

2021 Piedmont Regional Beef Conference Webinar Series Speakers



Dr. Brent Scarlett, Scarlett Mobile Large Animal Services

Dr. Brent Scarlett grew up in Snow Camp, NC raising, showing, and marketing Registered Angus cattle. The cattle farm is where he received his passion for working with animals and the people who own them. He attended NCSU- CVM where he met his wife, Dr. Becky Scarlett. They both graduated in 2002 and were married the following weekend. Dr. Scarlett started Scarlett Mobile in 2005 as a mobile large animal practice. Dr. Scarlett is still involved with the family cattle farm raising and marketing Registered Angus Cattle and Beef. He also enjoys trail riding with his wife and friends. Dr. Scarlett's professional interests include reproduction, power dentistry, ophthalmology, surgery, preventative medicine, herd health, and carcass ultrasound.



Joshua Baker, Southeast Agriseeds

Joshua started with King's in the fall of 2011, after graduating from Berry College (Rome, GA) the previous spring. With roots in livestock production, Joshua is passionate about all facets of agriculture and excited to serve producers through King's. Within his current role, Joshua is responsible for communicating the ideas of King's to the general public through various media forms. Additionally, he works closely with the King's Regional Coordinators to help grow the dealer network as well as the scope of the individual dealer to better serve the end-users.



Dr. Ty Lawrence, West Texas A&M University

Dr. Lawrence joined the Department of Agricultural Sciences in July 2004. He was reared on a cow-calf operation north of Dalhart, Texas before pursuing formal education in the animal sciences at West Texas A&M University (B.S. '97, M.S. '99) and Kansas State University (Ph.D. '02). Dr. Lawrence spent two years with Smithfield Foods in the position of research manager for pork harvest and processing facilities on the eastern seaboard. Dr. Lawrence is the director of the Beef Carcass Research Center. He collaborates with a multitude of other universities and animal agriculture businesses in research activities that focus on improving the yield and quality of red meat products.



Dr. Deidre Harmon, NC State Extension

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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