

# Alfalfa Conference Is Feb. 21 In Cave City

PRINCETON, KY.

This past year was difficult for many alfalfa growers, but the calendar pages have turned, and it's time to think about the 2008 production year. The 28th Kentucky Alfalfa Conference will highlight topics of interest to growers of this legume. The daylong program is Feb. 21 at the Cave City Convention Center.

Alfalfa is versatile and can be used for pasture, hay, silage, green-chop, soil improvement and soil conservation. It has great potential for the cash hay market and for grazing, and many of these potentials will be discussed at the annual meeting, said Garry Lacefield, forage specialist with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the conference gets under way at 8:45 a.m. Topics include:

- Back to Basics
- Haymaking: a trip down memory lane
- Weed free hay: status in Kentucky
- Alfalfa: forage crop of the future
- Alfalfa balage: testing for quality

- Hay supply, price and the future.

Ron Tombaugh, president of the National Hay Association, will also be a guest speaker.

Presenters include specialists from the UK College of Agriculture, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Penn State University, University of Tennessee, Kentucky Seed Improvement Association and the Dairy Forage Research Center.

No pre-registration is required. Registration fee is \$15, or \$5 for students, and includes lunch and a copy of conference proceedings. Certified crop adviser credits are available. There will also be exhibits, a silent auction and an awards presentation during the event. The conference is sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture, UK Cooperative Extension Service and the Kentucky Forage and Grasslands Council.

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