

The 2026 Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference

Detailed Agenda (with location in parentheses)

Wednesday – April 8th, 2026

- 12:00 to 2:00 PM Check-in and registration table open (La Villita Foyer)
Graduate poster setup (Mission and La Boveda)
- 2:00 to 6:00 PM Professional members only closed-door session
(La Villita Ballroom)
- 2:00 to 2:10 PM Dr. Lee-Anne Walter of Merck Animal Health –
Introduction and overview of the closed-door session
- 2:10 to 2:40 PM Dr. Adam Shreck of TELUS Agriculture & Consumer
Goods – *Why are we feeding cattle as long as we are?*
- 2:40 to 3:10 PM Dr. Kristin Hales of Texas Tech University – *Energetics
of extending days on feed in cattle*
- 3:10 to 3:30 PM Break
- 3:30 to 4:00 PM Dr. Dale Woerner of Texas Tech University – *The cost of
fat and a new era for red meat yield*
- 4:00 to 4:30 PM Dr. Brad White of the Kansas State University College of
Veterinary Medicine and Beef Cattle Institute – *Days on
feed and disease risk*
- 4:30 to 5:00 PM Break
- 5:00 to 6:00 PM *Speaker panel and open-floor discussion*, moderated by
Mr. Kevin Ochsner of Agcellerate (La Villita Ballroom)
- 6:00 to 8:00 PM Pre-conference reception hosted by Zoetis (Oasis Lawn)

Thursday – April 9th, 2026

- 7:00 to 8:00 AM View graduate student posters (Mission and La Boveda)
- 7:15 to 11:30 AM Check-in and registration table open (La Villita Foyer)

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Thursday – April 9th, 2026 (continued)

7:30 to 11:30 AM	Pre-conference symposium presented by Zoetis (La Villita Ballroom)
7:30 to 7:40 AM	Dr. Lee Bob Harper of Zoetis – <i>Introduction and welcoming remarks</i>
7:40 to 8:10 AM	Dr. Blaine Corners of Zoetis – <i>Choosing the right implant for growing cattle: data review</i>
8:10 to 9:10 AM	Dr. Bryan Bernhard of Zoetis and Dr. Matt Quinn of TELUS Agriculture & Consumer Goods – <i>Research update for long-fed beef and beef-on-dairy cattle</i>
9:10 to 9:25 AM	Break
9:25 to 10:00 AM	Dr. Trent McEvers of Dumas Feedyard LLC – <i>Leveraging terminal sorting to capture added value</i>
10:00 to 10:50 AM	Dr. Dirk Burken of Zoetis – <i>Maximizing performance from reimplanting and chute-side quality control</i>
10:50 to 11:30 AM	Mr. Michael Lammey of Folds of Honor – <i>Folds of Honor partnership: Honor their sacrifice. Educate their legacy.</i>
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Participant boxed lunch, provided by Zoetis (La Villita Foyer) Graduate student, Legend of Feedlot Nutrition, and speaker luncheon, sponsored by Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health (Anaqua Pavilion)
1:00 to 5:30 PM	Spring Conference opening session (La Villita Ballroom) Check-in and registration table open (La Villita Foyer)
1:00 to 1:10 PM	Dr. Lee-Anne Walter of Merck Animal Health – <i>Welcome and introductions</i>
1:10 to 2:00 PM	Mr. Josh Winegarner of Texas Cattle Feeders Association – <i>Policy impacts to cattle feeding</i>

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2:00 to 2:30 PM	Dr. Tony Bryant of Five Rivers Cattle Feeding – 2026 <i>Legends of Feedlot Nutrition</i> induction ceremony
2:30 to 3:00 PM	Break and view graduate student posters (Mission and La Boveda)
3:00 to 3:50 PM	Dr. Paul Beck of Oklahoma State University – <i>Pre-finishing factors influencing feedyard performance and carcass weight</i>
3:50 to 4:40 PM	Dr. Zach Smith of South Dakota State University – <i>Research update: Feed intake management, growth technologies, and days on feed: impacts on performance, efficiency, and carcass merit in feedlot cattle</i>
4:40 to 5:00 PM	Mr. Landon Canterbury of Texas Tech University – <i>Presentation of last year's winning graduate student poster – Energy balance and net energy for maintenance of beef x dairy crossbred steers</i>
5:00 to 5:30 PM	View graduate student posters (Mission and La Boveda)
5:30 to 7:30 PM	RAMP and Sweet Bran reception hosted by Cargill Branded Feeds (Anaqua Pavilion and Oasis Lawn)

Friday – April 10th, 2026

7:45 to 10:00 AM	Check-in and registration table open (La Villita Foyer)
8:00 to 8:30 AM	Plains Nutrition Council business meeting (La Villita Ballroom)
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Spring Conference closing session (La Villita Ballroom)
8:30 to 9:20 AM	Dr. Kristin Hales of Texas Tech University – <i>Research update – The energetic cost of a lipopolysaccharide challenge in growing beef steers</i>

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| 9:20 to 10:10 AM | Dr. Jim MacDonald of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
– <i>Assessing the value of supplemental fat in finishing diets</i> |
| 10:10 to 10:40 AM | Break and view graduate student posters
(Mission and La Boveda) |
| 10:40 to 11:00 AM | Dr. Matt Quinn of TELUS Agriculture & Consumer Goods – <i>Graduate student poster awards presentation</i> , sponsored by Kemin Animal Nutrition and Health |
| 11:00 to 11:50 AM | Dr. Mike Galyean of Texas Tech University –
<i>Relationships between fiber in feedlot diets and growth performance of beef cattle</i> |
| 11:50 AM to 12:00 PM | Dr. John Richeson of West Texas A&M University –
<i>Closing remarks and adjourn</i> |

Layout of the meeting space

Plaza San Antonio Hotel & Spa, Autograph Collection

