

Heart of America Grazing Conference

January 20, 2014

(All Times are Eastern Standard Time)

4:00 PM–6:15 PM **Registration and Visit Trade Show**

6:30 PM **Welcome & Introductions**
Mr. Brad Shelton, *Feldun-Purdue Ag Center Superintendent*

Dinner

Program

Big Contributions from the Smallest State West of the Appalachian Mountains

Dr. Keith Johnson, *Purdue Extension Forage Specialist*

Meadow Bromegrass and Meadow Fescue — What We have Learned

Dr. Sam Stratton, *FFR Cooperative*

Grazing — Opportunities and Challenges

Mr. Dave Nuhring, *Grazing Systems Supply and Producer*

January 21, 2014

7:00 AM **Registration and Refreshments / Visit Trade Show and Silent Auction**

8:00 AM **Welcome**
Mr. Jason Tower, *Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center Superintendent*

8:10 AM **Thirteen Years of HOAGC — How Are We Grazing Now?**

Mr. Ed Ballard, *University of Illinois Extension, retired*

Dr. Garry Lacefield, *University of Kentucky Forage Specialist*

Mr. Mark Kennedy, *Missouri NRCS Grazingland Specialist, retired*

9:30 AM **Break – Visit Trade Show and Silent Auction**

10:00 AM **Prescribed Woodlot Grazing Utilizing Goats for Management of Non-native Invasive Vegetation**
Mr. Ron Rathfon, *Purdue Forestry and Natural Resources*

10:45 AM **Break – Visit Trade Show and Silent Auction**

11:00 AM **Effect of Forage Type on Animal Performance and Meat Quality of Forage-Finished Beef**
Dr. John Andrae, *Clemson University*

12:00 PM **Lunch – Visit Trade Show**

12:50 PM **Silent Auction Announcements**

1:00 PM **Forage-finished vs. Grain-finished Beef — Is There a Difference?**
Dr. John Andrae, *Clemson University*

1:45 PM **Break – Visit Trade Show**

2:15 PM **Building Soil Health Through Grazing Management**
Mr. Doug Peterson, *Missouri NRCS State Soil Health Specialist*

3:00 PM **300 Days of Grazing**
Dr. John Jennings, *University of Arkansas Forage Specialist*

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

Dr. John Andrae — Associate Professor, Clemson University. Current research efforts are examining the effects of forage species on the production and palatability of forage-finished beef.

Mr. Ed Ballard — Animal Systems Educator, University of Illinois, retired. He was a co-founder of this conference and currently serves as Liaison and Farm Manager for the University of Illinois Dudley Smith Research Farm.

Dr. John Jennings — Extension Forage Specialist, University of Arkansas. His program emphasizes grazing management, soil fertility and the 300 days of Grazing Program

Mr. Mark Kennedy — Grazingland Specialist, USDA-NRCS Missouri, retired. He was a co-founder of this conference. He serves as a grazing instructor at many grazing schools annually and runs a small meat goat operation.

Dr. Garry Lacefield — University of Kentucky, Forage Specialist. He was a co-founder of this conference. He is co-author of the book “Southern Forages,” a great forage resource book.

Mr. Dave Nuhring — Owner, Grazing Systems Supply (GSS). He is founder of GSS, a full service forage supply company providing quality seeds and grazing supplies. He also operates a custom grazing business.

Mr. Doug Peterson — State Soil Health Specialist, USDA-NRCS Missouri. He teaches about soil health and how it impacts about all natural resource processes. He also runs a 500 head cow-calf operation with his father.

Mr. Ron Rathfon — Extension Forester, Purdue University. He is a founding member of the Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management group and conducts applied forest management research and Extension programming.

Dr. Sam Stratton — FFR Cooperative. A native of southern Indiana, Sam is a Purdue Ph.D. graduate. He has been a forage breeder at FFR cooperative since 1978 working with orchardgrass, tall fescue, timothy and red clover.

Conference Registration

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Early Registration — by December 20

Full Registration \$65 _____

2nd from same farm \$55 _____

One Day Registration \$40 _____

2nd from same farm \$35 _____

Please indicate 1/20 _____ or 1/21 _____

After December 20

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2nd from same farm \$45 _____

Please indicate 1/20 _____ or 1/21 _____

Meals with registration after January 13 CANNOT be guaranteed.

Return this form with check payable to:

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c/o Keith Johnson
915 West State Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2054

General Information

Conference Site

The Clarion Hotel at Columbus, Indiana is the host site for the 2014 conference. It is conveniently located east of I-65 at Exit 68 in south central Indiana. For more information about the area, contact the Columbus Area Visitors Center at (800) 486-6564 or visit the website: www.columbus.in.us

Lodging

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Clarion Hotel at a conference rate of \$84.00 + tax until **December 20, 2013**. Contact the Clarion Inn at (812) 372-1541 and indicate that you are with the Heart of America Grazing Conference.

See the Indiana Forage Council Website for additional information:
www.indianaforage.org/

If you are interested in participating at this event as a vendor please contact Jason Tower at 812-678-4427 or towerj@purdue.edu

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