

24th National Sweet Sorghum Annual Conference Set

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The National Sweet Sorghum Producers and Processors Association (NSSPPA) will hold their 24th Annual Conference at the National Parks Resort Lodge in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on February 26-28, 2009. They have excellent meeting rooms and food. In addition, they have a swimming pool so families can bring their children with them and enjoy the facilities. The NSSPPA now has over 500 members from some 39 states and 2 foreign countries.

The conference sessions will start at 8:30 am CST on Feb. 27 and convene near noon on Saturday, Feb. 28. For those that arrive on Thursday evening, Feb. 26, there will be an informal get-together with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. An exciting program has been put together by the Board of Directors. There will be topics concerning the reconstructing a mill, several videos of sweet sorghum operations, a separate ladies program and much more. On Friday evening there will be a banquet with special entertainment followed by a time of fellowship and tasting of many sorghum goodies. There will be

sorghum syrup and recipe contests with awards presented at the banquet. The purpose of this conference is to improve the overall quality of sweet sorghum syrup production.

If you plan on attending this conference and you want to attend the Friday night banquet, reservations must be made with the Executive Secretary before Feb. 13. To register or make reservations for the banquet or if you have any other questions, please call Morris Bitzer at 859/806-3358 or e-mail: mbitzer@uky.edu. For room reservations at the Lodge, call 1-800-843-6686 and ask for Dana. Rooms are \$24.95, (Thurs.) and \$64.95 (Friday). Come early or stay over and enjoy the Great Smoky Mountains and Pigeon Forge area.

If you have any interest in growing sweet sorghum for syrup to replace some of that tobacco income loss or just as a hobby, then this is the meeting that you need to attend. For further information, check the NSSPPA website at www.ca.uky.edu/NSSPPA. A pre-registration form is available on the website. Δ

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