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FOREWORD

On behalf of the Conference Secretary, Christi Forsythe, and our entire program committee, I want to welcome each of you to Kentucky and our 5th Heart of America Grazing Conference. Special appreciation is expressed to all our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and moderators. We are excited about the many opportunities that this Conference offers to our “grazing industry”.

We appreciate each of you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend and participate in the Conference. We challenge you to participate fully in all the activities of the day. It is our hope that you will leave with new tools, techniques, practices and information that will be of value to you as you move forward with your grazing program.

Mark your calendars for January 24-25, 2007 and plan to join us at the 6th Heart of America Grazing Conference in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Best wishes and may 2006 be your BEST YEAR EVER.

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Agenda

January 25, 2006
1:00 PM–5:45 PM Registration / Exhibit Setup

6:00 PM  Welcome & Introductions  
Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist

Dinner

Awards  
Dr. Ray Smith, Mr. Dan Grigson, & Dr. Jimmy Henning,  UK Extension

Program  
Forages in Kentucky  
Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist

Can We Graze Year-round in the Heart of America?  
Mr. Ed Ballard, Grazing Educator, IL

January 26, 2006
7:30 AM  Registration & Refreshments / Silent Auction / Visit Exhibits

8:30 AM  Welcome  
Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK Assistant Director for Agriculture & Natural Resources

8:40 AM  Pastures for Horses: Challenges & Opportunities  
Dr. Bob Coleman, UK Extension Horse Specialist

9:00 AM  From Traditional Confinement Dairying to Grazing Replacement Heifers  
Mr. Bill Payne, KY Dairy Producer

9:20 AM  Grazing Program for Goats  
Mr. Greg Brann, TN USDA Grazing Land Specialist

9:40 AM  Maximizing Production of Beef Cattle on Pastures  
Dr. Justin Sexten, Extension Animal Systems Specialist, Univ. of IL

10:00 AM  Pastures for Wildlife  
Dr. Don Ball, Extension Forage Crops Agronomist, Auburn Univ.

10:20 AM  Discussion

10:30 AM  Break, Silent Auction, Visit Exhibits
11:00 AM  Animal Behavior: Impact on Grazing  
Mr. Mark Kennedy, MO NRCS State Grassland Specialist

11:30 AM  Grazing Programs: Environmentally Friendly, Economically Sound and Agronomically Feasible  
Mr. Sid Brantly, KY NRCS Grazing Land Specialist

12:00 PM  Lunch

12:50 PM  Silent Auction Announcements

1:00 PM  Breakout Session

2:00 PM  Break

2:30 PM  Repeat Breakout Session

3:30 PM  Adjourn

Break-out Sessions

SESSION 1: Tall Fescue – Endophyte – Animal Relations  
Tall Fescue from 1931-2006  
Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK Extension Forage Specialist  
Mineral Supplements and Feed Additives – Can They Eliminate Fescue Toxicity?  
Dr. John Johns, UK Extension Beef Specialist

SESSION 2: Developing Fencing & Water Systems for Efficient Grazing  
Chargers, Post, and Wire  
Mr. Ken Johnson, KY USDA District Conservationist  
Developing Watering Systems for Efficient Grazing  
Mr. Kevin Laurent, UK Animal Science Extension Associate

SESSION 3: Non-traditional Forages for Grazing  
Corn and other annuals  
Mr. Jeff McCutcheon, OSU Extension Educator-Ag. & Natural Resources  
Role of Warm Season Perennials in Grazing Programs  
Mr. Mark Kennedy, MO NRCS State Grassland Specialist  
Turnips, and other brassicas  
Mr. Dave Robison, Ampac Seed Co.

SESSION 4: Kentucky Producers Panel  
Dr. Ray Smith, UK Extension, Moderator  

How We Use Our Pastures  
Horse - Mr. Doug Gehner  
Beef - Mr. Russell Hackley  
Goats/Sheep - Dr. Gil Myers  
Dairy - Mr. Bill Payne
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