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Here at CCS, we are dedicated to helping you and your family succeed and turn your goals into reality.

Our team is committed to delivering the best value in agricultural confinement and construction in the industry. Many members of our team are livestock producers themselves, so we understand the day-to-day challenges you face and design solutions that work in the real world.

When you work with CCS, you'll quickly see that our focus is on building what makes the most sense for your operation—solutions that align with your vision and support your family's future.

We hope this Symposium has helped you gain a better understanding of cattle confinement, answered your questions, and connected you with trusted industry leaders and resources.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the professionals on our Business Development Team.

Take care, and God bless—

Meet the Business Development Team



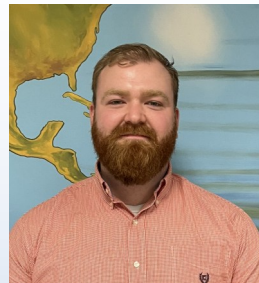
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Cattle confinement barns are a practical and increasingly profitable solution for beef producers across the country. As grazing land becomes more limited and input costs continue to rise, confinement systems enable producers to maximize efficiency—using less land while increasing profit per head and per acre.

By bringing cattle indoors, producers gain greater control over feeding, animal health, and manure management. This enhanced oversight helps improve cattle performance and supports consistent, year-round production.

The CCS Cattle Symposium offers an in-depth opportunity to explore the advantages of cattle confinement systems. Attendees will learn about key topics ranging from financing and facility design to nutritional management within the barn, providing a well-rounded understanding of how to successfully implement and manage a confinement operation.

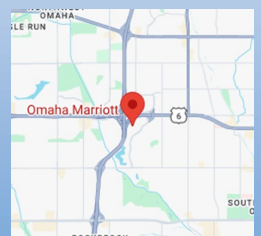
Industry experts will share practical insights, real-world experience, and valuable resources to help position your cattle operation for long-term success.



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Conference Location

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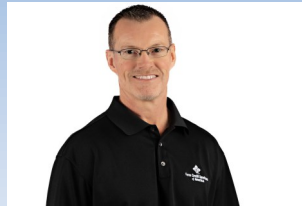
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Leasing as an Option for Cattle Facilities—FCSA / CoBank

Jim Jensen is a Lead Relationship Manager with CoBank Farm Credit Leasing based in northeast South Dakota. He has spent nearly 15 years in the Farm Credit System, serving South Dakota, western Iowa, and parts of eastern Nebraska. For the past 10 years, Jim has specialized in equipment and facility leasing, with a focus on financing large agricultural facilities. His primary areas of expertise include animal confinement projects in the swine, cattle, and poultry industries, as well as grain-producer projects such as on-farm shops and grain handling and storage facilities.



David Wendt grew up on a family farm in northeast Nebraska, near Leigh. He earned a Business degree from the University of Nebraska in 1991 and has spent nearly 35 years in agriculture finance and crop insurance, the last 20 plus years with Farm Credit Services of America. His career includes roles as a Financial Officer in Kansas and Nebraska, leadership of a crop insurance team in southwest Iowa, and now serves as a Financial Officer in the Columbus, NE office. David is passionate about serving agricultural producers, helping them grow their operations and plan for generational transitions. He values the relationships he's built and the insights gained from working closely with farmers throughout his career.



Clint Mitchell brings 14 years of experience in agricultural and commercial lending, with a career focused on supporting livestock producers through sound financing and strategic risk management. He has built a strong foundation working with beef operations and agribusinesses, helping them navigate the financial complexities inherent in today's production and market environments.

Clint currently serves as a Commercial Lender on the Farm Credit Services of America Commercial Beef Team, with a primary focus on Nebraska. In this role, he partners with beef operations across the state to deliver tailored financing solutions that align with production cycles, market volatility, and long-term business goals. His approach

Shawn Ryan: Territory Manager, Tracer Minerals

Shawn specializes in helping beef, dairy, swine producers, veterinarians and educators to better understand the benefits of Tracer Minerals.

Shawn brings a unique perspective to the beef, dairy, and swine industry with 16 years of experience working with animal health and silage plastic companies. Shawn graduated from Kansas State University with degrees in Operations Management and Animal Science.



