

# Illinois Forage Institute

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The Illinois Forage Institute will be held on Thursday, March 8, at the University of Illinois Orr Research & Demonstration Center/John Wood Community College, 37803 State Highway 104, Perry, IL located in Pike County. The educational program, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4 p.m., will focus on managing hay land and pastures. The program will also include commercial exhibits focusing on the forage industry. Companies interested in setting up a commercial exhibit can contact Dave Gentry at 309-557-6397, [dgentry@grow-mark.com](mailto:dgentry@grow-mark.com).

Topics to be presented in the morning include using baleage as a feed alternative, forage species selection, annual forage plants, pasture fertility, and USDA programs for forage and live-stock producers. The afternoon program will focus on pasture management and include producers sharing their grazing management techniques, pasture evaluation techniques, and an

Orr Center research update.

Cost for the educational program is \$15 per person for Illinois Forage and Grassland Council (IFGC) members and \$20 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is requested by Feb. 24. The cost will be \$20 and \$25, respectively, per person after that date and at the door on March 8. The registration fee covers a noon meal and forage presentation handout material. Program registration can be made by contacting University of Illinois Extension, Hancock County, 550 N. Madison, Carthage, IL 62321, 217-357-2150.

The Forage Institute is sponsored by the IFGC and John Wood Community College and supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and University of Illinois Extension.

On-line registration and the program agenda can be accessed at <https://webs.extension.uiuc.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=6398>. Δ



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