Piedmont Regional Beef Conference
Thursday, March 3, 2022
Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center • 1192 US Hwy 64W Business, Pittsboro, NC 27312

8:30 a.m. Registration and Trade Show Opens

9:15 a.m. Profitable Hay Feeding, Stocking Rates & Consequences of Overstocking
Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky

10:15 a.m. Break/Trade Show

10:30 a.m. Designing Cattle Handling Facilities
Dr. Suzanne Leonard, NC State University

12:00 p.m. Lunch/Trade Show

1:00 p.m. Bale Grazing in the Southeast
Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky

2:00 p.m. Break/Trade Show

2:30 p.m. Making, Storing, & Feeding Hay with Demonstration
Dr. Deidre Harmon, NC State University

4:15 p.m. (Optional) Beef Quality Assurance Guidelines & Certification
Cost: $15 for current NCCA members, $40 for non-members *Payment due on-site (check to NCCA)

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Note—Masks are required at this facility at this time.

Register Online or by Mail by 2/18: https://go.ncsu.edu/prbc22

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2022 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference Speakers

**Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky**

Greg Halich is an Agricultural Economist at the University of Kentucky where he works with farmers to improve profitability on livestock and grain farms. Current production focus areas related to livestock are biological farming techniques that reduce or eliminate the need for commercial fertilizer inputs, grass-finished beef production, bale grazing (winter feeding technique that reduces machinery and labor and increases pasture fertility), and extended season grazing systems. He lives and farms in southern Woodford County, outside of Lexington, Kentucky where he produces grass-finished beef.

**Dr. Suzanne Leonard, NC State University**

Suzanne Leonard is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Animal Science at North Carolina State University. She completed her PhD in Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State University and her BS in Biological Engineering at North Carolina State University. Dr. Leonard’s work focuses on developing and utilizing technologies, sensors, and data to optimize livestock housing and production.

**Dr. Deidre Harmon, NC State University**

Dr. Deidre Harmon is a native of Galax, Virginia and grew up on a purebred and commercial Charolais beef operation. In 2017, Deidre joined the faculty at North Carolina State University as an Assistant Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist in the Department of Animal Science. She is housed at the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville, NC with a 75% Extension and 25% Research appointment. Her current programs include the management and utilization of cool and warm-season annual forages for livestock as well as supplementation and nutritional programs as a means to maximize profit and reduce the environmental impact of meat animal production.

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