Todd Drake: CEO Balance4Ward

Founder and CEO of Balance4ward, Todd Drake started his career in Emporia, Kansas, working in animal health distribution sales after graduating college at NWMSU in Maryville, Mo. He would later return to his home region in southwest Iowa, to build his ranch and first-generation feed yard with his wife Kristi and two sons. After building the feed yard with zero farming efficiencies, it didn't take long to see he needed to be better at sourcing ingredients. With the help of the ethanol boom, he started New Balance Commodities to help fill a feed procurement void of the timing of contracting and logistics.



Brad Edeal: Nebraska Dept. of Water, Energy, and Environment

Brad has been with the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment since September 2013. Brad worked as a Livestock Compliance Inspector from 2013 to 2022 when he moved into the Livestock & Agriculture Supervisor position. Brad and his team oversee the compliance and permitting of all animal feeding operations in Nebraska. Prior to 2013, Brad worked at the University of Nebraska in the Departments of Animal Science and Agronomy. Brad also has several years of experience working on cattle ranches and in feedlots. He has a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and a master's degree in animal science from the University of Nebraska. Brad was born and raised in Nebraska.



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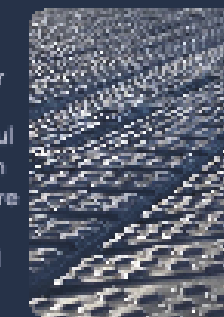
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Beef Cattle Symposium Schedule

8-9:15 a.m. Registration / Coffee & Rolls

9:15 a.m. Leasing as an Option for Cattle Facilities - CoBank Farm Credit Leasing and Farm Credit Services of America

10:00 a.m. Brad Edeal, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 p.m. Tracer Minerals – Choosing the Right Feed Additive for Growth.

11:30 a.m. Farm Credit Services of America - The State of the Cattle Industry from a Lender's Perspective

12:15 p.m. Todd Drake / Balance4ward Lunch Keynote

1:00 p.m. AFAN Presentation – Steve Martin

1:45 p.m. Farm Operation Transition Strategy, are you Structured Properly – Prevail

2:30 p.m. Break

2:40 p.m. Farmatan – Specialty Feed Ingredients

3:20 p.m. CCT - Roller Compacted Concrete Is It Right For You

4:00 p.m. CCS - ROI / Manure Calculator / EZ Fix & Aeration

4:35 p.m. Closing Remarks

4:45 p.m. Social Hour & Vendor trade show



Unlock Your Farm's Potential

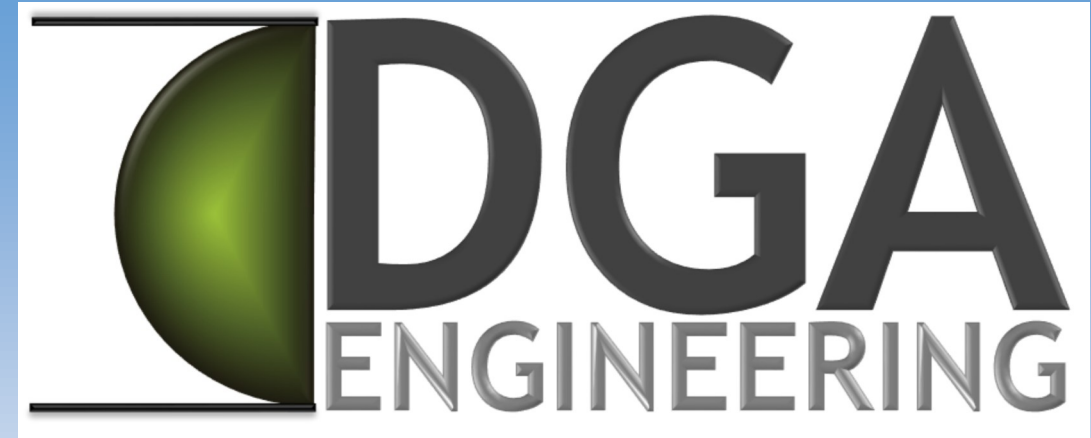
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