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Cooperstown, NY

Central New York Beef Breeders Organizational Meeting

Regional Beef Breeders are invited to an organizational meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Brooks’ House of BBQ, 5560 State Hwy 7, Oneonta, in the Roost Banquet Room. Reservations must be made by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties, Cooperstown office, 607-547-2536, ext. 0, or e-mail otsego@cornell.edu. Limit of two sponsored dinners per farm.

A primary goal of the group is to assemble uniformly high quality feeder calves for a local sale this fall. The auction will be officiated by Finger Lakes Livestock Exchange, in Canandaigua and will occur during a regularly scheduled special feeder calf sale. They will promote the sale, handle paperwork, and finances. Calves will be sorted by USDA feeder calf grades, sex and color, which provides the buyers with a description of the cattle. At a pre-determined date following the auction, the calves will be assembled at a local site and weighed.

Breeders attending the meeting will be offered the opportunity to consider health products to meet goals of this local feeder calf pool. Three leading pharmaceutical companies supporting the meeting will present their vaccination and parasite control products.

Cattle must now be identified to be graded and enrolled in a prescribed health program. Approximately eighty calves, born in 2015, with an approximate weight of 600 pounds by late October are sought. This is the first run of this process. By pursuing the goal of uniformity through enhanced programs of breeding, nutrition, and care local breeders will be better prepared to satisfy multiple markets.

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