

2026 Feedlot Nutritionist Boot Camp Application



August 10th – 14th, 2026
Canyon, TX

The Plains Nutrition Council Feedlot Nutritionist Boot Camp is a week-long educational event for graduate students. The program is designed to bring in the industry's best to discuss topics relevant to feedlot nutrition and provide graduate students with the opportunity to learn information that is not expected to be learned in the classroom during their graduate degree programs. Thanks to the program sponsors, lodging and meals for attendees are paid by the Plains Nutrition Council. Attendees must arrange and are responsible for covering the cost of their transportation to and from the Boot Camp hotel in Canyon, TX.

To be considered, applicants should be working on or recently completed (Spring or Summer 2026) an M.S. or Ph.D. degree in feedlot nutrition or a related field. Program acceptance is contingent upon applicant numbers. Not all applicants will be selected to complete the program. This is a competitive application process. Priority will be given to the applicants determined by the selection committee to be the best candidates for the program. Previous program participants will not be accepted, regardless of degree status. Beginning in 2026, students will not be permitted to complete the program more than once. Additionally, applications must also be accompanied by two letters of recommendation. One of the letters of recommendation must be written by the applicant's current or previous major advisor.

To apply, candidates should 1) complete and submit the application on the following pages, 2) submit a two-page resume or CV that includes any relevant research, industry experience, and/or scientific presentations and publications, and 3) provide two letters of recommendation, as outlined above. Applications will be accepted from April 27th through May 25th, 2026, and should be submitted via email to info@theplainsnutritioncouncil.com. Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be accepted. Announcement of selected candidates will be made via email no later than June 22nd, 2026. Only applicants that receive an invitation to attend the program by June 18th should plan to participate. Selected individuals will need to plan to arrive in Canyon, TX no later than the evening of August 9th and depart no earlier than August 15th. Questions should be directed to the Plains Nutrition Council at info@theplainsnutritioncouncil.com.

Applicant information

Applicant name:

Current university:

Degree currently sought:

M.S. (not continuing on for Ph.D.)

Ph.D.

M.S. (continuing on for Ph.D.)

Post doc

M.S. (undecided on Ph.D.)

Anticipated graduation date:

Major professor:

Major research focus area:

Thesis or dissertation title:

Phone number:

Email address:

Have you already accepted a job that you will begin following completion of this degree?

Yes

No

If you have accepted a job, please describe your title and role.

Applicant name:

Please complete each of the following. Use as much or little of the space that has been provided to adequately convey your answer.

1) Briefly describe your current career aspiration(s) and objective(s).

Applicant name:

2) Briefly describe your experience(s) and interest(s) in cattle feeding.

Applicant name:

3) Briefly describe your experience formulating rations.

Applicant name:

4) Explain why you want to attend the 2026 Feedlot Nutritionist Boot Camp, and why you would benefit from the experience. With a limited number of seats in the program, why should you be selected to participate?

Don't forget to include your resume or CV and 2 letters of recommendation with your application.