

Wish to pay by direct deposit. Trading details as follows

Bendigo Bank

Trading Name: Ag Connections

BSB: _____ 633-000

ACCOUNT No: 126 702 653

Refund Policy: No refund for cancellation within 7 days of course commencement.

\$100 deposit is forfeited for cancellation between 8 to 21 days prior to course commencement.

Full refund on fees paid, where cancellation at least 3 weeks before course commencement.

Please send registration form to:

Post: Ag Connections, PO Box 247, Albury NSW 2640

Fax: (02) 6043 1772

Or Download registration form at www.agconnections.com.au (events & registration)