

Big Names Headline 2009 Equine Program at the Missouri Livestock Symposium

If you have one horse or hundreds, the 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium is something you don't want to miss. Speakers from across the country will be on hand in Kirksville, Missouri on December 4 and 5 to share their knowledge about horses. According to Garry L. Mathes, chair of the Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee, the topics will "benefit all in attendance regardless of your equine interests!" And, the price is right! There is no cost to attend the Missouri Livestock Symposium (except for Saturday night concert tickets which are optional) and no registration or pre-registration is required. And, if that's not enough, attendees are provided a free beef meal on Friday night and a free Governor's Style Lunch on Saturday. Mathes says "if there is a better deal anywhere we would like to know about it".

Equine speakers at this year's Missouri Livestock Symposium include Rick Lamb of the Horse Show (Phoenix, AZ.), Dr. Doug Householder (College Station, TX.), and Dr. Temple Grandin (Colorado State University). In addition, other Equine Section speakers are Marci Crosby, State Equine Specialist, University of Missouri and Terry Geiler, owner of the Rolla Horse Auction, St. James, MO.

Topics covered in the Equine program this year include *The Power of Natural Horsemanship: Understanding and Using a Horse's Nature* (Rick Lamb); *The Science Behind the Art of Horse Training* (Doug Householder); *Horse Behavior Lessons for the Horse and Horse Owner* (Temple Grandin); and a panel of horse experts who will discuss *Today's Horse Industry and Its Effect on the Horse Owner Big or Small*. The panel will be moderated by Missouri's Director of Agriculture Dr. Jon Hagler, and avid horse enthusiast and supporter of the equine industry.

This year's Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held from 4 PM to 10 PM on Friday, December 4 and from 8 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, December 5 at the Kirksville Middle School Complex located at 1515 South Cottage Grove in Kirksville MO. Complete information about the Equine Section or the Missouri Livestock Symposium may be found at www.missourilivestock.com, by calling 660-665-9866, or by emailing lanen@missouri.edu and putting MLS in the subject line.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will close out with a country music concert by Curb Recording Artist Steve Holy (www.stev holy.com) on Saturday night, December 5 at 8 PM. To purchase tickets or for ticket information, call 660-665-9866.

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