

## 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium Has Something for Everyone

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Sure, the Missouri Livestock Symposium is known for its outstanding programs for horse, beef cattle, forage, sheep, meat goat, and stock dog owners and producers. But according to Garry L. Mathes, Missouri Livestock Symposium committee chair, the Symposium has much more.

According to Mathes, this year the 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium will bring in speakers from 11 states and from coast to coast as in the past. But some of these speakers will be talking about things of interest to all consumers regardless of whether they are from the city or the country.

As an example, Mathes points to this year's expanded "Around the Home and Farm Section". Topics and speakers include; *Smart Rural Communities and Cities: A look into the Future* (Dr. Norm Scott, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York); *Farm Bill Update and Livestock Price Predictions* (Dr. Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri); *Quilting Show and Tell* (Lynne Hagmeier, Bennington, KS.); *Energy Savings for the Home and Farm* (Dr. Michael Goldschmidt, University of Missouri); *Managing Vineyard Nutrition* (Andy Allen, University of Missouri); *Grapevine Diseases and Their Control* (Andy Allen); and *Companion Planting and Raised Bed Gardening* (Jane Hays, Macon, Missouri).

Tom J. Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Dr. Jon Hagler, Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture will welcome folks to the Missouri Livestock Symposium Friday night. Friday evening keynotes include nationally syndicated AgriTalk radio host Mike Adams and University of Missouri Extension Veterinarian Dr. Craig Payne who talks on "Agriculture Under Attack".

The Symposium closes out Saturday night, December 5 at 8 pm with a country music concert. Entertaining will be Curb Recording Artist Steve Holy ([www.stev holy.com](http://www.stev holy.com)) who has had number 1 hits like *Brand New Girlfriend* and *Good Morning Beautiful*. Concert seating is limited and tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. For ticket information call 660-665-9866.

Take a look at all of the topics and speakers 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.

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