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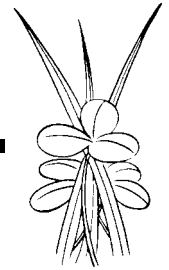
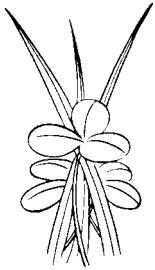
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FORAGE NEWS



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Garry D. Lacefield and Jimmy C. Henning, Extension Forage Specialists ! Christi Forsythe, Secretary

KENTUCKY "SHINES" AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The American Forage & Grassland Council held it's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in July. In addition to walking away with the organizations highest awards (Dr. Jimmy Henning-Medallion, Mr. Jason Sandefur-Forage Spokesman, John Nowak-Hay Contest Winner), Kentucky also had a farmer elected to the board (Russell Hackley), one retire from the board (Ken Johnson), and Mr. Tom Keene elected as AFGC incoming Vice-President. Mr. Bill Talley was recognized for his service to the Forage & Grassland Foundation Board of Directors. Also, participating in the meeting were Benny Robertson, Miles Farm Supply; Mr. Warren Thompson, AFGC Past President; and, Medallion recipient. Dr. Byron Sleugh, last years' Emerging Scientist Award recipient also presented a paper in Minnesota. Congratulations to all for making Kentucky's Forage light shine bright in Minnesota.

KENTUCKY FARMER WINS NATIONAL HAY CONTEST

Mr. John Nowak, hay producer from Christian County, had the first place alfalfa hay, first place alfalfa-grass hay and best of class alfalfa-grass at the American Forage & Grassland National Hay Contest. The certificates and cash awards were presented during the Annual AFGC Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota last month. Congratulations John and family for this major accomplishment.

KENTUCKY FARMER BECOMES NATIONAL FORAGE SPOKESMAN

Mr. Jason Sandefur, Paris, Kentucky was the American Forage & Grassland Council Forage Spokesman Contest held at the National Meeting in July. Congratulations to Jason for this recognition.

FORAGE EXTENSION SPECIALIST RECEIVES NATION'S HIGHEST FORAGE AWARD

Dr. Jimmy Henning received the Medallion Award from the American Forage & Grassland Council during their conference last month in Minnesota. This represents the highest "Forage" recognition in the U.S.A. Congratulations, Jimmy!

PROGRAM SET FOR KENTUCKY GRAZING CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual Kentucky Grazing Conference will be held November 26, 2002 at the WKU Expo Center in Bowling Green. Featured speakers are Mr. Ed Ballard from the University of Illinois who's topic will be "Economics of Integrating Grazing into Cropping Systems," and Mr. Mark Kennedy, NRCS Grazing Specialist from Missouri, will address the topic "Using Warm Season Perennial Grasses for Grazing." Other speakers from the University of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University and NRCS will address key practical concepts relating to "grazing." More details in the next Forage News.

U.K. ALL COMMODITY FIELD DAY ATTRACTS 2000+

Over two thousand people from several states attended the U.K. Field Day at the Research & Education Center in Princeton on July 18. Near perfect weather permitted all tours, exhibits, seminars, and demonstrations to be on schedule and well attended. Over 500 individuals took the beef and forage wagon tours. Our thanks to all who helped make the 2002 Field Day such as success.



KFGC FORAGE-BEEF FIELD DAY -

SEPTEMBER 5

Following is the program for the KFGC Forage-Beef field day. This is the first time that we have been able to showcase the current forage and beef cattle research at the new Beef Unit at University of Kentucky Animal Research Center in Woodford County.

The 2002 Kentucky Forage Field Day is Thursday September 5 beginning at 4:30 Eastern at the new Beef Unit at University of Kentucky Animal Research Center in Woodford County. This is the first time that we have been able to showcase the current forage and beef cattle research at the new Beef Unit.

The field day will begin with a welcome from KFGC and an introduction to the farm from Dr. Bob Harmon, chair of the Department of Animal Science. The evenings activities will conclude with a complimentary supper and comments from Dean Scott Smith and Associate Dean of Research, Nancy Cox.

Field day stops will include the latest in research for dealing with the endophyte of tall fescue as well as the development of systems for maximum grazing. You will get to hear discussions on no-till establishment of improved species such as alfalfa or native warm season grasses into pastures. Our goal is to provide you with a unique learning opportunity on current research and to introduce you to the research staff that will be developing the forage-livestock answers for the future.

This field day is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and the University of Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Please mark your calendars now for this important event.

4:30 Registration.

5:00 Welcome and introduction to the farm. Bill Talley, President, KFGC and Dr. Bob Harmon, Chair, UK Department of Animal Science

Stop 1 Using supplemental fat to offset the effects of the endophyte in tall fescue - Dr. Les Anderson

Stop 2 Does the endophyte affect the reproductive fertility of beef heifers - Justin Rhinehart

Stop 3 Supplementation for stockers grazing endophyte infected tall fescue- Dr. Eric Vanzant

Stop 4 Changing from the forage you have to the forage you want - Ken Johnson

Stop 5 Putting species together to make a working system - Dr. Garry Lacefield

Supper will be served at the end of the field day, compliments of the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and its commercial sponsors.

Final Comments

Helping Kentucky realize its potential with forages and beef cattle

M. Scott Smith and Nancy Cox, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture

Directions

The UK Animal Research Center, Entrance No. 3, is located about 8 miles south on US 60 from exit 58 on I-64 or 2 miles north of the intersection (stop light) of US 62 and US 60 north of Versailles. The turn will be marked with a large UK sign.

2002 KENTUCKY GRAZING SCHOOL

Sign up now for the 2002 Fall Kentucky Grazing School, to be held at the Daviess County Extension office in Owensboro. The school is Tuesday October 15 and Wednesday October 16 with a registration fee of \$100 per person. This fee covers all meals, breaks, the Kentucky Grazing Manual, a copy of the 3rd Edition of Southern Forages and the Forage Pocket Guide. The school starts with registration at 7:30 AM on Tuesday October 15.

To register for the school, please send your check for \$100, payable to the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, to Ken Johnson, PO Box 700, Tompkinsville, KY 42167. You may contact Ken at 270.487.6589 ext 3 for further information or Jimmy Henning (859.257.3144, jhenning@uky.edu) or Garry Lacefield (270.365.7541 ext 202, glacefie@uky.edu).

This school features classroom and hands-on training and will enable you to set up a sound grazing system when you get back to the farm. Spaces are limited to the first 45 that sign up. Don't delay, call Ken today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 6 Kentucky Beef Conference, Fayette County Extension Office, Lexington
SEPT 5 KFGC Forage Field Day, Lexington
OCT 15-16 Fall Grazing School, Owensboro
NOV 26 3rd Kentucky Grazing Conference, Bowling Green
DEC 12 Forages Commodity Conference at Farm Bureau Convention, Louisville

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JAN 10 Forages Conference at Kentucky Cattleman Convention, Bowling Green
JAN 23 Heart of America Grazing Conference, Hannibal, Missouri
FEB 20 23rd Kentucky Alfalfa Conference, Cave City
APR 22-23 Kentucky Grazing School, Bowling Green
JUL 17 U.K. All Commodity Field Day, Robinson Station, Quicksand

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