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Hello,

Here are announcements for three programs coming your way. I hope to see you at one!

Thank-you,

Shelby

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### Beef Quality Assurance

- BQA is a national program for beef producers that raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry. The Oregon BQA team is conducting training programs in multiple locations (see below). For more information about BQA, please visit the [Beef Quality Assurance website](#) or see attached (BQA half-sheet.pdf).
- Multiple locations, all welcome, no charge for event (Beef Check-off funded)
  - **Lincoln County** - Thursday, February 13, 2020, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Toledo Union Hall, 138 NW 1st St., Toledo, OR 97391. This training is co-sponsored by the Lincoln County chapter of the Oregon Farm Bureau. Pre-register at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lincoln/events/beef-quality-assurance-bqa-certification>. To register via phone please call the Lincoln County Extension office at 541-574-6534.
  - **Jackson County** - Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. OSU Extension Auditorium, SOREC, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point, OR 97502. This training is co-sponsored by the Jackson County Stockmen's Association. Pre-register at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/events/beef-quality-assurance-bqa-certification>. To register via phone please call the Jackson County Extension office at 541-776-7371.
  - *Lane, Linn, and Benton counties – March and April dates (TBA)*
  - *Douglas County and State OCA programs have already occurred this cycle*

Seminar on New Zealand Pasture Systems - February 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Corvallis  
Please mark your calendars for a special presentation from Dr. Thomas Maxwell from Lincoln University, New Zealand. Dr. Maxwell is a special guest of Serkan Ates and is visiting Oregon State University this month. He will be giving a seminar presentation February 26 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Oldfield Animal Teaching Facility Room 106 and will be sharing about New Zealand Pasture Systems: their function, current challenges and research. See attached flyer for more information.

David Bohnert, OSU, has updated the OSU Across Breed EPD Calculator to the most recent adjustment factors. The free EXCEL spread sheet and instructions can be found at the following link: <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/beefcattle/epd-calculator/>. He hopes you find this useful when comparing bulls of different breeds for us in your operation.

COUNTY SPECIFIC section

Lane Co Livestock Association

- Annual Dinner – February 15, 2020 - This Year’s Annual Dinner will be held in the Willamette Room at the Valley River Inn. Doors open at 4:00 pm, Cocktail Hour: 4:00 – 6pm, Dinner is served 6:00pm. Entertainment Silent Auction, Oral Auction, Business Session. RSVP to [Kristina.esselburn@gmail.com](mailto:Kristina.esselburn@gmail.com) or 541-653-7045. See attached flyer
- Breakfast Meeting - On March 9 our LCLA Breakfast Meeting will feature Glenn Miller who is our local ODA Noxious Weed Control Person. He is bring a new assistant and their talk will be, “ New Advances in the biocontrol of weeds in Oregon.” There will be a special emphasis on Canada Thistle biocontrol. I hope that excites you as much as does me. We will be meeting at 6:30 AM at the Flash Back Grill at 4229 Main Street in Springfield on Monday, March 9. James Sly ([jimsly9@gmail.com](mailto:jimsly9@gmail.com) & Cell 541-953-8615)

Linn County Livestock Association Annual Meeting and Dinner

Friday, February 28, 2020, 6-8 pm (5:30 sign in)  
Brownsville Baptist Church - [27910 Seven Mile Lane, Brownsville](#)  
Dinner \$10.00 adults/\$5.00 children  
Dues \$20.00 (includes one sign; more available for purchase)

Agenda:

- \* Predator issues and reports - cameras, cougars, coyotes, eagles (presentation on requirements & forms will be available for FSA reimbursement for eagle losses)
- \* Wool - market requirements, available buyers, options
- \* New spring forages

Contact Lynden Brown for reservations, [lynden12brown@gmail.com](mailto:lynden12brown@gmail.com), 541-258-8263 - leave a message if no answer. We hope to see you there!

Douglas County Livestock Association – Spring Livestock Conference

All are invited - <http://www.dclivestock.org/education/spring-conference>. The 2020 Spring livestock Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Winston Community Center from 2pm to 8pm. Presentation times TBA. A Tri-Tip dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and we will conclude with an evening presentation. The meal is free to our members. Non-Members can pay \$15.00 or join the Assoc. at the door. The flyer with schedule and details is [available here](#).

