Photo Highlights from the 31st Kentucky Alfalfa Conference
February 24, 2011
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Establish for Stand
Produce for Yield
Harvest for Quality
Market for Profit
### Myth or Reality?

Alfalfa is Too Rich for Horses

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Recent Trends

- Serious weather challenges in both 2007, 2008, and 2010
  - Stand and establishment difficulties
- Input cost challenges
  - Fertilizer, fuel, machinery, etc.
- Competition for acreage
  - 50K acre (18%) decrease in KY alfalfa acreage from 2007 to 2010
About myself

- My name is Craig and have a wife, Tina
- We have a family farm in Butler County, KY with my parents and sister
- I am a full time farmer
- I graduated from WKU in 2002 with an Ag Degree
- I am the day to day manager for the operation, both of my parents have off farm obligations
About our Farm

- I am the fifth generation of our farm
- We are very diversified with:
  - Two Broiler poultry houses with 52000 birds total
  - Corn for grain, and some silage
  - Soybeans
  - Beef cattle (150hd)
    - Precondition all calves
    - Market calves with the help of The Beef Connection
      - Capture source and age verification premiums
      - Get carcass data back to better select replacement females and better identify cull cows
      - Have the information to build a better cow herd.
Farm Shop
- Very important part of our operation
- Maintain farm machinery
- Do minor and major repairs (engines, transmissions, hydraulics, etc)
- This keeps our equipment cost lower and reduce our downtime
- Keep stock of parts for common failures and wear items

Forages
- Pasture
- Corn silage (growing cattle)
- Dry hay
- Haylage
- We have a great market for our forages, our cows

Total farm size 1500 acres
- Include owned and leased land
Our goal

Produce quality livestock while maintaining a good profit
Plan to attend the 32\textsuperscript{nd} Kentucky Alfalfa Conference at the Cave City Convention Center on February 23, 2012