Our NEW YEAR is off to an exciting start as we continue planning for two major forage events this month. We are excited about “Forages at KCA” and the “Heart of America Grazing Conference”. Look forward to seeing you at both events.

FORAGES AT KCA
The Forages at KCA will be held at the Executive Inn in Owensboro, on January 13. The program will be as follows:

9:00 Welcome
9:10 Using Legumes to RENEW Grass Pastures – Dr. Garry Lacefield
9:30 Roundup Ready Alfalfa, Novel Endophyte Tall Fescue, New Clovers and Bermudagrass and MORE – Dr. Ray Smith
10:00 New Developments in Pasture Weed Control – Dr. Bill Witt
10:30 How Good is Your Hay? – Mr. Tom Keene
11:00 Forage Systems to Minimize Hay & Concentrate Needs – Dr. Glen Aiken
11:30 Adjourn
12:00 Opening luncheon of the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Convention.

Hope to see you there!

HEART OF AMERICA GRAZING CONFERENCE
The 5th HOAGC will be held at the Cave City Convention Center on January 25-26. We encourage you to pre-register by filling out the form on the back and returning. If you have any questions, please contact Christi at 270-365-7541, Ext. 221 or Garry at 270-365-7541, Ext. 202.

January 25, 2006 (all times are Central Standard Time)

1:00 PM–5:45 PM Registration / Exhibit Setup
6:00 PM Welcome & Introductions
   Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist

January 26, 2006

7:30 AM Registration & Refreshments / Silent Auction / Visit Exhibits
8:30 AM Welcome
   Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Assistant Director for Agriculture & Natural Resources
8:40 AM Pastures for Horses: Challenges & Opportunities
   Dr. Bob Coleman, UK Extension Horse Specialist
9:00 AM From Traditional Confinement Dairying to Grazing Replacement Heifers
   Mr. Bill Payne, KY Dairy Producer
9:20 AM Grazing Program for Goats
   Mr. Greg Brann, TN USDA Grazing Land Specialist
9:40 AM Maximizing Production of Beef Cattle on Pastures
   Dr. Justin Sexten, Extension Animal Systems Specialist, Univ. of IL
10:00 AM Pastures for Wildlife
   Dr. Don Ball, Extension Forage Crops Agronomist, Auburn Univ.

For more forage information, visit our UK Forage Extension Website at: http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage
Conference Registration

Name ______________________________
Address ____________________________
City _______________________________
State/Zip ___________________________
Phone _____________________________
E-mail _____________________________

Registration

The registration fee is $15/day/person or $25 for both days.

Amount Enclosed:  $ __________

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26TH KENTUCKY ALFALFA CONFERENCE

The 26th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference will be held at the Fayette County Extension Office in Lexington February 23, 2006. Complete details of the program are available on our website www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage.

SELECTING VARIETIES FOR KENTUCKY

The 2005 forage variety reports will be available on the University of Kentucky Forage website in early January (www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage). If you do not have access to the web then contact your local county agent for a hard copy of any report listed below. If you are trying to decide the best variety for your farm or are making recommendations to others check out these updated reports first. We are currently conducting forage yield trials for: Alfalfa, Orchardgrass, Red clover, White clover, Timothy, Tall fescue, Annual ryegrass, and Perennial ryegrass and grazing tolerance trials for: Alfalfa, Red and White clover, Cool-season grasses, and Cool-season grass tolerance to horse grazing. Locations include Lexington, Princeton, Bowling Green, and Quicksand. You may want to look at variety information from surrounding states. These can be found at the Forage website previously listed under the link “Variety Trials: Other States.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 13 Forages at KCA, Executive Inn, Owensboro
JAN 13-14 Kentucky Cattleman Association Convention, Executive Inn, Owensboro
JAN 25-26 Heart of America Grazing Conference, Cave City Convention Center, Cave City
FEB 23 26th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference, Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington
MAR 10-14 American Forage & Grassland Council, San Antonio, TX

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