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Sheep Program at 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium Features New Practical Research and Feed Cost Savings

An outstanding lineup of speakers has been announced for the 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium to be held December 5th and 6th, 2008 in Kirksville, Missouri. The symposium has become a popular event for producers as evidenced by the fact a year ago the Symposium drew a crowd from 16 states.

This year the Symposium will feature talks on Preventing Mastitis with a Single Shot!; Barn Cough, Pro-lapses, and More; Feeding Co-products to Sheep; Use of Genetics to Confront Today's High Costs; Labor Reducing Strategies for Sheep Producers; and The Latest on De-worming Sheep.

Garry Mathes, chair of the Missouri Livestock Symposium says, "The committee is especially proud of this year's sheep speakers and topics, but producers should also enjoy the great lineup and speakers in the forages section as well. The Missouri Livestock Symposium has programs for producers of horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages and stock dogs, in addition to speakers on renewable energies and consumer oriented topics.

Sheep section speakers this year include Dr. Paula Menzies, University of Guelph, Canada; Dr. T.A. Yazwinski, University of Arkansas; Mike Caskey, Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, Minnesota; Dr. Kreg Leymaster, USDA Meat Animal Research Center, Nebraska; Dr. Jeff Held, South Dakota State University; and Dr. Paul Plummer, Iowa State University.

The forages section will include Mark Kennedy, USDA-NRCS, who will talk on "Ten Ideas for 365 Days of Grazing"; Dr. Gary Lacefield, University of Kentucky, speaking on the "Art and Science of Grazing"; Dr. David Bransby, Alabama, addressing the topic of "The Future of Grass - Energy or Grazing"; and Dr. Rob Kallenbach and Dr. David Davis speaking on the latest in forage research.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is one of the "best buys" in the country. There is no pre-registration or registration required and, except for the Saturday night concert featuring country music star John Anderson, the entire program is free. John Anderson tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 660-665-9866 for ticket information and availability.

Hours for the 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium are Friday, December 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is held at the Kirksville Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville, MO.



The Missouri Livestock Symposium not only features speakers from 16 states and Canada, it also has a sold out ag-related trade show and even includes some free meals (you heard right!).

Details about the Missouri Livestock Symposium may be found at <http://missourilivestock.com> or by calling Bruce Lane at 660-665-9866 or Garry Mathes at 660-341-6625. Or, you can email lanen@missouri.edu (put MLS in the subject line).

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