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Shelby J. Filley, Regional Livestock & Forage Specialist

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Attachments

- BQA - Single half-sheet.pdf
- New Zealand Pasture Systems.pdf
- Lane Co. meeting - 2020 Auction Flyer.pdf



**Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)** is a national program that raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques & a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry.

The guiding principles of BQA are based on these core beliefs:

WE BELIEVE production practices affect consumer acceptance of beef.

WE BELIEVE the BQA Program has and must continue to empower beef producers to improve the safety and wholesomeness of beef.

WE BELIEVE these fundamental principles are the fabric of the BQA Program.

*Empowering people...because producers can make a difference.*

*Taking responsibility...because it's our job, not someone else's.*

*Working together...because product safety and wholesomeness is everyone's business*

A recent study funded by Beef Checkoff dollars and conducted by Colorado State University showed a premium on cattle when marketed as raised by BQA Certified producers and sold via video auction.



Oregon has a BQA team certified in Cow-calf, Feedyard, and Transportation divisions and has been qualified through the National BQA team and authorized to offer BQA training and certification to producers.



The National BQA website (<https://www.bqa.org/>) has great information about the program in general, plus links to reports on industry issues, and more in-depth material about the individual principles of BQA.

## **ABOUT**

- Intro to BQA
- History of BQA
- What is “Quality” Beef?
- Value to the industry
- BQA Awards

## **BQA CERTIFICATION**

- Cow-calf
- Stocker
- Transportation
- Stockmanship & Stewardship
- Dairy FARM program

## **PROGRAMS**

- In-person classes
- On-line classes

## **NATIONAL BEEF QUALITY AUDITS**

- 2016 Steer and Heifer Results
- 2016 Market Cow and Bull Results
- Timeline
- Past Audits
- Research Papers



## **RESOURCES**

- National BQA Manual
- Antibiotic Stewardship for Beef Producers
- Cattle Industry Guidelines for the Care and Handling of Cattle Assessments
  - BQA Feedyard Assessment
  - BQA Stocker Self-Assessment
  - BQA Cow-Calf Assessment
- Videos – Short videos on BQA

**EVENTS** - BQA Certification Classes

## **TRAINER RESOURCES**

## **CONTACT US**



**Dr. Thomas Maxwell from Lincoln University will be talking about New Zealand pasture systems and research on Feb, the 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am-12pm at 106, Oldfield Teaching Center.**

Dr Maxwell is a recently appointed Lecturer in Pasture Science within the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Lincoln University. Broad research interest in the ecology, production and management of pasture, grassland and rangeland systems, with a lens on the sustainable function of grazing lands. Research interests and activities include: hill country pasture production ecology, sown pasture persistence, forage species for reduced nitrate leaching, pasture and forage functional diversity, nutritional ecology of grazing animals, grazing for dual purposes of livestock production and ecosystem function, and testing precision agriculture tools (thermal camera imaging and remote-sensing technology) for pasture yield assessment and management.



**Dr. Thomas  
Maxwell**

New Zealand  
Pasture Systems:  
their function,  
current  
challenges and  
research

