

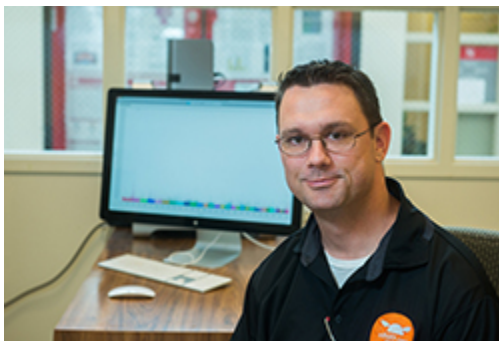
Making the Best Use of Current Genetic Selection Tools

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Bull buying time is here for many producers and cattle selection tools and resources are constantly evolving. Join the Cattlemen's Webinar Series as genetic selection experts Alison Van Eenennaam, PhD (UC Davis) and Matt Spangler, PhD (U of Nebraska) provide an overview of how best to understand changes in genetic evaluations and new or updated indexes from the major breed associations. The team will also evaluate and respond to results from a recent BEEF magazine producer survey on genetic selection.

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Meet the Speakers



Matt Spangler, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, of Animal Science and Extension Beef Genetics Specialist

Matt Spangler grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm in Kansas. He received degrees from Kansas State University (BS; 2001), Iowa State University (MS; 2003), and the University of Georgia (PhD; 2006) and is currently an Associate Professor and Extension Beef Genetics Specialist at the University of Nebraska. He works as part of a team with colleagues at UNL and US MARC to improve genetic/genomic selection tools and methods and is currently part of an effort funded by the USDA to develop genomic predictors for feed efficiency in beef cattle.



Alison Van Eenennaam, Ph.D.

Cooperative Extension Specialist, University of California-Davis

Alison Van Eenennaam is a Cooperative Extension Specialist in the field of Animal Genomics and Biotechnology in the Department of Animal Science at University of California, Davis. She received a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of Melbourne, and both an MS and a PhD in Genetics from UC Davis. A passionate advocate of science, Dr. Van Eenennaam has given over 650 invited presentations to audiences globally, and was the recipient of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology

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2019 Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics.