

USDA Cattle & Carcass Training Center Training Event Agenda



CME Live Cattle & Carcass Acceptance

**Location: West Texas A&M University (WTAMU)
Caviness Meat Science and Innovation Center**

Wednesday, May 17, 2023:

- **8:00 – 8:15:** Introduction
- **8:15 – 9:30:** Animal Growth and Development 101
 - Dr. Ty Lawrence, Director, WTAMU Beef Carcass Research Center
- **9:30 – 9:45:** Break
- **9:45 – 11:30:** Live Animal Evaluation 101
 - Dr. Ty Lawrence, Director, WTAMU Beef Carcass Research Center
 - Levi Geyer, USDA Market News
- **11:30 – 1:15:** Lunch
- **1:15 – 1:45:** Live Animal Video Evaluation
- **1:15 – 1:45:** Break
- **2:00 – 3:30:** CME Live Cattle Rulebook
 - CME Q&A Session - Makenzie Billings, Anne Krema and Laura Buschnyi, CME Group
 - Carcass Delivery Overview - Joe Barksdale, USDA Quality Assessment Division
 - Live Cattle Delivery Overview - Lana Hutto, USDA Market News

- **3:30 – 5:00:** Fed Cattle Evaluation
 - Dr. Ty Lawrence, Director, WTAMU Beef Carcass Research Center
 - USDA Market News
- **5:00:** Wrap up and Q&A Session

Thursday, May 18, 2023:

- **8:00 – 8:15:** Recap of Previous Day
- **8:15 - 9:00:** Texas Cattle Feeders Association Panel
- **9:00 – 10:00:** Beef Harvest 101 (animal welfare, food safety)
 - Dr. Travis Tennant, Assistant Professor of Animal Science, WTAMU
- **10:00 – 10:30:** Break
- **10:30-11:30:** Beef Grading 101 (quality and yield)
 - Dr. Loni Lucherk, Assistant Professor of Animal Science, WTAMU
 - Joe Barksdale, USDA Quality Assessment Division
- **11:30 – 12:30:** Lunch

Other events:

Thursday, May 18, 2023:

Onsite Technical Assistance Event:

- **1:30 – 2:00:** USDA Support for Diversified Meat and Poultry Supply Chains
 - Sara Hernandez, Coordinator, USDA Meat & Poultry Processing Technical Assistance (MPPTA)
- **2:00 – 4:00:** MPPTA Introduction and Networking
 - Processors can visit one-on-one with Technical Assistance Providers

Thursday, May 18, 2023:

Onsite Cattle Contract Library Pilot Program Listening Session: (in-person or virtually)

- **4:00 – 6:00 pm CT:** USDA Cattle Contract Library Pilot Program Overview and Q&A
- During the session, AMS will provide an overview of the current Pilot, then participants will be given an opportunity to share their feedback. Attendees may participate in-person (seating limited to 80) or virtually. For virtual attendees, the meeting will be broadcasted live as a webinar. To join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, please [join via Zoom](#). Registration is not required. Attendees will be permitted to submit Q&A via Zoom meeting. The event will be recorded to be posted later.