

AFGC Forage Conference Set For Thursday, Nov. 3 In Conway

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Two years of weather extremes from drought to flood and back to drought have taken their toll on the state's pastures and cattle operations. Growing better pastures through new forage and grazing management strategies is the goal for the Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council Conference Nov. 3.

The conference will be held at the Agora Center, 705 E. Siebenmorgen Road in Conway beginning at 9 a.m.

"We know this has been a tough time for livestock producers," said John Jennings, professor-forage for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. "We will have sessions to address the many needs of our growers during high-stress times."

Topics will include:

- Understanding forage growth to improve management,
- Extending grazing seasons with proven prac-

tices,

- Comparing of popular grazing strategies for effectiveness under different conditions and
- Matching livestock herd management to available forages.

Breakout sessions in the afternoon will cover forage irrigation strategies, water systems for livestock, simple and effective grazing system designs, improved fencing practices, forages for small ruminants, and forages for wildlife.

Registration in advance of the conference day is encouraged, but registration can be paid at the door and is \$45 per person or \$50 per couple and includes lunch, conference materials, and membership in the Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council and American Forage and Grassland Council.

For more information about the conference or to pre-register, call Amoree McGowan at 501-671-2171 or contact any AFGC board member.

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