**WERA-1 Multistate Meeting Agenda**

**September 5-6, 2024**

**Brookings and Philip, SD**

**Wednesday September 4**

Arrive and check in at Brookings, SD

For attendees who are flying, the closest two commercial airports are Sioux Falls, SD and Watertown, SD. Please let the meeting organizer (Gonda) know if you would like transportation to/from the airport and around Brookings. Both airports are approximately 50-60 minutes from Brookings. Transportation to/from the airport will be provided by SDSU free of charge.

For attendees who are driving, most Brookings hotels are near Exit 132 on Interstate 29.

We don’t have a group rate at a hotel in Brookings but two excellent options include the following hotels.

Holiday Inn Express Hampton Inn & Suites

3020 Lefevre Drive 3017 Lefevre Drive

Brookings, SD, 57006 Brookings, SD, 57006

(605) 692-9060 (605) 697-5232

Both hotels are close together and close to Interstate 29 Exit 132. Other hotels are also available in the area. The above hotels offer a breakfast that is included in the rate.

6:30 PM Whiskey Creek

**Thursday September 5**

Attendees will fly to Philip or Wall, SD on the SDSU University Airplane. Departure and arrival times are TBD. The plane flight is paid for the SD Agricultural Experiment Station.

Attendees will tour the Cottonwood Research Station and visit with faculty located at the West River Research and Extension Center. More details will be available soon.

Attendees will fly back to Brookings on the same day.

**Friday September 6 – SDSU Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility**

9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions

9:10 AM Dr. John Jaeger, SDSU Department of Animal Science Head

9:30 AM Station Reports

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Finish Station Reports

11:00 AM Update from Administrative Advisor (Holly Neibergs)

 WERA-1 Business Meeting

12:00 PM Tour SDSU Cow-Calf Education and Research Facility

12:30 PM Lunch – provided by SDSU Department of Animal Science

1:00 PM Return Home