

Webster County SWCD
1202 Banning St.
Marshfield, MO 65706

Or Current Resident

41st Annual



Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

OASIS CONVENTION CENTER

2546 North Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803 Hotel

Phone: 417-866-5253

Conference Fee - \$55.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

DUE BY FEBRUARY 14, 2025 (\$65.00 after Feb-

ruary 14) *Registration by mail must be received by*

2-21-2025

Registration limited to the first 430 pre-registered—No walk in registration

For more information call 417-468-4176, ext. 3 or visit our website for on-line registration:

www.springforageconference.com

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Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at conference rate of **\$109.00, plus tax, until Jan. 23, 2024** Contact Oasis Hotel, 417-866-5253 Ask for "Spring Forage Conference" rate. **Conference affiliates include:** Missouri Forage & Grassland Council/ Grazing Land Conservation Initiative, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Missouri Extension, SW Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Missouri State University Darr School of Agriculture, Missouri Department of Conservation. Several sessions may count toward CEU credits for Certified Crop Advisors and AFGC Grassland Professionals.

Driving Directions to Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

From Interstate 44 take exit #77, Glenstone Ave. Go south about 1 block. Entrance to **OASIS Hotel and Convention Center** is on left (east) side of street. Turn into entrance and follow drive past the front of the hotel. It goes around the hotel to the convention center. The convention center is behind the hotel, to the east. Parking is on the north, east and south sides of the convention center.



February 25, 2025 8:00-8:45 am
REGISTRATION & VISIT TRADE SHOW

8:45 - 9:30 -- CONCURRENT SESSION A
(Select one of these five sessions to attend)

(A1) Grazing Cover Crops: Insights for Success
(REPEATED AT 1:45 PM) *

Mary Drewnoski, Extension Beef Systems Specialist,
University of Nebraska

(A2) Annuals for Forage
(REPEATED AT 1:45 pm) *

Drexel Atkisson, Soil Health Specialist, USDA/NRCS

(A3) Fescue Toxicosis and Counteracting it with Forage Legumes

Dr. Michael Flythe, Research Leader,
USDA Agricultural Research Service, Forage-Animal Production

(A4) Native Warm Season Grass Establishment

Ethan Kleekamp, Private Land Conservationist,
Missouri Department of Conservation

(A5) Sheep & Goats: Forages for Sheep & Goats

Tim Schnakenberg, Agronomy Specialist, MU Extension

9:30-10:15 BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

10:15 - 11:00 -- CONCURRENT SESSION B
(Select one of these five sessions to attend)

**(B1) Sunn Hemp: A Novel Warm Season Complement to Tall Fescue
Based Forage Systems in Missouri**

(REPEATED AT 2:45 PM) *

Dr. Harley Naumann, Associate Professor & State Extension Specialist,
Forage & Grazing Lands, University of Missouri

(B2) Will it pay? Soil fertility

(REPEATED AT 2:45 pm) *

Dr. Will McClain, Associate Professor, Missouri State University

(B3) Matching Beef Cows to their Environment

Dr. Jamie T. Courter, State Genetics Extension Specialist,
University of Missouri

**(B4) Producer Panel: Experiences From the Front Lines of Custom
Grazing**

Dr. Jason Salchow, DVM, Graziar, Veterinarian & Teacher
Danny McCurry, Cowboy Poet & Polk County Producer

(B5) Sheep & Goats: Market Outlook & Preferences

Jennifer Lutes, Ag Business Specialist, MU Extension

11:00-11:30 BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

11:30 LUNCHEON

Welcome – Jim Plassmeyer, Soil and Water Conservation Program
Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Keynote Address

Looking Back at Advancements in Forage Production

Dr. Gary Bates, Department Head and Professor,
University of Tennessee, Plant Sciences

1:15 - 1:45 BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

1:45 - 2:30 -- CONCURRENT SESSION C
(Select one of these five sessions to attend)

(C1) Steps to Successful Forage Establishment

Dr. Gary Bates, Department Head and Professor,
University of Tennessee, Plant Sciences

***(C2) Grazing Cover Crops: Insights for Success**

Mary Drewnoski, Extension Beef Systems Specialist,
University of Nebraska

***(C3) Annuals for Forage**

Drexel Atkisson, Soil Health Specialist, USDA/NRCS

(C4) Managing Mineral Nutrition in Beef Cattle

Dr. Jason Smith, Associate Professor & Extension Beef Cattle Specialist,
Texas A&M Agralife Extension

(C5) Sheep & Goats: Get Paid to Graze Panel Discussion

Susan Jaster, Farm Outreach Worker, Lincoln University

Margaret Chamas, Affiliate Network Support, Goats on the Go

2:30 - 2:45 BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

2:45 - 3:30 -- CONCURRENT SESSION D
(Select one of these five sessions to attend)

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Dr. Harley Naumann, Associate Professor & State Extension Specialist,
Forage and Grazing Lands, University of Missouri

***(D2) Will it pay? Soil fertility**

Dr. Will McClain, Associate Professor, Missouri State University

(D3) Cash, Grass & Cows – Flexible Stocking Rates for Profitability
Steve Freeman, Owner & Operator, Woods Fork Cattle Company LLC

(D4) Livestock Safety Tips for Warm Season Grasses

Dr. Tim Evans,

State Extension Specialist in Animal Health & Veterinary Toxicology,
MU College of Veterinary Medicine & MU Extension and Engagement

(D5) Agravoltaiacs for Cattle Production Systems

Brad Heins, Professor of Animal Science, University of Minnesota

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NAME(S) _____ CONFERENCE FEE: _____ Number _____ Total \$ _____

ADDRESS _____ By February 14, 2025 @ \$55.00 /ea. _____

After February 14, 2025 @ \$65.00/ea. _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____
Meal Includes Beef - Any dietary restrictions? YES NO. If YES, please make staff aware at check-in.

- Please return completed form with Spring Forage Conference
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