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2008 Missouri Livestock Program Features Trade Show, Country Music Star John Anderson and Thirty-five Nationally Acclaimed Speakers

"The 2008 Missouri Livestock Symposium will offer livestock producers the opportunity to hear from some of the most sought after speakers in the industry," according to Garry L. Mathes, chair of the Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee. According to Mathes, "we are thrilled with our program lineup and are convinced this is truly one of the best programs in the country if you are serious about the livestock business."

The Missouri Livestock Symposium features a sold out agriculturally related trade show, entertainment by country music star John Anderson, and speakers covering the latest information on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, stock dogs, and renewable energy topics.

Some of this year's featured speakers include: Equine - Rick Lamb, The Horse Show, Phoenix, AZ; Marci Jennings, University of Missouri-Columbia; and T.A. Yazwinski, University of Arkansas. Beef Cattle - Lee Leachman, Colorado; Dr. Jim Gibb, Colorado; Dr. Calvin Gunter, Louisiana; Dr. Bob Weaber, Missouri; John Hay, Nebraska; and T.A. Yazwinski, University of Arkansas. Sheep - Dr. Paula Menzies, Canada; Mike Caskey, Minnesota; Dr. Jeff Held, South Dakota; Dr. Kreg Leymaster, Nebraska; and Dr. Paul Plummer, Iowa. Meat Goats - Fred Homeyer, Texas; Dr. An Peischel, Tennessee; Dr. Beth Walker, Missouri; and Dr. T.A. Yazwinski. Forages - Dr. Dave Davis, Missouri; Dr. Gary Lacefield, Kentucky; Dr. David Bransby, Alabama; Dr. Rob Kallenbach, Missouri and Mark Kennedy, Missouri. Stock Dogs - Laura Stimatze, Kansas. Renewable Resources - Dr. David Bransby, Alabama and Harry Kemker, Florida. Around the Home - Jennifer Schutter, Missouri; Sheila Pruet, Missouri; Rebecca Ford, Missouri; Dr. Jack Juvik, Illinois and Terry Clothier, Kansas.



Mathes stresses that talks at the Missouri Livestock Symposium are targeted to livestock producers and are focused on practical information and application. Speaker bio's and talk titles may be found on the Missouri Livestock Symposium website at <http://missourilivestock.com>.

One of the great things about the Missouri Livestock Symposium is that except for John Anderson concert tickets, the entire program is free. There is no pre-registration or registration cost, the trade show and educational seminars are free, and the Symposium even offers free meals and, if attendees indicate they are in town for the Symposium, low lodging rates are available if they stay at sponsoring motels.

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

More details about the Missouri Livestock Symposium are available on the website at <http://missourilivestock.com>; by calling 660-665-9866 or 660-341-6625; or by emailing Bruce Lane at lanen@missouri.edu (put MLS in the subject line).

John Anderson concert tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis. Call 660-665-9866 for ticket information.

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