

Spring Forage Conference Is Feb. 24 In Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

The 25th annual Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Each year this conference attracts an increasing number of people interested in learning more about management strategies for forages and livestock.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Fred Provenza from Utah State University. Dr Provenza is known for his knowledge and understanding of animal behavior and the plant/herbivore interactions. He is a nationally recognized speaker and author.

Dr. Provenza started his career as a rancher in south-central Colorado. He has spent 25 years studying, teaching, and advising producers on understanding behavioral processes and using that to improve grazing or livestock man-

agement. His topic for the noon luncheon is "Behavior-Based Management for Animal Wellbeing, Ecosystem Diversity and Enterprise Adaptability."

The conference will also feature breakout sessions 12 topics ranging from endophyte infected fescue research to the economic outlook for the livestock industry.

More than 30 companies and organizations will have exhibits and representatives available to discuss their products and services.

The cost of the program is \$25 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. A banquet lunch is included with the registration. To pre-register (before Feb. 17) or to get more information, contact the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District at (417) 831-5246, extension 3.

Conference information and a registration form are available at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/sfc>. Δ



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