Beef Improvement Federation To Meet

ROANOKE, Va. — The 31st annual convention of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) is scheduled June 16-19 here at the Hotel Roanoke.

Some 500 to 600 beef cattle breeders and producers, university researchers, extension personnel, breed association, and allied industry personnel are expected to attend.

BIF encompasses North America and it's membership is composed of national, state, and provincial beef cattle organizations involved with beef cattle breeding and improvement. Members of such organizations and all others interested in beef cattle improvement are cordially invited to attend. Roanoke is well situated in the mid-Atlantic region and is easily accessible by air or ground transportation.

The convention will open with a cattle reproduction seminar on Wednesday evening, June 16, sponsored by the National Association of Animal Breeders. A symposium on "Profiting From Efficiency" will be Thursday morning, June 17. A second symposium will be Friday morning, June 18 on the topic of "Profiting From Increased Demand."

Special interest sessions will be on Thursday and Friday afternoons on the subjects of producer technology application, live animal evaluation, genetic prediction, multiple trait selection, whole herd analysis, and emerging technology. On Thursday evening, a food, fun and educational event is scheduled at the nearby Transportation Museum. The BIF awards banquet will be Friday evening.

Two excellent tours to Virginia beef cattle farms and historical sites are scheduled Saturday, June 19. Spouse tours are planned for both Thursday and Friday, June 17 & 18.

Contact either Dr. Don Boggs, BIF executive director, Department of Animal and Range Sciences, South Dakota State University, Box 2170, Brookings, SD 57007 or Virginia Convention Chairman, Dr. John Hall, Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306. Information will also be available on the world wide web at the following address: www.conted.vt.edu/bif/va.htm



