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## **Beef Producers Field Day**

Saturday, August 8, 2015

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Kevin Lesch Farm

7403 Nelson Road, Cassadaga, NY

Lunch reservations required by August 3<sup>rd</sup>

All are welcome to this upcoming Beef Field Day to learn more about beef cattle management and marketing.

Our host Kevin Lesch currently manages 12 Simmental - Limousin cross beef cattle (recently selectively culled half of his herd to invest in his new barn). Kevin previously marketed his cattle as freezer beef and currently markets them as feeder calves in the fall. Kevin recently built a 40'x 60' pack barn for housing his cattle during the winter months, which includes a working chute and a dry lot next to the barn. Kevin feeds baleage and dry hay to his beef herd.

*The Beef Field Day activities will include:*

- *A tour and discussion of Kevin Lesch's new barn and management of his herd*
- *Presentation by Michael Baker, Cornell University Beef Cattle Specialist - "Looking for a new marketing outlet – the requirements and guidelines for setting up a feeder calf pool and improving your skills in grouping cattle for market – try your hand at grading feeder cattle."*
- *Blaine Winger, Cattle Procurement Coordinator for United Producers, Inc (UPI) will share information on risk management tools offered including contracts and agriculture loans for your beef business.*
- *Dr. Shannon Carpenter, DVM with Division of Animal Industry, NYS Department of Ag & Markets - "Vaccinations and health management for weaning or stocker cattle"*
- *Discussion on managing manure compost piles to optimize nutrients to return to the soil*

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- *Local agribusiness representatives co-sponsoring the program will share information on their products and services available to producers*
- *Demonstration of the “Big Foot Baler” now available to bale agricultural plastics for recycling. Producers are welcome to bring their agricultural plastics to bale (please contact Lisa Kempisty at 664-9502 ext. 203 for Super Sacks to store and transport the plastic).*

**The cost of the Beef Field Day is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend) to help cover the cost of the catered beef lunch and other meeting expenses. Reservations for lunch are required by contacting Lisa Kempisty at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 716-664-9502 Ext. 203 or by e-mail [ljk4@cornell.edu](mailto:ljk4@cornell.edu) by August 3<sup>rd</sup> (payment can be made at the field day but pre-registration is required for lunch).**

**Please bring your own lawn chairs to use at the program.**

This program will serve as a BQA Recertification workshop. If you are Level 2 BQA Certified you will need to provide an updated Veterinarian/Patient Relationship (VCPR) form, which you can request this form when you pre-register.

Directions to Kevin Lesch Farm: From Route 60, 1.5 miles south of Cassadaga, turn east onto Nelson Road. Travel ½ mile and turn right to stay on Nelson Road, Kevin’s farm will be on your right.

**This educational program is sponsored by: Chautauqua County Beef Producers Association & Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County in cooperation with farm host Kevin Lesch and businesses he works with including BCW Concrete, Hoisington, Inc, Cassadaga; Burkholder’s Storage Barns, Sherman; Cassadaga Farm Supply, LLC, Cassadaga; Lamb & Webster, Inc, Springville; and Shamel Milling Co. – Crystalyx Supplements, East Concord.**

*Looking forward to seeing you at this upcoming educational Beef Field Day!*

