

Author Biographies

Jennifer Minick Bormann
Assistant Professor
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Originally from Muscatine, Iowa, Dr. Jennifer Minick Bormann grew up showing Shorthorn cattle and riding horses in her spare time. She earned a B.S. in animal science from Iowa State University in 1997. From there she went to Oklahoma State University to earn her M.S. and then back to Iowa State University to complete a Ph.D. in 2004. She joined the faculty at Kansas State University in 2004 as an assistant professor, with a 65% teaching and 35% research appointment. Dr. Bormann specializes in beef cattle breeding and genetics and has worked on a number of projects including collaborations with the NCBA and the American Angus Association. Currently she teaches or co-teaches genetics, animal breeding, advanced animal breeding, equine genetics, and equine lab, as well as advises undergraduate students and the KSU Pre-Vet Club.

Darrh Bullock
Extension Professor
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Darrh Bullock grew up on a family cattle/watermelon farm in north-central Florida. He received his bachelor's degree from Auburn University and started his career as herdsman at Auburn's Lower Coastal Plains Experiment Station. He returned to school and received his master's degree from Auburn University and doctorate from the University of Georgia. Darrh joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1992 as an Assistant Extension Professor and currently holds the rank of Extension Professor. His responsibilities are for statewide education in beef production with an emphasis in breeding management. Darrh serves as Eastern Region Secretary of the Beef Improvement Federation, represents the United States on the International Committee for Animal Recording Beef Working Group and is a director for the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium where he serves as co-coordinator of educational programs.

Mark Enns
Assistant Professor
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Mark Enns grew up working on the family's fourth-generation wheat and cattle farm in northwest Oklahoma. He received his bachelor's degree from Tabor College and his master's and doctorate degrees from Colorado State University. After finishing his education, Mark spent two years in New Zealand working for a private ranching company where he was charged with developing and implementing evaluation and selection procedures to improve the profitability of the company. Upon his return to the United States, he spent four years at the University of Arizona, before joining the faculty at Colorado State University as an assistant professor in 2001. At CSU, Mark teaches both undergraduate- and graduate-level courses in animal breeding and integrated resource management. His research focuses on methods to genetically evaluate and select animals that fit their production environment both biologically and economically. He serves as the director of operations for the CSU Center for Genetic Evaluation of Livestock, a center that calculates EPD for breed associations and producers' groups both nationally and internationally. He is also the Western Region Secretary of the Beef Improvement Federation.

Dan W. Moser
Associate Professor
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

A native of northeast Kansas, Moser received his B.S. in 1991 from Kansas State University, then earned his M.S. (1994) and Ph.D. (1997) from the University of Georgia. He currently serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at K-State. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in genetics and animal breeding and serves as advisor to undergraduate and graduate students. His recent research has focused on the use of ultrasound measurements in national cattle evaluation for carcass traits and the impacts of selection for carcass traits on cow reproduction and efficiency. He served as Breed Association Liaison for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Carcass Merit Project, a research project studying the genetics of beef tenderness and other carcass traits in 14 breeds of cattle. He is also a member of the Ultrasound Guidelines Council, a director of the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium, and a consulting geneticist for the American Hereford Association. He remains active in his family's Hereford and Angus seedstock operation. He and his wife Lisa have three young children.

Janice Rumph
Assistant Professor
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Janice Rumph is a native of southeast Michigan where she grew up on a small livestock and fruit operation. Janice received her B.S. degree in animal science from Michigan State University and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, also in animal science. While in graduate school, Janice completed research internships with the Meat Animal Research Center, North American Limousin Foundation, and the Red Angus Association of America. Since 2003, Janice has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University. Her responsibilities include research in cattle and sheep genetics and teaching the department's two animal breeding courses.

Daryl Strohbahn
Professor
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Daryl Strohbahn was raised on a family-owned cattle and grain farm in northeast Iowa. He received his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in animal science, and his master's and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University. Strohbahn joined the faculty at Iowa State University in 1974 and is currently Professor of Animal Science. Strohbahn coordinates outreach efforts in cow-calf production in Iowa with assistance from field staff specialists and other central staff members. He is recognized in the Corn Belt for his work in cow-calf production systems that utilize on-farm resources and correct genetic systems to yield profit. In addition, regional and national educational efforts are done with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium, Beef Improvement Federation, and the Forage and Grassland Council.

Alison Van Eenennaam
Cooperative Extension Specialist
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS

Alison Van Eenennaam is a Cooperative Extension Specialist in Animal Genomics and Biotechnology at the University of California in Davis. She has a bachelor of agricultural science degree from the University of Melbourne in Australia and both an M.S. and a Ph.D. in genetics from U.C.-Davis. Her position involves the development of a research and educational outreach program in the area of animal genomics and biotechnology. Her research laboratory is focused on the modification of dietary milk lipids for the improvement of human health and the development of methods for the biological containment of genetically engineered organisms. Outreach activities include developing educational materials about animal biotechnologies including cloning, genetic engineering, and the use of DNA marker-assisted selection. She serves as a member of the USDA National Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) and represents Extension as a member of the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium Advisory Council.

Bob Weaber
Assistant Professor
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Bob Weaber joined the faculty of the Division of Animal Sciences at the University of Missouri in 2004. He holds the rank of Assistant Professor and serves as the State Extension Specialist-Beef Genetics. Bob is responsible for educational programming in the area of beef cattle genetics. He completed his doctoral studies in the Animal Breeding and Genetics Group at Cornell University. While a graduate student at Cornell University, he served as the Interim Director of Performance Programs for the American Simmental Association for three and one-half years. Prior to joining the research team at Cornell, Bob was Director of Education and Research at the American Gelbvieh Association for five years. He earned a master's degree in the Beef Industry Leadership Program at Colorado State University. He is also the recipient of a B.S. degree from Colorado State in animal science with a minor in agricultural economics. Bob grew up on his family's cow-calf operation in southern Colorado. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Beef Improvement Federation and is a co-coordinator of the NBCEC's education programs.