Missouri Dairy Forum January 30-31, 2009

CHESTERFIELD, MO.

he Missouri Dairy Association will be celebrating its 25th anniversary January 30-31 at the tenth annual Missouri Dairy Forum and trade show at The Resort at Port Arrowhead at Lake Ozark. The Forum is sponsored by the Missouri Dairy Association (MDA), Missouri Holstein Association (MHA), Missouri Guernsey Breeders Association (MGBA), Sho -Mo Dairy Heifer Growers Association, Missouri Jersey Cattle Club (MJCC) and the Missouri Dairy Growth Council.

All dairy producers and allied industry are welcome and admission is free for both days. Typically over 200 attendees enjoy the program, trade show and interaction with other producers each year at the Forum.

The Forum kicks off Friday January 30 at 9:30 a.m. with four nationally known speakers on the dairy checkoff, dairy nutrition and reproduction. The noon luncheon commemorates MDA's 25th anniversary along with featured speaker Missouri Supreme Court Justice Mary Russell who grew up on a dairy farm in northeast Missouri.

The Sho-Mo Dairy Heifer Growers Association will conduct their annual meeting at 2:15 p.m.

followed by MHA committee meetings at 4:30 p.m. and MGBA committee meetings at 5:00 p.m. Both groups will have board meetings later in the evening.

On Saturday morning, January 31, the Forum resumes with concurrent sessions including the annual meetings of MGBA, MHA and a MJCC board meeting. There is also a Youth Activity Room and Resort indoor pool available for families attending the Forum.

The Saturday Awards Luncheon features the crowning of the Missouri Holstein Princess and Little Miss along with a fun auction of items furnished by the Missouri Holstein Districts.

The Forum trade show contains 20 allied industry exhibits with the latest developments in the dairy industry of interest to Missouri dairy producers and heifer raisers.

Meal reservations for the Friday and Saturday luncheons are required by calling one of the Dairy Breed Associations or MDA at 636/519-9300 or emailing dairystl@aol.com before Friday, January 23. Hotel reservations may be made by calling The Resort at Port Arrowhead directly at 800/532-3575 and ask for the Missouri Dairy Forum room block. Δ



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