

Forage Conference Nov. 18

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.)
— Quality forage is the focus of the Forage Conference to be held on Nov. 18 at the Shadowbrook Inn. Topics to be addressed include producing a for-

age of top quality and capturing that quality during harvest. Speakers include farmers from around the region, extension agents, and specialists from Penn State and industry.

An Overview

At this time, over one-half million forage-producing acres exist in northeast Pennsylvania. Since the late 1980's that acreage has decreased approximately ten percent while livestock numbers have remained comparatively constant. The ability of the farmers in this region to market quality forages through livestock products will have a very large and direct influence on the economic well-being of their farms, agri-businesses, and of the greater economic community at large. Because of this - forage quality is, and will continue to be, of utmost importance in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Livestock farmers will not want to miss the **97 Quality Forages Conference**. Participants will be able to visit with specialists, fellow producers, and local ag-service and equipment providers. Indoor and outdoor exhibitors will be on hand to display their products and answer questions.

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John Rodgers, Pennsylvania dairyman and past President of the American Forage and Grassland Council will deliver the Keynote address. John is a forage producer and has traveled extensively talking about the need for quality forages.

Following the keynote, participants can choose the breakout sessions of their liking. The conference will be divided into two concurrent tracks. The sessions are aligned in time slots so that switching from track to track is possible. The complete agenda is outlined on the following foldout.

Directions:

The Shadowbrook Inn and Convention Center is located on US Route 6 approximately 2 miles east of the red light in Tunkhannock at the intersection of US Route 29.

Registration Sheet

1997 Quality Forages Conference

Tuesday, November 18, 1997
Shadowbrook Inn and Convention Center

Name(s): _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

No. attending _____ x \$15 per Person =
\$ _____ Total

Make checks payable to
Susquehanna County Cooperative Extension
and mail to:

31 Public Avenue
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Montrose, PA 18801
**Registration Deadline Monday,
November 10, 1997**

1997 Northeast Quality Forages Conference —

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

9:00 AM - 9:25 AM
Registration and Visit with Exhibitors

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Introductions & Keynote Comments
John Rodgers, Pennsylvania Dairyman and past President of American Forage and Grassland Council
Forages Now and their Importance in the Future

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
A **The Impact of Forage Particle Length on Intake**
Dr. Harold Harpster, Penn State University
B **Pasture Fertility**
Dr. Doug Beegle, Penn State University

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
A **Using Preservatives and Additives in Forage Production**
Richard Lutz, Pioneer Inc
B **Feed Budgeting**
Dr. Lisa Holden, Penn State University

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lunch - Visit with exhibitors

1:10 PM - 1:55 PM
Dr. Marvin Hall, Penn State University
New Zealand - Not all that Glitters is Gold

1:55 PM - 2:05 PM
Refreshments - Visit with exhibitors
Courtesy of Northeastern Farm Credit

2:05 PM - 2:50 PM
BREAKOUT SESSIONS
A **Reading and Understanding Forage Sample Reports**
Kathy Soder, Ph.D. Candidate, Penn State Dairy and Animal Sciences
B **Comparison Pasture Types to Extend the Grazing Season**
Dr. John Comerford, Penn State University

2:50 PM - 3:15 PM
Panel Discussion with today's presenters

3:15 PM
Adjourn

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