

# 12th Annual Heartland Forage Day

## Set For Feb. 21

**T**he 12th Annual Heartland Forage Day has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, at the St. Maurus Catholic Church Hall in Biehle, MO.

The forage day is hosted by the Southeast Missouri Forage and Grassland Council, a not-for-profit organization promoting efficient and profitable forage-animal agriculture. Also assisting as hosts are the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), University of Missouri Outreach and Extension (UOE) and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).

"If you are interested in improving your livestock system, this is a chance you don't want to miss," a spokesman for the event said. "It is an opportunity to hear from local producers on their strategies and ask agency representatives about technical and financial opportunities."

The program will begin with a meal followed by presentations by four different speakers. Topics include: Year-Round Contract Grazing

presented by Wayne County Producers Eric & Rudy Fuch; Multi-Species Grazing Opportunities (Adding Goats & Sheep) presented by NRCS State Grassland Specialist Mark Kennedy; Fescue Seed Production & Feeding Aftermath presented by UOE State Forage Specialist Craig Roberts; and Use of Co-Products in Livestock Nutrition presented by UOE Beef Specialist Justin Sexten.

Doors will open for registration at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6 p.m. The presentations will begin at 7 pm and conclude by 9 p.m.

Registration for the conference is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Registration forms are available at the USDA Service Center, Extension office and various agri-businesses in the area. For more information contact the Ste. Genevieve County SWCD office at (573) 883-3566, ext 3. Δ