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## **Beef 509 Program to be Held in February**

I attended the Beef 509 class several years ago. I would recommend this class for anyone involved in producing beef that wants to learn more about the marketing, processing and end results of your work as a producer. When I attended this class it was hands-on and loaded with information about beef production from the farm to the plate.

The Ohio Beef Council (OBC) will hold its Beef 509 educational event at The Ohio State University. The Beef 509 program is held to raise the awareness level about the beef that is produced and what goes into producing a high-quality and consistent product. Beef 509 is the result of a partnership with the Ohio Beef Council, Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation, The Ohio State University Extension and The Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences

The 2020 program will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, February 22 and 29, 2020. The part of the program held on February 22 will include a live animal evaluation session, harvest demonstration, rumen function and nutrition discussion, an animal disposition and carcass value presentation, a grid pricing discussion, a quality assurance overview and a review of current issues.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to use what they have learned to evaluate cattle and then purchase them in an auction simulation at a level that will net a profit when value is determined at the packing and market retail sectors.

In the second session on February 29, attendees will participate in a demonstration on carcass grading as well as fabrication. There will also be a discussion on manufactured meat, and an update on the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Beef Council. The program will conclude with a review of the results from the combined sessions. It is critical to attend both sessions as participants are assigned to teams that work together throughout the program.

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For more information or to register, visit [ohiocattle.org](http://ohiocattle.org), call the OCA office at 614-873-6736 or contact Kagney Collins at the Ohio Beef Council at [kcollins@ohiobeef.org](mailto:kcollins@ohiobeef.org).

## **Pesticide Re-certification**

The Adams County Re-certification will include Fertilizer and Pesticide on Thursday January 9 at Frisch's in West Union. YOU MUST pre-register by calling Barbie at the OSU Extension Office and there will be a fee of \$10 for Fertilizer only, and \$35 for Pesticide including Fertilizer. Call the office at 544-2339 or stop by at the Adams County Government Annex to register.



Other locations and dates in surrounding counties include:

OSU South Centers on December 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. call 740-354-7879

Highland County Extension Office on Jan. 15, in Hillsboro starting at noon, call 393-1918

Brown County Fairgrounds on March 19 at 5:30 p.m., call 378-6716

### **Dates to Remember**

Jan. 9 Pesticide Re-certification at Frisch's. You must pre-register at 544-2339.

Jan. 16 Pesticide and Fertilizer Testing for Private and Commercial Applicators at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Register by calling ODA at 800-282-1955 or online go to <http://pested.osu.edu>