

AFGC Annual Conference

January 11-14, 2015 • St. Louis, Missouri

Come for the very best in education, exhibits, and networking. Leave with newfound knowledge about forage production and utilization that will make your farm more profitable and sustainable.

Hosted by the Missouri & Illinois Forage & Grassland Councils

Workshops, the Heart of the Conference

Opening Session

Temple Grandin: Tips for Low Stress Cattle Handling

The renowned consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior will present her perspectives on handling cattle to reduce stress. Half of the cattle in the U.S. and Canada are handled in equipment she has designed.

Other Sessions

The Alliance for Grassland Renewal

Through education, seed quality control, incentives, and promotion, the coalition seeks to replace toxic tall fescue grass with tall fescue that hosts a nontoxic, "novel" endophyte.

Making and Utilizing Baled Silage

Producing high-quality dry hay remains a challenge because of unpredictable weather. Speakers will discuss the fundamentals of producing and utilizing the best available alternative – baled silage.

Recent Improvements in Cool-Season Grasses

The most recent breeding efforts to improve some cool-season grasses will be presented by industry scientists.

Cover Crops in Forage-Livestock Systems

Experts will discuss the management and utilization of these crops and the USDA programs that promote their use.

Forage Improvement: Something for Everyone

Topics ranging from weed control and hay preservatives to adjusting haying equipment for optimum performance.

Livestock Products/Dietary Guidelines: How Did We Get Here?

Nutrition experts will discuss the changing perspectives surrounding livestock products in the diet.

Native Species for Forage-Livestock Systems

Specialists will present the latest info on the potential of these unique forages as feedstocks for biofuel production, a means to protect natural resources, and an emergency source of forage.

NIRS: A Tool to Manage Forages

A wide range of experts will explain how NIRS can improve forage and pasture management, impact plant improvement through breeding, and benefit the producer.

Other Activities

View Products & Services in the Exhibit Area • Volunteer and Poster Presentations • Forage Spokesperson Competition • Photo Contest • Forage Bowl • Emerging Scientist Competition • Youth in Grazing Management Essay Contest • Networking Opportunities • Awards Banquet

Conference Details

Conference Registration

Register for one day or all three. Call, email, or go to web site for registration information and form.

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Phone: 800-944-2342 • Email: info@afgc.org • Web site: www.afgc.org

Conference Hotel

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac • \$95/night + tax based on block availability (Block closes upon selling out of by cut off date of January 2, 2015) • Call 1-314-993-1100 • Additional details included in registration confirmation email

