

NMSU Corona Research Ranch presents classes on cattle herd health and ranch accounting

New Mexico State University faculty members will lead discussions on cattle herd health and financial accounting for ranchers at the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center's Half Day of College July 20.

Two classes will be presented twice, to give participants the chance to attend both.

The classes are on topics suggested by the center's advisory committee. They include "Quick Books for Ranchers," which is intended to demonstrate the usefulness of this program.

"Effective Health Programs" is a refresher course on vaccination protocols and the use of medicine. Participants are encouraged to bring vaccination records.

The third course, "Stump the Professor," will begin after lunch with short presentations of current topics, followed by a question-and-answer session with NMSU professors.

Registration, including coffee and donuts, begins at 9 a.m.

A welcome and class orientation will be at 9:50 a.m.

Participants will move to outdoor classrooms for the first class, which will begin at 10 a.m.

After two one-hour class sessions, a beef lunch will be served at noon, followed by the third class session at 1 p.m.

The Half Day of College will be a good opportunity for ranchers to receive useful information that applies to their operations.

"This year's topics deal with financial accounting and herd health, two very timely topics that affect ranchers every day," said Shad Cox, ranch manager at the center.

"The opportunity for individual discussions between our experts and ranchers to tailor solutions for individual operations is an important aspect of our program. Also this year, we have a forum dubbed 'Stump the Professor'

that allows for our scientists to address a variety of topics driven by audience participation."

The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is a 27,886-acre working ranch laboratory located just east of the village of Corona.

Land within the research center is at an elevation ranging from 5,720 to 6,700 feet.

The research center is operated by New Mexico State University's Animal and Range Sciences Department Research programs.

Graduate student studies are a major part of the research center's activities and are incorporated into the normal production cycle of the cattle and sheep commercial operations, a registered Angus seedstock herd, a native mule deer population and an introduced herd of pronghorns.

The Corona center develops research that New Mexico ranchers usually cannot find anywhere else.

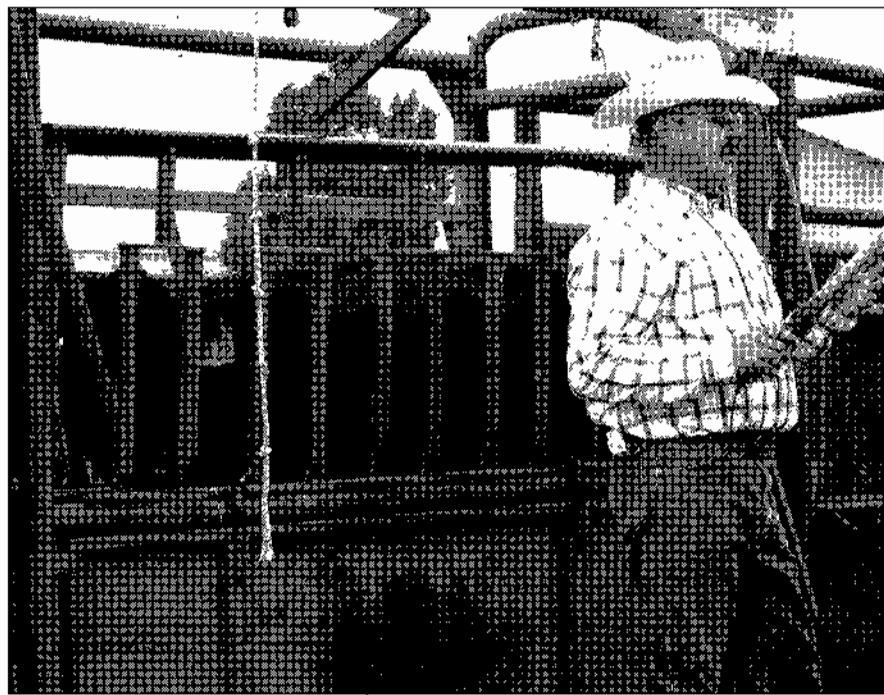
"The CRLRC is located centrally to

New Mexico with many common aspects to better than 80 percent of New Mexico and the Southwest," Cox said. "Our working ranch concept drives us to maintain profitability while investigating new concepts for increasing productivity and profitability."

The primary mission of the center is to enhance the understanding of woody brush invasion, hydrology, cow-calf production, and big game management, and to discover innovative solutions to improve economic development in rangeland-bound communities.

NMSU faculty members conduct research in livestock production, range science and wildlife science at the center.

For more information about the Half Day of College, or if you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, contact Cox in advance at 849-1015 or e-mail him at the ranch at shadcox@nmsu.edu.



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Shad Cox, Corona Research Ranch manager, explains some of the options of electronic I.D. for cattle.