Interested in evaluating if the stocker enterprise meets your farming objectives? This course is designed for farmers of all experience levels to learn about managing stocker cattle (calves purchased in the spring, then sold to a finisher after adding weight using relatively inexpensive, excess pasture).

The course will help you discover your competitive advantage, markets, economic projections, pasture management, business planning.

The course is set in two series. The first series begins on Saturday, September 30 followed by Oct 28 and two evening sessions in November and December (to be determined). The second series will be scheduled starting in late January/February. The first series is classroom based; second incorporates more field study. In-person sessions will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office of Allegany County in Belmont. It will also be streamed to remote sites in Chautauqua, Cayuga, Jefferson and Delaware Counties. Additional remote sites may be added. Cost per series is $100/person and $50/person from same family or farm. Fee includes lunch and all materials. To register contact Barb Jones, bjj6@cornell.edu, 607-255-7712. For more information contact Audia Denton, Stocker Short Course Coordinator, ad982@cornell.edu or Mike Baker, Cornell Beef Specialist, mjb28@cornell.edu, 607-255-5923.

Additional course information can be found at https://blogs.cornell.edu/beefcattle/eventsprograms/southern-tier-stocker-initiative/

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