

Taney County Livestock And Forage Conference Is Feb. 9

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

The annual Taney County Livestock and Forage Conference has been scheduled for 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9 the Panther Pit cafeteria at the Forsyth High School, Forsyth, Mo.

This popular University of Missouri Extension program is attended by livestock producers and area land owners in order to learn the latest information to help manage their farms better and improve farm income.

According to Tim Schnakenberg, an agronomy specialist with MU Extension, attendance has been high this year for these programs around the region.

"Our local committee has put this program together and it really is going to be a great conference this year," said Schnakenberg.

The committee organized a discussion on raising versus buying hay this year by Dr. Justin

Sexton, a state beef nutrition specialist with MU Extension. Also on the schedule is a discussion on year-round grazing options for livestock producers by Schnakenberg.

With the interest in raising goats, the committee has also offered a presentation on considerations for goat management. This is designed for people who are considering getting into the goat business. Dr. Jodie Pennington, a new small ruminant specialist with Lincoln University will be the featured speaker.

An update of farm programs for 2010 is also planned from the farm agencies that serve Taney County.

A beef pot roast supper is planned at no cost to the participant thanks to local sponsors.

To reserve a meal, pre-registration is required by calling the Taney County Extension Center before Feb. 5 at (417) 546-4431. Δ



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