

## Forages Program at the 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium Offers something for All Types of Livestock Producers

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According to Garry L. Mathes, Chair of the 2009 Missouri livestock Symposium Planning Committee, this year's program could be the best ever. Mathes indicates that speakers will be coming from 11 states to share their knowledge and expertise with livestock producers. In addition to these nationally and internationally recognized experts there will be an agriculture related trade show and top notch country music entertainment.

This year those attending the Symposium will find programs for horse producers, beef cattle producers, sheep and meat goat producers, and, of course, the always popular section for those who want the latest information on forages.

Topics and speakers for this year's forage programs are: USDA Grasslands Specialist Mark Kennedy who talks on *Extending Grazing and Reducing Stored Feed Needs*; Dr. David Davis of the University of Missouri's Forages System Research Center whose "Research Update" will provide information on the latest research from the center; Dr. Ed Ballard, Animal Systems Specialist (retired), from the University of Illinois who speaks on *Economic Ways to Extend the Grazing Season*; USDA's John Turner and producer Mike Houston of Missouri who team up to share their expertise on the *How, When, and Why's of Getting Started with Stockpiling and Strip Grazing*; and forage and cattle producer David Otte, Forage Manager at Green Valley Seed, speaking on *Forage Choices: The Pros and Cons*.

The 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium hours are from 4 pm to 10 pm on Friday, December 4, and from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, December 5. Friday night's program will feature nationally syndicated AgriTalk radio host Mike Adams, a classic tractor display, a talk on "Agriculture under Attack", and the always popular trade show.

Chef Dave Zino from Colorado will be on hand Saturday for a cooking demonstration and to unveil some new beef cuts. In all, nationally and internationally known speakers from 11 states will share their knowledge with horse, beef cattle, sheep, meat goat, and forage producers. There are even talks on gardening, quilting, grape production, and renewable energies. Mathes indicates if you have an interest in agriculture, or are simply a consumer; the Missouri Livestock Symposium has "something for you". A look at all of the topics and speakers may be found at the Missouri Livestock Symposium website which is [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com). Or call 660-665-9866 or email Bruce Lane at [lanen@missouri.edu](mailto:lanen@missouri.edu) (and put MLS in the subject line) for more information.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is held at the Kirksville Middle School Complex, 1515 South Cottage Grove in Kirksville, Missouri. There are no costs to attend the Symposium and no registration is needed. There are also some free meals that make the Missouri Livestock Symposium "one of the best deals going" according to Mathes.

The Symposium closes out on Saturday night with a concert by country music artist Steve Holy ([www.stev holy.com](http://www.stev holy.com)). The concert is the only ticketed event for the Symposium and tickets may be purchased by calling 660-665-9866. Seating is limited and tickets are sold on a first come first served basis.

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