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“Round-up for Rez to Rail” offers unique hand-on educational program for Navajo Ranchers

Flagstaff, AZ - The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Navajo Department of Agriculture, Navajo Technical College and the Risk Management Agency Outreach will be hosting a one-day educational event at the tribally owned Peaks Ranch near Flagstaff, Arizona.

The “Round-up for Rez to Rail” is intended as a hands-on educational opportunity for Navajo Ranchers to improve their ranching skills and operations. In the past, similar events have been very successful in providing the public with an overview of the cattle industry along with sound educational workshops.

This year’s program will include a variety of topics including rising fuel costs; feeder cattle market, grass fed beef marketing, carcass quality; acute cattle death losses, developing viable Navajo Beef market and products.

The “Round-up for Rez to Rail” will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2008, at Peak Ranch; located 19 miles north of Flagstaff, AZ. To get there from Highway 89, turn West on Forest Service Rd. (Fr) 417 between mileposts 434 and 435 and there be direction posted. . Navajo translation will be available for some of the sessions.

Learning about the cattle market, sound management practices and production with wise marketing decisions for a better beef product, is the overall goal of “Roundup Rez to Rail.”

The “Roundup for Rez to Rail” event is open to the public and offered free of charge for all those who wish to attend. For more information contact: Grey Farrell, U of A Extension Program Coordinator at (928) 401-0925.

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