Stockmanship & Stewardship Tour

Mark your calendar for August 5 - 6 to attend a special Stockmanship Clinic led by renowned Montana rancher and stockmanship instructor Curt Pate.

These special clinics focus on handling methods that improve gathering, penning, chute work and hauling. Emphasis is placed on ways to increase cattle performance by reducing handling stress and interactive discussions will show how cattlemen can actually improve consumer’s perception of beef. Other topics include how the principles presented have an economic – as well as “quality of life” – benefit when applied in one’s operation.

Stockmanship training is important for both cattlemen and the industry for three key reasons:

- **Welfare**: Improved cattle handling leads to improved public perception; less injury to handlers and cattle; Less carcass damage and trim loss.
- **Performance**: Increase efficiency; Increased gain; Less investment in veterinary intervention; Less investment into facilities and repair.
- **Quality of Life**: Improved profitability; Sustainable family operations; Enjoyment of the beef farming lifestyle.

Stockmanship is an important part of Beef Quality Assurance and the trainings will qualify for recertification credit for all NY BQA certified producers.

The clinics are free of charge and sponsored by the Beef Checkoff, New York Beef Council, New York Beef Producers Association and Cornell University Extension.

**Clinic Schedule:**

- August 5, 5 pm Empire Livestock, Dryden
- August 5, 11:15 am Empire Farm Days Handling Demo.
- August 6, 5 pm Fleur de Lis Farm, Seneca Falls

To register contact the NY Beef Council at 315.339.6922 or email cgillis@nybeef.org.

Curt Pate

For more than a decade, Curt has conducted demonstrations and clinics on stockmanship. His stockmanship abilities along with his ability as an effective communicator make him one of the most sought after clinicians on both the national and international scene.

His personal experience incorporating effective stockmanship principles supports a “for profit” mindset; he fully understands the increased economic benefits of handling stock correctly. Just as important, as livestock production comes under increased scrutiny, is the understanding Curt has of the impact that improved handling practices create for the sustainability of the cattle industry.

In addition to stockmanship clinics, Curt manages his own ranch operation in Montana. With his ability to think outside the box, his ability to challenge others to do the same and a willingness to share his skills, Curt has set himself apart in conducting stockmanship clinics. His lifelong experience in ranching adds credibility and enables him to communicate his methods effectively to cattle farmers and ranchers throughout the country.