



ASAS SOUTHERN SECTION/WESTERN SECTION 2025 JOINT MEETING

April 5-8, 2025 • Arlington, Texas

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Extension / Joint SERA 41 and Beef Symposium Saturday, April 5, 2025

Extension Symposium

Draft Agenda

8:00 a.m. Openings remarks – Dr. Joao Vendramini, University of Florida

8:10 a.m. Foundations for the Future: Harnessing the History of the Cooperative Extension System to Drive Modern Impact – Dr. Justin Rhinehart, Interim Dean and Professor, University of Tennessee

8:50 a.m. Like a Hand in a Glove: Integrating Applied Research and Extension Recommendations – Dr. Paul Beck, Professor, Oklahoma State University

9:30 a.m. Promoting Extension Scholarship and Navigating the Tenure and Promotion Process in Extension – Dr. Kim Mullenix, Department of Animal Sciences Chair, Auburn University

10:10 a.m. Symposium Break

10:30 a.m. Achieving Distinction in Extension through Successful Educational Programs – Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, Associate Dean for Extension, University of Florida

11:10 a.m. Developing meaningful extension programs with relevant impact on producers – Dr. Ron Gill, Professor, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Final Remarks and Adjourn

Joint SERA 41 and Western Section Beef Symposium

Title: Finishing cattle in non-traditional regions: challenges and opportunities

This symposium will provide a forum to discuss current challenges and future directions related to feedlot management in regions of the country that are not considered traditional regions for feedlot operations. However, lessons learned from the slate of speakers can also be applied in other feeding systems. Topics will center on health and feeding practices for conventional beef and beef on dairy feedlot systems.

Session Chairs: Dr. Juliana Ranches, Oregon State University and Pedro Fontes, University of Georgia

Tentative Agenda

2:30 p.m. Joint Beef Symposium Introduction – Dr. Juliana Ranches, Oregon State University

2:35 p.m. Health matters: Addressing feedlot cattle challenges across the U.S. – Dr. Nicole Sanchez, USDA-ARS, Lubbock, TX

3:15 p.m. Considerations for finishing dairy beef – Dr. Casey Maxwell, Cactus Feeders

3:55 p.m. SERA 41 Symposium Break

4:10 p.m. Preventing acidosis with bunk management and impacts of grain processing on small-scale, farmer-feeder feedlots – Dr. Francis Fluharty, University of Georgia

4:50 p.m. Grain, roughage, and byproducts in feedlot diets: Playing with energy values – Dr. Vinicius Gouvea, Texas A&M University

5:30 p.m. Joint Beef Symposium Closing Remarks – Pedro Fontes, University of Georgia