

A close-up photograph of two cattle heads, likely a cow and a bull, facing each other. The image is heavily blurred and has a soft, ethereal quality, with a light blue and white color palette. The texture of the fur is visible but out of focus.

Virginia Beef Cattle University 2026 Schedule

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

11:00-12:30 Early Check in at the Alphin Stuart Arena

1:00- 4:30 Hands-on Workshops

5:00- 7:00 pm Registration at the Virginia Tech Inn

Thursday, July 9th, 2026

7:30 –9:00 Check in and Tradeshow Opens

8:00-8:50 VCA Member Service Committee Meeting

9:00-9:50 Keynote Session #1 - Dr. Dave Kohl

10:00- 11:50 Breakout Sessions #1

12:00- 1:20 Lunch and Tradeshow

1:30-2:20 Keynote Session #2 - Dr. Kenny Burdine

2:30 -4:20 Breakout Session #2

4:30- 6:00 Sponsored Happy Hour

6:30 –9:00 Prime Time: Beef and Brews

Friday, July 10th, 2026

7:30 Tradeshow Opens

8:00-8:50 VCA Policy Committee Meeting

9:00-9:45 Keynote Session #3 - Dr. Dan Thomson

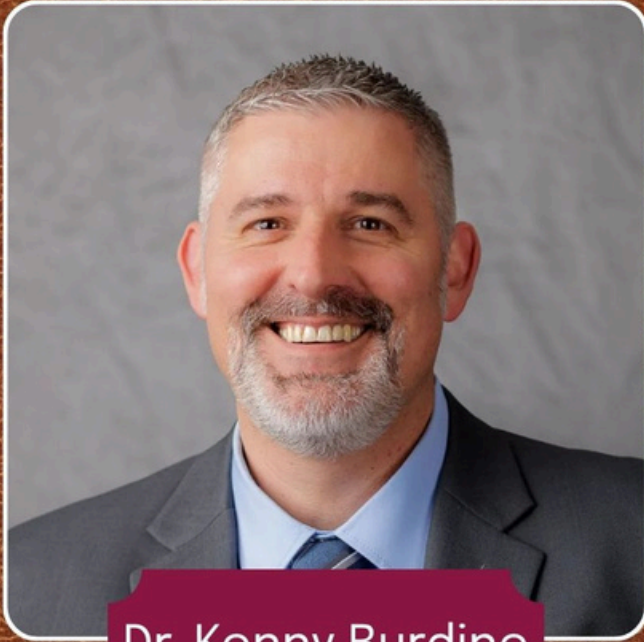
9:45-10:30 Keynote Session #4 - Mr. Gene Copenhaver

10:30-12:30 Breakout Session #3

12:30 Tradeshow Closes

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General Session Speakers



Dr. Kenny Burdine



Gene Copenhaver



Dr. Dan Thomson



Dr. Dave Kohl



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10-10:50	“Understanding BRDC in Stocker Calves” JodyWade <i>Sponsored by</i>  Assembly Hall	“Drought Management Considerations on Beef Farms” Dr. Matt Poore Solitude	“Updates on Dewormer Effectiveness Across the US” Kevin Johnson <i>Sponsored by</i>  Cascades	“Taking a Nutritional Approach to Systemic Health” Landon Canterbury <i>Sponsored by</i>  Smithfield
11-11:50	“Maximizing Natural Service Breeding Programs” Dr. Pedro Fontes Assembly Hall	“Winter Feeding Cows with Short Hay Supply” Dr. Rodrigo Marques Solitude	“Freezer Beef Economics” Dr. Kenny Burdine Cascades	“Risk Management (Futures Market 101)” Jake McCall <i>Sponsored by</i>  Smithfield

2:30-3:20	“Leadership in the Beef Cattle Industry” Gene Copenhaver Assembly Hall	“New Tools in Selecting Bulls” Dr. Scott Greiner <i>Sponsored by</i>  Solitude	“Factors Affecting Hay Yield & Quality ” Phil Blevins Cascades	“New World Screwworm” Dr. Wayne Ayers <i>Sponsored by</i>  Smithfield
3:30-4:20	“Bovine Respiratory Disease: Prevention and Treatment” Dr. Dan Thomson <i>Sponsored by</i>  Assembly Hall	“Using the Good Times to Prepare for the Bad” Dr. Alex White Solitude	“New Technologies for Beef Cattle (Virtual Fencing and Heat Detection & Health Systems)” Dr. John Currin & Anna Cappellina Cascades	“Why Do We Vaccinate?” Dr. Vickie Cooper <i>Sponsored by</i>  Smithfield

10:30-11:20	“Understanding Different Vaccine Types and Their Usages” Dr. John Currin Assembly Hall	“Building an Improved Forage System in the Tall Fescue Belt” Dr. Matt Poore Solitude	“Nutrient Management and VA Cost Share for Beef Producers” Seth Mullins & Dr. Angela White Ball <i>Sponsored by</i> 1926-2026 Celebrating 100 Years  Cascades
11:30-12:30	“Treating BRDC in Stocker Calves” Jody Wade <i>Sponsored by</i>  Assembly Hall	“Synchronization Protocols in AI” Dr. Pedro Fontes Solitude	“Beef Quality Assurance Training” Emily Bowman Cascades

