The Advanced Master Cattleman Program is a new program that is designed for producers who want a level of education above the Master Cattleman curriculum. The goal of Advanced Master Cattleman is to move these producers to the next level of beef production. The intent of Advanced Master Cattleman is to actually change producer behavior, rather than just provide information. In general, Advanced Master Cattleman sessions will be more in-depth, and in appropriate subject areas, may also be more hands-on. The topics covered in Advanced Master Cattleman will be driven by local county needs.

We are pleased to announce that six multi-county groups have been chosen for this year’s Advanced Master Cattleman Program. These groups are: District 5 South, Mammoth Cave Area, District 7 East which was the former Pennyrile Area, KY River Area, Northern KY Area, and Louisville Area.

Each county group has chosen as many as three specific topics to meet their local needs. These cattle topics include:

1) Advanced Tools for Making Genetic Selection Decisions- Darrh Bullock
2) Applying Genetic Selection & Crossbreeding- Darrh Bullock
3) Buildings & Cattle Facilities Course- Erin Wilkerson
4) Targeted Reproduction Management- Les Anderson
5) Futures Market & Price Risk Management- Kenny Burdine
6) Getting a Handle on Beef Costs & Returns- Kenny Burdine and Arren Heenan
7) Evaluating Backgrounding & Retained Ownership- Lee Meyer
8) Forages Module- Garry Lacefield and Ray Smith

**District 5 South** is offering: the Forages Module session, and the Evaluating Backgrounding & Retained Ownership session. This group includes the following counties: Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, Pulaski, and Russell.

**Mammoth Cave Area** is offering: Advanced Tools for Making Genetic Selection Decisions. This group includes the following counties: Barren, Metcalfe, Hart, and Monroe

**District 7 East** (Former Pennyrile Area) is offering: Applying Genetic Selection & Crossbreeding in Your Herd, Targeted Reproduction Management, and Futures Market-Price Risk Management. This group includes the following counties: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg.
KY River Area is offering: Advanced Tools for Making Genetic Selection Decisions, Getting a Handle on Beef Costs & Returns, and the Forages Module. This group includes the following counties: Jessamine, Anderson, Franklin, Woodford, Mercer, and Fayette.

Northern KY Area is offering: Applying Genetic Selection & Crossbreeding in Your Herd, Targeted Reproduction Management, and Getting a Handle on Beef Costs & Returns. This group includes the following counties: Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant Pendleton, Owen, Gallatin, and Carroll.

Louisville Area is offering the Buildings & Cattle Facilities session, Getting a Handle on Beef Costs & Returns, and the Forages Module session. This group includes the following counties: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble.

If you are interested in the Advanced Master Cattleman Program, please contact your local county cooperative extension agent for enrollment. Anyone interested in participating in this program must be graduates of the Master Cattleman Program. The Advanced Master Cattleman Program will begin in September of this year, and run through April of 2007. For more information regarding Advanced Master Cattleman and other cattle programs, log on to the UK Beef IRM website at: www.uky.edu/Projects/BeefIRM

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