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Clover Connection

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If you've ever spent any time around me, you probably know that I love beef. Growing up in Nebraska, there was never a shortage. Hamburgers, steaks – I pretty much like it all!

We raised a small herd of cattle. I think my least favorite part about the cows was when we would use the good old fashioned “cattle drive” approach when moving them from one of our pastures to another.

I usually got placed on one side of a road intersection to make sure Bessie and her friends kept going straight (instead of turning). I was small for my age and never felt like the cows paid much attention to my commands. But, clearly, I survived since I lived to tell the tale nearly 30 years later.

All of this talk about cows is to let you know that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer a Beef Quality Assurance Training event in late May. The event is free and open to the public and is in collaboration with the Texas Beef Council and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. The event is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

On May 23, a training course will be held from 3:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hart-Morris Conservation Center, 601 County Road 4812 in Athens. A free beef dinner will be served at the meeting.

Dr. Jason Banta, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton, will be the speaker. Topics will include residue avoidance, vaccine handling, proper injection technique, genetic selection, environmental stewardship and cattle handling and welfare.

“The benefits of attending the training are many, including learning best management practices that ensure production of a safe, wholesome food product,” said Banta. “Additionally, many of these practices can improve the productivity and profitability of your operation.”

To register, go to <http://texasbeefquality.com/> or call the AgriLife Extension office in Henderson County at 903-675-6130!

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