

# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Beef Cattle Field Day

February 10, 2015

Utah State Fair Park

## Event summary

Drs. Joe Robins and Mike Peel represented the Forage and Range Research Laboratory at the Utah Beef Cattle Field Day at the Utah State Fair Park on February 10, 2015. A booth provided ranchers with samples of released seed of high performance, drought tolerant grasses and legumes for use on western rangelands and irrigated and non-irrigated pastures. About 350 people attended the fair, where Joe and Mike provided information about management practices and our released varieties (seed and flyers containing plant descriptions were provided) to about 50 attendees. Several of these attendees returned to the booth for further information on the planting and cultivation of these released plant materials. The questions generally regarded the improvement of irrigated pastures, dry rangelands, and pastures with high alkaline content. The greatest interest was regarding the management of forage kochia, 'Don' alfalfa, 'Cache' meadow brome, and various crested and Siberian wheatgrass offered by the laboratory.



Dr. Joe Robins manning the Forage and Range Research Laboratory booth at the Utah Beef Cattle Field Day on February 10, 2015.



Dr. Mike Peel discusses the management of grasses and forage kochia with Curlew Valley rancher Bob Adams.



Dr. Joe Robins provides advice and seed samples of released Forage and Range Research Laboratory grasses and legumes to a Utah rancher.



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UTAH BEEF CATTLE FIELD DAY

*"MANAGING IN PROSPEROUS TIMES"*

FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Grand Building - UTAH STATE FAIR PARK**  
(SE corner of the Fair Park)

**Morning Sessions**

**Managing Herd Expansion**

- Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

**Heifer Development Index**

- Dr. Matt Stockton, University of Nebraska

**Managing Input Costs**

- Dr. Dillon Feuz, Utah State University Extension

**Lunch Speaker: Representative Jason Chaffetz (Invited)**

**Afternoon Rotation Sessions**

**Unrealized Profits through a Herd Health Program**

- Dr. Kevin Hill, DVM, Merck Animal Health

**Does Cow Size Really Matter?**

- Jessie Russell, Colorado Department of Agriculture

**Cattle Markets**

- Dr. Dillon Feuz, Utah State University Extension

**Trade Show**

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