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Schedule for the Day

- 8:00 Registration, Visit Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 8:45 Welcome - *Dr. Jimmy Henning, Mr. Tom Keene, Mr. Ken Johnson*
- 9:00 Why Graze Alfalfa? - *Dr. Garry Lacefield*
- 9:20 Fertilizing Alfalfa for Profit - *Dr. Monroe Rasnake*
- 9:40 Thermometers for Measuring Temperature in Hay - *Dr. Doug Overhults*
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Principles and Practices of Successful Alfalfa Establishment - *Dr. Gary Bates*
- 11:00 Roundup Ready Alfalfa - *Mr. Dan Foor*
- 11:30 Hybrid Alfalfa: Reality or Pipe Dream? - *Mr. Mike Velde*
- 12:00 Lunch, Awards Presentations, Silent Auction Results
- 1:00 Breakout Sessions
1. Balancing Agronomics & Economics of Alfalfa Hay Production –
Mr. Brian Lacefield and Dr. Garry Lacefield
 2. Marketing Kentucky Alfalfa - *Mr. Tom Keene and Mr. Nicky Baker*
 3. Moisture - Temperature Management During Alfalfa Hay and Silage Making & Storing - *Dr. Mike Collins*
- 2:00 Break
- 2:20 Repeat Breakout Sessions
- 3:20 Adjourn

FOREWORD

This conference marks the twenty-fourth consecutive year we have come together to address problems and potentials of alfalfa. We are certainly encouraged with the interest in and opportunities for alfalfa in Kentucky. We are optimistic that we will observe expansion in acres, yield, and markets. It is our hope that the information presented herein and the discussions of the day will be of value to each of you in your alfalfa program.

On behalf of the Program Committee, I would like to express our thanks to each of you for your faithful participation over the past twenty-four years. I also want to thank all speakers, moderators, committee members, and workers for their many contributions.

My personal thanks to the Program Committee, the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, and the Kentucky Department for Agriculture for their encouragement and assistance. I also want to thank all the exhibitors for their important contributions and financial support. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Christi Forsythe for her assistance in preparing and editing the program and proceedings.

Garry Lacefield
Program Chairman
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Conference

KENTUCKY ALFALFA AWARDS

The Kentucky Alfalfa Awards Program was initiated in 2000 at the 20th Anniversary of the Kentucky Alfalfa Conference. The Awards Program is funded annually from revenues generated each year for the Silent Auction during the Annual Conference.

Year	Warren Thompson Industry Award	Charlie Schnitzler Producer Award	Garry D. Lacefield Public Service Award
2004			
2003	Phil Howell	Lee Robey	Monroe Rasnake Jimmy Henning
2002	Tom Keene	John Nowak	Billy Ray Smith
2001	Bill Talley	Larry Jeffries	Timothy H. Taylor W. C. Templeton, Jr.
2000	Warren Thompson	Sue Schnitzler*	Garry Lacefield

*Accepted on behalf of her father who was tragically killed in a farming accident on March 11, 1991.

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