

Northeast Georgia Beef Cattle Short Course

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026
UGA Livestock Instructional Arena

Cost: \$50 | Meals and Materials Included

REGISTER NOW BY 1/30
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8:00 AM Registration Opens – Visit with Sponsors

9:00 AM Welcome

9:10 AM Beef Cattle Market Outlook
Dr. Will Secor, UGA Extension Livestock Economist

9:45 AM Using Fecal Microbiome to Improve Feed Efficiency in Cattle
Mikayla Dycus, UGA Animal and Dairy Science

10:15 AM Break – Visit with Sponsors

10:45 AM Update on New World Screwworm
Raymond Fitzpatrick, UGA Extension – Franklin County

11:15 AM Media & Agriculture: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
Stephanie Butcher, UGA Extension – Coweta County

12:00 PM Lunch – Visit with Sponsors

1:00 PM Afternoon Rotations:

1. Considerations for Replacement Heifer Selection
 - Jason Duggin & Dr. Pedro Fontes, UGA Extension Beef Specialists
2. Evaluating Finishing Cattle for Optimal Harvest
 - Dr. Pedro Carvalho, UGA Extension Beef Specialist
3. Understanding the Value of Marbling
 - Dr. Alex Stelzleni, UGA Animal and Dairy Science
4. Weed Control After a Drought
 - Dr. Lisa Baxter, UGA Extension Forage Specialist

4:15 PM Wrap-Up & Door Prizes

**3 Hours of Credit for
Beef Quality Assurance
Certification is Available
for All Participants.**

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