

Forage Expo, Dairy Tours To Highlight Forage Conference

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Two events intended for farmers and other agricultural professionals will be highlights at this year's American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) Annual Conference. The event is scheduled for July 14-17 in Bloomington, Minnesota.

The producer days at the conference will take place July 16 and 17, with a \$50 registration fee for the two-day segment.

Beginning at 8 a.m. July 16, conference participants will hear forage producers from across North America talk about their success in forage production practices

during the Forage Spokesperson Contest.

At 11:30 a.m., attendees will board buses for the producer tour "Minnesota Dairying: More Than One Future." The tour will take participants to three successful dairy operations. Following the tour, a Minnesota style on-farm steak barbecue

and live auction will take place at one of the hosting dairy farms.

On July 17, participants will travel by bus to Umore Park in Rosemount, to see opening day of the 2002 Minnesota Forage Expo. This premier showcase of Minnesota's forage industry offers forage producers the opportunity to witness a vari-

ety of educational presentations on forage industry research, in-field harvesting and storage demonstrations, and hay sampling demonstrations.

For more information or registration materials for the 2002 AFGC Conference and Trade Show, call AFGC at (800) 944-2342 or check out the Web site: www.afgc.org.

American Forage and Grassland Council Annual Meeting Howard Johnson Thunderbird Hotel and Convention Center & UMore Park July 14-17, 2002

Agenda

(All events listed below are included in the Full Conference Registration, except the Nutrient Management Symposium and the Golf Tournament)

Saturday, July 13

Golf Tournament - not included in the full registration fee

Ongoing Displays (Sunday pm through Tuesday am)

Sponsor/Exhibitor Booths and Displays, National Hay Show, National Photo Contest, Volunteer Scientific Poster Set-Up, Silent Auction Items on Display

Sunday, July 14

8 am AFGC Board of Directors Meeting
1:30 pm Emerging Scientist Program
2:45 pm Scientific Poster Session
3:30 pm Affiliate Council Advisory Committee Meeting
4:15 pm AFGC Business Meeting
5:15 pm Depart for Minnesota Night, a three hour Dinner Cruise down the beautiful Mississippi River

Monday, July 15

6:30 am Light Breakfast
8:30 am Plenary Session
Keynote Address Forage: Star of the North
Dr. Craig C. Sheaffer, University of Minnesota Dept of Agronomy & Plant Genetics
Perennial Forages: Preserving Your Future
Dr. Michael Russelle, USDA-ARS, St. Paul, MN
Forage Production in Minnesota
Dr. Paul Peterson, University of Minnesota Dept of Agronomy & Plant Genetics
Forages for Livestock: Economic, Environmental and Human Benefits
Dr. Dennis Johnson, University of Minnesota West Central Research & Outreach Center
Discussion Session
12 noon Lunch
1 pm Volunteer Oral Papers and Scientific Poster Session
1 pm Nutrient Management Symposium for CCA and ARPAS credits (includes lunch and proceedings) - not included in the full registration fee
Fertilizer and Manure Management of Optimize Forage Production of Cattle
Dr. Gyles Randall, University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach Center
TBD ("Applying the Phosphorus Index in Forage-Ruminant Systems")
Drs. John Moncrief and Neil Hansen, University of Minnesota Dept of Soil, Water, and Climate
Reducing Dietary Phosphorus for Dairy Cows Reduces Land Required for Spreading Manure
Dr. Larry Satter, U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center, Madison, WI
Integrated Herd and Forage Crop Management to Reduce Nutrient Balances on Dairy Farms
Dr. Danny Fox, Cornell University, Dept of Animal Science
Discussion Session
6 pm Social Hour and AFGC Banquet

Tuesday, July 16

6:30 am Affiliate/Industry Breakfast
Keynote Address: The Future of the Agr-Food Industry: Are We Ready? Jim Prokopanko, Sr. VP, Cargill
8 am Forage Spokesperson Contest - Listen to the top forage producers from all over the U.S.
11:30 am Depart for Tour: Minnesota Dairying: More Than One Future / Lunch
Experience Minnesota's animal agriculture first hand - tour includes three different types of innovative operations
5-8 pm Barbeque & Live Auction at Wolf Creek Dairy Farm

Wednesday, July 17

8:30 am Depart for Minnesota Alfalfa and Forage Expo at UMore Park, Rosemount, MN
The Premier Showcase of Minnesota's Forage Industry includes Educational Program, Field Demonstrations of Forage Harvesting and Handling Equipment, Diagnostic Clinic, Hay Sampling Demonstration by the National Forage Testing Association, Forage Research Plot Tour, and Sponsor/Exhibitor Displays and Booths
3 pm Return to Thunderbird Hotel

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