**Directions to Conference**

From Exit 108 in Morrilton, go south on Arkansas Hwy. 9 to U.S. 64, turn right and go about 1/2 mile and turn right on Levi Drive, just past the Agri Coop. The Conway County Fairgrounds will be on the left and the meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building (large blue metal building).

**Register at the Door**

$20 per person

Contact your local Extension Office for additional information.

ARPAS members attending the 2014 River Valley Beef Cattle Conference will be allowed 3 CEUs.
8:30 a.m.  Registration

9:00 a.m.  Introductions and Welcome – Mr. Kevin VanPelt

9:05 a.m.  Welcome – Mr. Perry McCourt

9:10 a.m.  Sire Selection
Mr. Bryan Kutz

9:40 a.m.  How to Rebuild the Cow Herd
Dr. Tom Troxel

10:20 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  Calf Health and Preconditioning
Dr. Jeremy Powell, DVM

11:15 a.m.  Pasture Weed Control
Dr. John Boyd

Noon  Lunch

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Kevin VanPelt, County Extension Agent – Agriculture, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service.

Perry McCourt grew up on a row crop, cattle, and broiler farm in Louisiana and attended Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in Ag Business. He transferred to Arkansas Tech University in Russellville and graduated with an Ag Business degree in 1980. Mr. McCourt has been with Farm Credit since 1982 and is currently the Regional Vice President covering 14 counties.

Mr. Bryan Kutz is an instructor in Animal Science at the University of Arkansas and coordinates youth livestock programs within the state. He serves as the Animal Science Recruiting Coordinator, youth livestock extension specialist and coach of Livestock Judging Team for the University of Arkansas since 1997. He has a B.S. in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University, an M.S. in reproduction from Western Kentucky University and is specializing in animal breeding and genetics within his Ph.D. program at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Jeremy Powell is a Professor and Veterinarian with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. He provides leadership in beef cattle health research coordinated through the Animal Science Department. He also teaches two courses in addition to working with Arkansas livestock producers through the Cooperative Extension Service. His major program efforts include Livestock Disease Prevention, the Arkansas Beef Quality Assurance Program, and Beef Cattle Herd Health.

Dr. Tom Troxel is a Professor and Associate Department Head – Animal Science. Dr. Troxel’s primary responsibility is planning, executing and evaluating beef cattle programs in order to support, strengthen and improve county programs. Some of his major programming areas include the 300 Day Grazing program, Arkansas Beef Quality Assurance program, Livestock Market News, factors affecting the selling price of Arkansas cattle, and Animal Science electronic newsletters.

Dr. John Boyd received his Ph.D. in weed science from Oklahoma State University. He is an Extension Weed Scientist at the University of Arkansas specializing in pasture, turf and right-of-way weed control.