

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT, STOCK AND GUARD DOGS TOPICS ADDRESSED AT 2005 MISSOURI LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

Experts on predator control, stock dogs, guard dogs, and other guardian animals will be on hand for the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium to be held December 2 and 3 in Kirksville, Missouri at the Kirksville Middle School located at 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville.

“The person who did some of the cutting edge research and wrote the book on Guard Dogs, Dr. Jeff Green, will be on hand to not only discuss guardian animals but he’ll talk about new innovations in predator management,” according to Garry L. Mathes, Chair of the Missouri Livestock Symposium planning committee. Also on the program are Dr. Maurice Shelton, Texas A&M emeritus, and Keith Gilleon of Ethel, Louisiana. Dr. Shelton will also talk about predators when he provides an overview of the predator situation in the United States. Keith Gilleon is a stock dog breeder and handler who will give 3 talks – Stock Dog Selection and Starting the Pup; Correcting Bad Habits; and Making Your Stock Dog a Top Hand.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium also features speakers from 16 states on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, crops, swine, and around the home topics.

Doors to the Symposium open at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and again at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. No pre-registration is required and no registration costs are associated with the Missouri Livestock Symposium.

A free beef dinner is provided at 6 p.m. on Friday night. Following dinner, award winning farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson speaks. Internationally recognized livestock geneticist Dr. Jerry Taylor and Dr. Ron Plain, Ag. Economist, both from the University of Missouri-Columbia also speak Friday evening. Dr. Plain

will address the topic of high farmland prices while Dr. Taylor speaks on how new revelations in animal genetics are going to impact the livestock industry.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium also features an agriculturally related trade show, a free Governor's Style Luncheon on Saturday, and entertainment Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. featuring Wylie and the Wild West. Wylie and the Wild West have performed at State Fairs nationwide, in Australia and Japan, and at such prestigious venues as the Lincoln Center in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Wylie is also known world-wide as the voice of Yahoo!

The only cost associated with the Missouri Livestock Symposium is for the Wylie and Wild West concert scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Saturday night, December 3. Tickets go on sale October 15 and are \$10.00 each. For tickets or ticket information call 660-665-9866.