

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE CLASSIC

No matter if you are somewhere in Nebraska or anywhere in the United States... you should be making plans to head to Kearney, Nebraska February 19-24, 2008. The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic has put together a great week for cattlemen young and old.

The QUALITY of entries the Classic has received is awesome. The week will kick off with the Classic Ranch Horse Sale & Competition and Working Dog Trials & Sale. The Classic has received record number of entries in the Ranch Horse Sale. We have several new horse breeders in this year's sale. There will be several top cowboys and cowgirls competing for the 2008 Supreme NCC Ranch Horse title. Tuesday, February 19th looks to be an exciting first day for the 17th Annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic.

Tuesday, will also feature the Working Dog Trials & Sale. The Working Dog Sale will feature 6 dogs. The dogs are registered Border Collies and Kelpie cross working dogs. These dogs are trained and ready to go home with cattlemen and go to work. You will not want to miss the Dog Trials at 11:00 a.m. on February 19th.

The cattle shows and sales get under way on Wednesday, February 20th. Cattlemen from all across the Midwest are bringing bulls and heifers that will all be competing for the 2008 title of NCC Supreme Champion Bull or Heifer. On Wednesday the Hereford, Polled Hereford, and Red Angus have a tremendous line-up of bulls and heifers for you to select from. The offering consists of coming 2 year old bulls, yearling bulls, bred heifers and fancy heifer show prospects for you to make your selections from. Thursday, February 21 continues the offering with the Angus, Simmental, Charolais and Braunvieh. Thursday evening will be the Royal Ice Sale. The Royal Ice Sale has a unique offering of genetics for you. Make sure and look up this sale offering! The day will also feature the All American Balancer Bull Futurity Parade and social events.

Friday, February 22nd will showcase the Limousin, Gelbvieh~Balancer, Shorthorn and the Replacement Heifer Pen of 5 Sale. The excitement will continue with these breed shows and sales. The Gelbvieh's will announce the winner of the Balancer Bull Futurity.

The Classic will conclude the breed shows and sales on Saturday with the Maine Anjou and the Chimaine/Chiangus. Not only will there be excitement for the Supreme Row Judging that evening where we will be selecting the 2008 Supreme Champions. The Classic will be hosting the 1st Classic Judging Contest. The Classic has teamed up with UNL, Matt Ellicott, to hold a Beef Judging Contest for FFA, 4-H and College youth from all across the Midwest. The interest in the this new event is tremendous.

Saturday is a very busy day with the Juniors checking in for the Classic Junior Show on Sunday. The Classic Junior Show will start at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 24th.

The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic is excited for the 2008 event and yet we are already putting together some new ideas and changes for the 2009 Classic. The Beef Industry has changed over the last 5 years and continues to change daily. The Classic is looking to add some new events to provide new benefits for cattlemen consigning to the event and commercial cattlemen that are looking to buy bulls and heifers. The other area the Classic will look to enhance is the Classic Junior Show. We will be looking to make several enhancements that can offer Juniors new opportunities at the Classic.

Make sure and look at the Classic Sale catalog on-line at www.necattlemen.com. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call at anytime at 308-627-6385.



I look forward to seeing you at the Classic February 19-24, 2008!

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*Happy New Year!
See you in Kearney, Nebraska!*

