8:00am – 12:00pm: Optional pre-program tour to Iowa River Ranch or Couser Cattle Company

**Iowa River Ranch**
The Iowa River Ranch received the 2001 national winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award Program, sponsored by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association; a 2002 Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator’s Award for Environmental Excellence, and the 2003 Spencer Award for Sustainable Agriculture given by ISU’s Leopold Center.
Dave Petty, along with his wife, Diane, own and operate this diversified crop and livestock operation in west central Hardin County. Petty’s Iowa River Ranch runs along several miles of the Iowa River. He constructed more than 12 miles of terraces, several farm ponds, reshaped more than 12 miles of waterways and seeded three miles of buffer strips.

**Couser Cattle Company**
Couser Cattle Co., owned by Bill and Nancy Couser of Nevada, Iowa, is a 2010 NCBA Environmental Stewardship Award winner and the 2015 NCBA Feedlot BQA Award winner. Couser Cattle Co. is multi-faceted operation that annually feeds and finishes 5,000 to 6,000 head of cattle and farms 5,000 acres, producing both corn seed and soybean seed.
The Couser Family has a multi-use Feedlot Learning Center space for training and educating employees, producers, veterinary students, youth groups and the public on animal care and environmental stewardship.

12:00pm: Registration

1:00pm: Welcome and Lunch (Hosted by Story County Cattlemen)

2:00pm: What Consumers Are Telling Us (Allison Wedig, Culvers Marketing Specialist)

3:00pm Stockmanship Panel: Curt Pate, Ron Gill, Justin Rowe, Pete Bakken
   - Moderator: Jesse Fulton, NCBA Director Producer Education

4:00pm Stewardship Panel: Sara Place, Alison Wedig, Craig Moss, Mike Landuyt
   - Moderator: Cody Nelson, Soil RX

5:00pm: Wrap-up Discussion

5:30pm: Adjourn

6:00pm: Dinner. Facts and Fiction of Beef Sustainability (Sara Place, NCBA Senior Director of Sustainable Beef Production Research)
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7:30am: Coffee and Doughnuts

8:00am: BQA/BQAT Classroom Session

10:00am: Cattle Handling Demo with Curt Pate and Ron Gill

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Breakout Rotations (30 minutes each)
  - How acclimating cattle can improve your cattle’s health and performance in the feedlot – Grant Dewell, DVM
  - Getting the most out of your vaccines – Brent Meyer, DVM and Katy Lippolis, Ph.D.
  - Euthanasia and carcass disposal - Renee Dewell, DVM
  - Trailer design and management - Ron Gill
  - Beef Briefs: Current hot topics and policy efforts in D.C – Allison Rivera, NCBA Executive Director, Government Affairs

4:00pm: BQA/TQA Quiz

4:30pm: Closing