

## News from University of Missouri Extension – Adair County

### 2011 Missouri Livestock Symposium Features Variety and Big Name Speakers

“Something for everybody,” according to Garry L. Mathes, Chair of the 2011 Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee. “We have some of the best speakers in the country coming to the Kirksville Middle School on December 2 & 3. Since the Symposium is free, and so are the meals, I doubt there is a better buy anywhere.”

According to Mathes, there will be speakers on beef cattle, horses, sheep, meat goats, forages and stock dogs. There will also be programs on livestock and farm protection, grant monies for farmers to improve energy efficiency on their farms, and backyard poultry production and management. Big time meat cutters and chefs will be on hand to demonstrate some new meat cuts to hit the market place and provide some meat samples for those attending. There will also be talks on fascinating aspects of the food we all eat and even programs on tornado safety and flower arranging. “Internationally known speaker Dave Pratt from California will give multiple talks during the day on ranch and farm management. Dave Pratt speaks all over the world and his schools can cost producers over \$2000.00 to attend, so this is a golden opportunity to hear Dave at no cost,” says Mathes.

There is no cost to attend the 2011 Missouri Livestock Symposium and no pre-registration is needed. Just show up and take advantage of everything that is offered, including the ag-related trade show, great speakers and topics, free food, and even a hydrogen car display!

The Symposium is held at the Kirksville Middle School located at 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville, MO. Hours for the Symposium are 4-9 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and 8 a.m. -5 p.m. on Saturday, December 3. Program details can be found at [www.missourilivestock.com](http://www.missourilivestock.com) or call 660-665-9866 or 660-341-6625 or email to [lanen@missouri.edu](mailto:lanen@missouri.edu) and put MLS in the subject line.

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