ADJUSTMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF HAYING EQUIPMENT

Clayton Geralds, Geralds Farms, Hart Co., KY
John McCoy, McCoy Simmental Farms, Warren Co., KY
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Clayton Geralds runs a commercial hay farm in Hart County near Munfordville, Kentucky. His total farm size is 740 acres, 430 of which are leased. The focus of his operation is producing small square bales for the horse market. Clayton currently grows a range of forage species including 560 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa/orchard grass and 160 acres of timothy and orchard grass. On average he puts up 100,000 small square bales a year. In his presentation Clayton will discuss the importance of proper adjustment of harvesting equipment as well as maintenance of that equipment. In 2009, Clayton, along with his son Christopher, received the KFGC Grassroots Producer award. In September 2013 he was elected to serve on the National Hay Association’s Board of Directors.
John McCoy is owner and manager of McCoy Simmental Farms in Bowling Green, KY. McCoy has a deep rooted history in agriculture. He has been farming since the age of 5 years old and is now known for premium alfalfa and quality registered Simmental cattle. He runs a herd of 115 registered Simmental cattle and raises 96 acres of alfalfa. He planted his first alfalfa field in 1964 and is the go to person for high quality alfalfa for many horse, sheep, goat and alpacas farmers. In October 2013, he was the recipient of the 2013 KFGC Grassroots Producer award which was given at the 14th Kentucky Grazing Conference.
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