

Illinois Forage Institute Rescheduled To April 2

URBANA, ILL.

Due to inclement weather on the originally scheduled date, the Illinois Forage Institute has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2, at Black Hawk College, East Campus, Conference Center, 26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva, Ill.

The educational program, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4 p.m., will focus on managing hayland and pastures. The program will also include commercial exhibits focusing on the forage industry. Companies interested in setting up forage-related commercial exhibits should contact Dave Gentry at 309-557-6397, or email him at dgentry@growmark.com.

Topics to be presented in the morning include forages for horses, forage species selection, pasture weed control, soil sampling, and costs to produce hay. The afternoon topics include pasture fertility, grazing cover crops, economics of

pasture forage production, pasture renovation after the drought, and feeding livestock on drought-damaged hay and forage. Program presenters include staff from University of Illinois Extension, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and forage industry companies. Also, several beef producers will serve as presenters.

Cost for the educational program is \$15 per person for IFGC members and \$20 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is requested by March 22. Cost will be \$20 and \$25 respectively per person after March 22 and at the door on April 2. Registration covers a noon meal and forage presentation handout material. To register, contact U of I Extension, Rock Island County, 321 W. 2nd Avenue, Milan, Ill., 61264, 309-756-9978. On-line registration and the program agenda can be accessed at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/>. △

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