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WV Beef Sampling Event Set for June 10 at Clarksburg City Hall

Charleston, W.Va. – The distinctive summer smell of beef hitting the grill will be wafting around Clarksburg City Hall this Friday, June 10, when the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and West Virginia Beef Council team up for a “Beef for Father’s Day” sampling event.

Local WV beef samples will be served from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. outside city hall for the public to enjoy, free of charge.

“Beef is big business when it comes to West Virginia agriculture, second only to our commercial poultry industry,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick.

West Virginia’s farmers raise 138 million pounds of beef each year. That adds up to a \$200-\$225 million industry. That number could be even larger, according to the commissioner, if the meat raised here in West Virginia stayed in-state for processing. Currently most of the state’s cattle are sold at livestock auctions and shipped to the Midwest for slaughter.

“Beef is a cornerstone of the state’s agricultural economy, and I’m committed to finding ways to keep West Virginia cattle and West Virginia dollars in this state,” says Helmick.

Additional “Beef for Father’s Day” program events will be held during June in Beckley and Parkersburg.

For more information about “Beef for Father’s Day,” contact WVDA Communications Officer Buddy Davidson at bdavidson@wvda.us or 304-558-3708.

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