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## **NO BULL! Missouri Livestock Symposium Features Top Listings!**

"The beef cattle program at the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium promises to be better than ever," according to Garry Mathes, Chair of the 23 member Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee. Mathes said that the committee has spared little in organizing this year's program. In addition to relevant beef cattle topics and internationally acclaimed speakers, the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium also features outstanding programs on forages, horses, sheep, meat goats, predators, stock dogs, guardian animals, and more. There will also be programs for the consumer with programs ranging from flower arranging (participants take their work home) to preparing that perfect holiday ham or turkey. Speakers of this year's program come from coast to coast. The beef cattle program boasts the following lineup of speakers: Dr. Roy Ax, University of Arizona, to share new research on bull fertility; Dr. Jerry Taylor, University of Missouri, an internationally known geneticist, will talk about new discoveries in cattle genetics and their practical application for cattle producers; Greg Jorgensen of Jorgenson Land and Livestock talks on the Wal-Mart approach to bull production as well as raising feed-efficient cattle; and University of Missouri Economist Ron Plain will peak every landowner's attention when he addresses the subject of "What you need to know about farm real estate values."

In addition to the talks and speakers in the Beef Section, there will be many other talks of interest to beef cattle producers, according to Bruce Lane, University of Missouri Extension Livestock Specialist and vice-chair of the Symposium. Lane says that many beef cattle producers will find the programs on stock dogs, new innovations in predator management, and numerous talks on forages to be intriguing. Talks on round bale silages, new forage varieties, innovative forage practices, and the latest on alfalfa for hay or forage, will surely provide beef producers with the latest information available.

Lastly, the Symposium features award winning farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson Friday night following the free beef supper at 6 p.m. Orion also will moderate an estate planning panel on Saturday morning. On Saturday night the voice of Yahoo!, Wylie Gustafson and his group, Wylie and the Wild West, perform at 7:30 p.m. Wylie and the Wild West have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry (about 50 times), CMT, have performed throughout the world, and high-known places like the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and the Lincoln Center in New York City.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held Friday, December 2, and Saturday December 3 at the Kirksville Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville, Missouri. There is no pre-registration required nor is there any registration costs. In fact the entire Symposium, including the agriculturally related trade show, are all free. There is also a free Governor's Style Luncheon, courtesy of many of Missouri's finest commodity groups, on Saturday noon. The only cost associated with the Symposium program are tickets for the Wylie and Wild West Show. Tickets are \$10.00 each and go on sale October 15, 2005. For ticket information call 660-665-9866 or e-mail to [adairco@missouri.edu](mailto:adairco@missouri.edu).

Doors to the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium open at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2. On Saturday, December 3, doors open at 8 a.m. Additional information about the Missouri Livestock Symposium can be found at <http://missourilivestock.com> or by calling Bruce Lane at 660-665-9866 or Garry Mathes at 660-665-7049 or 660-341-6625.