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Forages Program at Missouri Livestock Symposium To Focus on Management, Profit!

Forages are an important component to any successful livestock operation. With that in mind, the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium keys in on management ideas and strategies to boost the producer's bottom line. The forages section includes talks by Dr. Garry Lacefield, University of Kentucky, on Round Bale Silages; Dr. Charles Brummer, Iowa State University, on Forage Variety Research Update and the Latest on Alfalfa for Hay or Forage; Grazing Management Strategies by Mark Kennedy, USDA/NRCS; and Innovative Forage Ideas with Harry Cope, Missouri.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held December 2 and 3, 2005 at the Kirksville Middle School in Kirksville, Missouri. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Friday and again 8 a.m. on Saturday. Friday's program features a free beef dinner at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner Orion Samuelson provides the keynote address. On Saturday, educational programs on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, stock dogs, guard dogs, and predator control take place beginning around 9 a.m. A free Governor's Style Lunch is provided at noon courtesy of many of Missouri's fine commodity groups.

In addition to educational seminars and a great trade show, Wylie and the Wild West perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night. Wylie and the Wild West have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry 48 times, on CMT, at state fairs throughout the country, in Japan and Australia, and at prestigious venues like the Lincoln Center in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Wylie is also known around the globe as the voice of YAHOO! Additional information about the Missouri Livestock Symposium can be found on the web at <http://missourilivestock.com>, or call 660-665-9866 or e-mail lanen@missouri.edu (please put MLS in the subject line).

No pre-registration or registration costs are associated with the Missouri Livestock Symposium. The only cost is for those wishing to attend the Wylie and Wild West Concert. Tickets are \$10.00 each and sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets go on sale October 15. For tickets or ticket information call 660-665-9866.