

25th National Sweet Sorghum Annual Conference Set

FRANKLIN, TENN.

The National Sweet Sorghum Producers and Processors Association (NSSPPA) will hold their 25th Annual Conference at the Marriott Franklin Cool Springs, Franklin, Tennessee on February 18-20, 2010. This is an exclusive conference center and Inn. They have a swimming pool so families can bring their children with them and enjoy the facilities. The NSSPPA now has over 560 producer members from 41 states and Washington, D.C.

The conference sessions will start at 8:30 am CST on Feb. 19 and convene near noon on Saturday, Feb. 20. For those that arrive on Thursday evening, Feb. 18, 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 such as sorghum production 101, several videos of sweet sorghum operations, a separate ladies program and much more. On Friday evening there will be a banquet with special entertainment by the Portland City Limits Bluegrass singers followed by a time of fellowship and tast-

ing 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. 4. 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 Marriott, call 888-403-6772. ask for the NSSPPA 2010 Annual Conference for special rates. Tickets will also be available to attend the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday night.

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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