



FORAGE NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Dinner

Awards

Dr. Ray Smith, Mr. Dan Grigson, & Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Extension

Program

Forages in Kentucky

Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist

Can We Graze Year-round in the Heart of America?

Mr. Ed Ballard, Grazing Educator, IL

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.

- 10:20 AM **Discussion**
 10:30 AM **Break, Silent Auction, Visit Exhibits**
- 11:00 AM **Animal Behavior: Impact on Grazing**
Mr. Mark Kennedy, MO NRCS State Grassland Specialist
- 11:30 AM **Grazing Programs: Environmentally Friendly, Economically Sound and Agronomically Feasible**
Mr. Sid Brantly, KY NRCS
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
 12:50 PM **Silent Auction Announcements**
 1:00 PM **Breakout Session**
 2:00 PM **Break**
 2:30 PM **Repeat Breakout Session**
 3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Break-out Sessions

**SESSION 1: Tall Fescue – Endophyte – Animal Relations
 Tall Fescue from 1931-2006**

Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist
Mineral Supplements and Feed Additives – Can They Eliminate Fescue Toxicity?
Dr. John Johns, UK Extension Beef Specialist

SESSION 2: Developing Fencing & Water Systems for Efficient Grazing

Chargers, Post, and Wire
Mr. Ken Johnson, KY USDA District Conservationist
Developing Watering Systems for Efficient Grazing
Mr. Kevin Laurent, UK Animal Science Extension Associate

**SESSION 3: Non-traditional Forages for Grazing
 Corn and other annuals**

Mr. Jeff McCutcheon, OSU Extension Educator-Ag. & Natural Resources
Role of Warm Season Perennials in Grazing Programs
Mr. Mark Kennedy, MO NRCS State Grassland Specialist

Turnips, and other brassicas
Mr. Dave Robison, Ampac Seed Co.

SESSION 4: Kentucky Producers Panel

Dr. Ray Smith, UK Extension, Moderator

How We Use Our Pastures

Horse - Mr. Doug Gehner
 Beef - Mr. Russell Hackley
 Goats/Sheep - Dr. Gil Myers
 Dairy - Mr. Bill Payne

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

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: \$ _____

Return this form with check payable to:

HOAGC

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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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