

26th Annual Spring Forage Conference Set For Feb. 23 In Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

The 26th annual Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

According to organizers, this conference attracts an increasing number of people each year that are interested in learning more about management strategies for forages and livestock.

This year's keynote speaker is Dave Pratt, a livestock and range advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service. His topic for the noon lunch is entitled, "Is Your Farm a Job or a Business and Are You Working for a Lunatic?"

He co-founded the California Grazing Academy and since 1992 has been an integral part of the popular Grazing for Profits School. Over the years, Dave Pratt has educated thousands of farmers and ranchers on developing and implementing strategies to increase profits.

The conference will also feature breakout sessions on topics ranging from contract grazing

and pasture rental contracts to a comparison of grazing concepts.

More than 30 companies and organizations will have exhibits and representatives available to discuss their products and services.

The cost of the program is \$25 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. A banquet lunch is included with the registration. To pre-register (before Feb. 16) or to get more information, contact the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District at (417) 831-5246, extension 3.

Conference information and a registration form are available at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/sfc>.

The conference is co-sponsored by several southwest Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Missouri State University, University of Missouri Extension, MU Southwest Research Center, Missouri Department of Conservation, and the USDA Farm Service Agency. △



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