

SA beef forum a 'must'

BEEF producers who attend the PIBA-JS Davies Beef Forum next month will hear some of the highest quality speakers ever assembled for a forum in SA.

It will be held at Hahndorf Resort on May 7, with sessions starting at 8.45am.

University of Adelaide's Wayne Pitchford will chair the opening session, which will include an address by Cattle & Beef Quality Cooperative Research Centre chief executive Professor Bernie Bindon.

Mount Barker stud and commercial beef producer Shirley Barker will chair the next session, which will include talks by Meat & Livestock Australia's SA regional manager Roger Bond and Richard MacFarlane, whose family run the high quality Wellington Lodge commercial Angus herd at Tailem Bend.

Other speakers during the day include Texas University asso-

ciate professor Steven Wikse, covering a US program aimed at ensuring Texas cow-calf and stocker operations are safe, wholesome and have consumer confidence.

"This is basically an educational beef quality assurance program for producers that addresses quality control points on food safety," Dr Pitchford said.

"I am sure our producers will enjoy hearing about this program because it is applicable in Australia."

Another speaker will be Murray Bridge meat processor T&R Pastoral's Bob Rowe, on balancing quality requirements along the beef supply chain.

Livestock Transport Association president Mick O'Hara will speak about the transport industry's role in developing quality in the beef industry.

• Details: Registrations will be from 8am. For more information phone Dr Pitchford 08 8303 7642 or mobile 0418 809 688.



BEEF EDUCATION: The program at this year's forum will focus on quality control for food safety.