

Illinois Forage Institute To Be Held In Mt. Vernon

MT. VERNON, ILL.

The Illinois Forage Institute is set for Tuesday, February 26, at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Topics include integrated weed and brush management in hay and pastures; hay and forage testing to meet livestock nutritional needs; mineral considerations of grazing forages; utilizing crop residues as forages; spray, smother, and, alkaloid management: how to get the most out of your tall fescue. Additional afternoon presentations include Certified Weed Free Program for Hay Sales presented by Staff from the Illinois Crop Improvement Association will discuss the certified weed-free program for hay sales, and USDA Risk Management

Agency personnel will explain forage and livestock insurance options.

The complete program agenda and pre-registration forms can be accessed at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockfordcenter/downloads/9878.pdf>.

Advance registration by February 19 is \$15 per person and includes lunch and all program materials. Registration is \$20 after February 19.

To register, contact Stacy Helm, Jefferson County SWCD, 221 Withers Drive, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, phone 618-244-0773, ext. 3.

The program is sponsored by the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council, University of Illinois Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Risk Management Agency and Illinois Grasslands Conservation Initiative. Δ