



The Cooperative Research Centre for Beef Genetic Technologies and SARDI

Invite you to a field day at Struan Research Centre

The field day will highlight the Beef CRC Maternal Productivity research project being run at the centre.

In the beef industry, there has been a strong emphasis on selection for carcass traits and feed efficiency. While these selection criteria are crucial to secure financial returns through the sale of progeny from the beef enterprise, the effects of this selection on the maternal traits of the breeding female herd are largely unknown.

This project is investigating how selection strategies for the beef industry (feed efficiency/fatness) affect the breeding female herd and its economic profitability. This is being done by running 300 Angus heifers and cows plus their calves, selected to be divergent for rib fat and Net Feed Efficiency, under low & high nutritional regimes on the centre's high intensity rotational grazing (Technograzing) set up.

Where: Struan Research Centre – Main Wool Shed

When: November 6, 2008 from 1pm to 5pm (followed by BBQ)

Speakers to include:

Angus Hobson, Meat and Livestock Australia (What is a Cooperatives Research Centre and how is it working with MLA and the beef industry?)

Wayne Pitchord, The University of Adelaide (Improving the efficiency of your breeding herd)

Robert Herd, NSW Department of Primary Industry (The promise of feed efficiency EBV's)

Nick Edwards & Katrina Copping, SARDI Livestock Systems (The Maternal Productivity project at Struan)

The day will also include an inspection of the experimental cattle and the pasture treatments under which the animals are being run.

For more information contact the Struan Research Centre on 08 8762 9191

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