

'EVERYTHING BEEF FIELD DAY'

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DRY SEASON MANAGEMENT

Managing cattle through the dry seasons we now experience in Queensland can be a very daunting task. In his session "Selecting a supplement and managing cattle through the dry season", Russ Tyler of DPI&F Gayndah will give guidance to beef producers on what options to consider before starting a supplementary feeding program. Russ will be covering other points such as, selecting a supplement, cost, ease of feeding, palatability and continuity of supply. Russ Tyler will be one of four guest speakers at the 3rd Annual 'everything beef' field day, to be held on Friday the 2nd of November 2007.

Sabrina Kindler, Catapult Genetics, Brisbane will focus discussions on the worlds' first commercial DNA test for beef cattle feed efficiency. Her talk will also incorporate other gene maker technology such as Tenderness and Marbling. Commercial producers can take advantage of this new technology by being able to identify animals which will deliver superior performance through the test for feed efficiency. Beef producers can now identify breeding animals that can produce more

efficient progeny who require less feed to produce meat which will enable better returns to the pocket.

Lawrence Gavey, Animal Welfare Officer D.P.I. & F, Toowoomba the fourth speaker for the field day will talk on how the management and care of animals is coming under increasing scrutiny from third parties outside the industry and what producers may expect to see in the future.

Hosts of the field day local breeders Steve & Kylie Dummett, Darrowby Murray Grey & Greyman Stud, Haden will be providing morning tea and afternoon tea; lunch may be purchased on the day. Participants are asked to provide their own chair and hat. Those in attendance will be able to sample some of the superb Holland Wines (Crows Nest) during the day. The field day is free to beef producers in the area. Booking is essential for catering purposes, to express your interest in attending call Kylie Dummett, 07 4698 8244.

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Press release and image gallery can be accessed online -

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D.P.I. & F (<http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/>)

Dave McRae "Seasonal Outlook & Forecast Tools" DPI&F - 132523

Russ Tyler "Selecting Supplements & Drought Feeding" DPI&F - 4161 3726

Sabrina Kindler "Genetic Selection Tools - GeneStar" Catapult - 36333555

Lawrence Gavey "Threats to the Beef Industry" DPI&F - 46881200