

2009 Appalachian Grazing Conference



With so many informative presentations about management strategies to increase profits, the 2009 Appalachian Grazing Conference is an opportunity that no Appalachian livestock producer should miss! There will be presentations of interest to those with cattle, goats and sheep.

With a reasonable registration fee of only \$75 and discounted room rates of \$76 (not including taxes), the Grazing Conference is an <u>excellent value</u>.

Because of the importance of the information being presented to grazing producers, many West Virginia Conservation Districts are offering scholarships to cover the conference fee! You may call your local conservation district for more information. Topics for the 2009 Conference include animal health, alternative soil amendments, weed control, drought management, weaning calves on pasture, energy conservation on the farm and other grassland management related topics. There also will be vendor displays featuring a no till drill, post driver and lime spreader.

Conference registration opens 7:30 a.m. on Friday with the program beginning later at 9:30 a.m. The event adjourns 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.



Kicking off the conference is presenter, Joel McNair who is the editor and publisher of "Graze," a magazine with a common sense philosophy of letting those who do the grazing do the talking. His presentation topic is "The Future is Ours." McNair grazes dairy heifers and sheep on a small farm in southern Wisconsin.



Presenting on the subject of grass utilization is Gerald Fry, owner of Bovine Engineering and Consulting, an Arkansas business focused on beef cattle education and cattle reproduction. Fry also will be discussing cows as grass harvesting equipment in a break out session.

There will be a farm visit and cookout on Friday evening with transportation provided. While you eat, Jason Evans, Ph.D. will deliver a presentation on pasture-based beef production in a changing economy.

Appalachian Grazing Conference Planning Committee

- Ohio State University Extension Service
- University of Maryland Extension Service
- USDA Agricultural Research Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Ohio and West Virginia)
- West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts
- West Virginia Conservation Agency
- West Virginia Department of Agriculture
- West Virginia University Extension Service



Registration Form

Full Registration Fees

 Paid on or before 2/18/09
 \$75.00

 Paid after 2/18/09
 \$100.00

 Single Day Registration
 \$50.00

Make check payable to West Virginia University.

Required Registration Information

Name
Full Day Registration
Single Day Reservation $\square 3/6/09$ or $\square 3/7/09$
Organization
Address
City, State, Zip
E-mail
Phone Number
Credit Card Type
Credit Card #
Credit Card Expiration Date

Payment

Send completed registration form and payment check to:
West Virginia University
ATTN: Becky Casteel
WVU Extension Service
P.O. Box 6108
Morgantown, WV 26506-6108.

Questions

If you have registration questions, you may contact Becky Casteel from WVU Extension Service at 304.293.6131 ext. 4231 or Becky.Casteel@mail.wvu.edu.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be received on or before March 1, 2009.

Resort Reservations



With courteous professional service, the Lakeview Golf Resort is an excellent facility for conferences.

Conference Registration

Your registration fees will cover the facility, meals and breaks.

Reservation

Room reservations must be made directly with the Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa by calling 1.800.624.8300 or 1.800.CALL.WVA.

A block of rooms is on hold until February 2, 2009. Room prices are \$76.00 for singles or doubles per night plus 12% tax.

When making room reservations, be sure to mention the Appalachian Grazing Conference 2009.

Agencies and Vendors

Are you interested in sponsoring breaks, meals or presentations at the Conference? You may contact Becky Casteel at 304.293.6131 ext. 4231.



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March 6-7, 2009 Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa Morgantown, WV

West Virginia Grazing Land Steering Committee