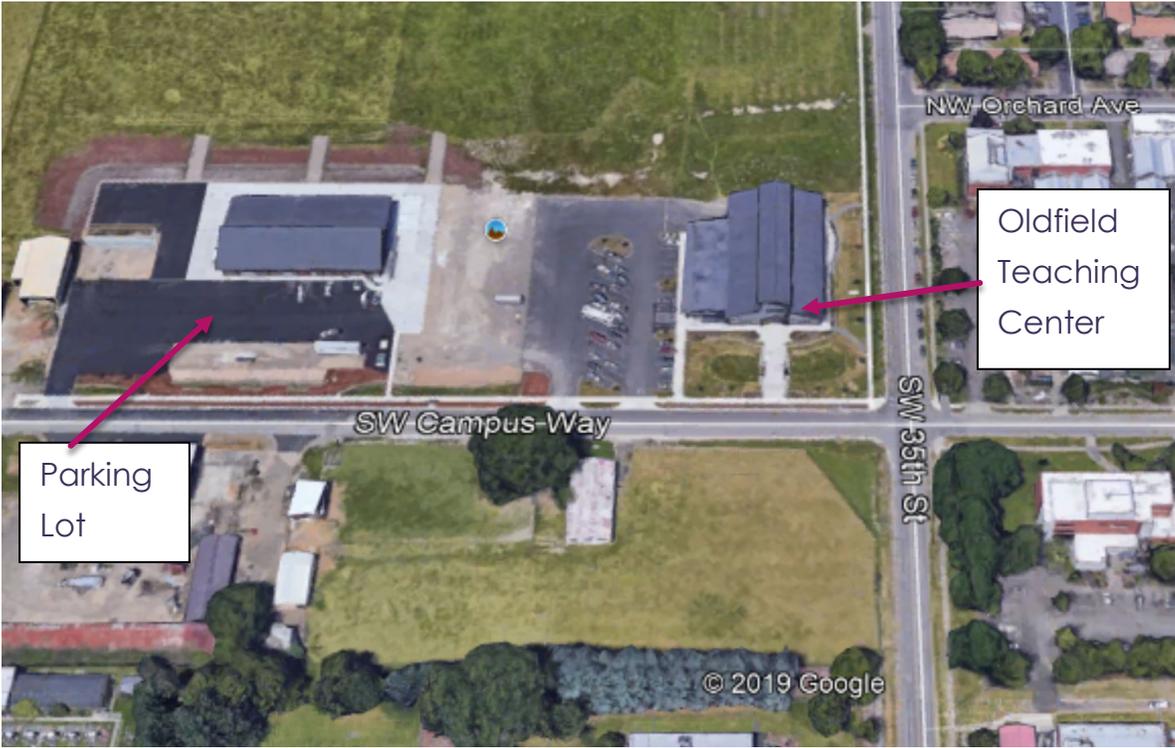
Lincoln University,  
New Zealand

FEBRUARY 26TH

11:00AM AT 106, OLDFIELD  
TEACHING CENTER, OSU,  
CORVALLIS (see the map  
in Page 2)



**Oregon State  
University**



Parking  
Lot

Oldfield  
Teaching  
Center

SW Campus-Way

NW Orchard Ave

SW 35th St

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# You Are Invited To

## Lane County Livestock Association's

### Annual Dinner February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Date and Location

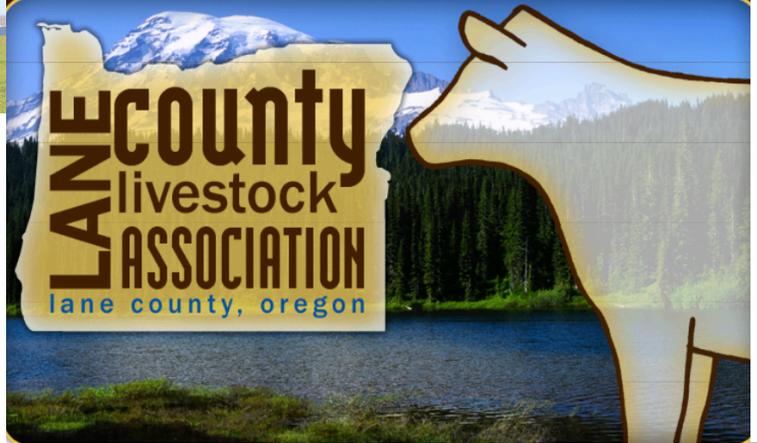


This Year's Annual Dinner will be held in the **Willamette Room** at the **Valley River Inn** on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 4:00 pm

Cocktail Hour: 4:00 – 6pm

Dinner is served 6:00pm



#### Menu



**Dinner includes:** Chopped Iceberg Salad, Baked Russet Potatoes, Beef Brisket, Roasted BBQ Chicken, Smoked Baby Back Ribs, Southern Baked Beans, Three Cheese Macaroni, Corn Succotash, and Freshly Made Sweet Corn Bread.

Dessert options include warm cobbler or house made bread pudding.

#### Entertainment and Auction



- Jim and Marv, the cowboy poets will be this years speakers. They put on a great performance.
- Silent Auction will begin at 4:00 and close at 6:30.
- Oral Auction Begins After Business Session – 7:30 pm

#### Additional Information

- Dinner Price For Members: \$30
- Dinner Price For Non Members: \$35
- Membership Dues: \$35
- Table of 8 Reservation: \$240
- Rifle Raffle is back again, this year you could win a Henry 30.30.
- 65" TV Raffle Prize

Does your business want to have a Sponsorship booth and table? When contacting about RSVP please inquire.

#### Valley River Inn Address:

1000 Valley River Way, Eugene OR 97401

**Please RSVP By February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Contact Kristina Esselburn for RSVP by phone or email at :

541-653-7045 or [Kristina.esselburn@gmail.com](mailto:Kristina.esselburn@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you all there.