



Western Alfalfa & Forage Conference

December 11-13-2006, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, NV

Sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Services of: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

Monday, December 11—Field Tour: (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Visit the Top Gun facility (SS# required for security), Nevada agriculture, water systems and tourist sites. Jay Davison (NV), Chair.

Tuesday, December 12 -- General Session - DAY 1 (8:00 a.m. - Noon)

Emerging Issues and Market Trends

6:30- 10:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 Introduction—Karen Hinton, Dean & Director, Univ. of Nevada, Reno, NV

8:10 Emerging Forage Issues in the NW States—Glenn Shewmaker, Univ. of Idaho, Twin Falls, ID

8:35 Emerging Forage Issues in SW States—Dan Putnam, Univ. of California, Davis, CA

9:00 Trends in the Dairy Market—Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, Twin Falls, ID

9:25 Trends in the Horse Market—Laurie Lawrence, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

10:00 BREAK

Water, Economics, and Profitability

10:30 Hay Prices and Trends —Seth Hoyt, National Ag. Statistics Service, Sacramento, CA , and Tim Woodward, Forage Specialist, Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA

10:55 Water Situation and the Future—Scott Matyac, CA Dept. Water Resources, Sacramento, CA

11:20 Keeping your Head above Water in the Hay Industry—Dick Schader, Red Rock Ranch, MacDoel, CA and Richard Larsen, Larsen Farms, Dubois, ID

Noon: BANQUET LUNCH -- Roy Smith, Cowboy Poet and Rancher, Montague, CA

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

I. Pest Management (Does not repeat)

1:25 Toxic Weeds and Their Impacts—Birgit Puschner, University of California, Davis, CA

1:50 RR Alfalfa for Stand Establishment—Mick Canevari, University of California CE, Stockton, CA

2:15 Avoiding Weed Resistance in RR Alfalfa—Steve Orloff, University of California CE, Yreka, CA

2:40 Controlling Weeds in Grass Hay—Rob Wilson, University of California, Susanville, CA

3:05 BREAK

3:30 Rodent Control Update—Gary Witmer, Wildlife Biologist, USDA-APHIS, Fort Collins, CO

3:55 Alfalfa: Weevils, Aphids and Worms—Mike Rethwisch, University of California CE, Blythe, CA

4:20 Managing the Major Alfalfa Diseases—Don Miller, Target Seed, Nampa, ID

4:45 Year-Round IPM in Alfalfa—Pete Goodell, University of California, Parlier, C

5:15 Adjourn

II. Utilizing a Wide Range of Forage Crops (Repeats)

1:25 Summer Annual Forages —Tom Griggs, Forage Specialist, Utah State University, Logan, UT

1:50 Cool Season Perennial Grasses—Kevin Jensen, Forage Geneticist, USDA-ARS, Logan, UT

2:15 Warm Season Crops for Biomass—Steve Fransen, Washington State Univ., Prosser, WA

2:40 Small Grain Forages—George Fohner, Plant Breeder, Resource Seeds, Gilroy, CA

3:05 BREAK

3:30-5:15 (REPEAT 4 TALKS)

III. Irrigation and Soils (Repeats)

1:25 Potassium Management in Alfalfa—Rich Koenig, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

1:50 Specialty Fertilizers and Micronutrients—Denise McWilliams, NM State Univ., Las Cruces, NM

2:15 Allocation Strategies in Water Short Years—Howard Neibling, Univ. of Idaho, Twin Falls, ID

2:40 Management of Center Pivot Irrigation—Guy Fipps, Texas A & M Univ., College Station, TX

3:05 BREAK

3:30-5:15 (REPEAT 4 TALKS)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors Reception

5:30 p.m. Auction for Hay Growers' Groups

Wednesday, December 13 – General Session - DAY 2 (8:00 a.m. - Noon)

6:15 a.m. CAFA Breakfast – (no charge—need ticket)

Future Trends with Alfalfa & Forages

8:00 Biotech Traits in Alfalfa—Mark McCaslin, Forage Genetics Int'l., Minneapolis, MN

8:25 Energy Crops and Their Implications for Forages—Joe Bouton, Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK

8:50 Future Trends in Alfalfa Establishment—John Kugler, Washington State Univ., Ephrata, WA

9:15 Future Trends in Forage Quality Analysis—Dan Putnam, University of California, Davis, CA and Dan Undersander, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

9:45 BREAK

Harvesting Technology and Quality

10:20 Rate of Quality Change in Alfalfa—Neal Martin, USDA-ARS Dairy Forage Center, Madison, WI

10:45 Cutting Schedule Strategies—Steve Orloff, Univ. of California, Yreka, CA and Dan Putnam, University of California, Davis, CA

11:10 Harvesting Impacts on Forage Quality—Dan Undersander, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

11:35 Protecting Hay Quality During Storage—Juan Guerrero, Univ. of California, El Centro, CA

Noon LUNCH (on your own)

Risk Management in Forage Production

1:30 Overview of Risk Management:—Willie Riggs, Univ. of Nevada, Eureka, NV

2:00 Purchasing Equipment vs. Custom Rates—Herb Hinman, Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA

2:30 One Cut Forage Systems for Drought and Energy Considerations—Steve Fransen, Washington State University, Prosser, WA and Tip Hudson, Washington State University, Prosser, WA

3:00 Estate Planning—Kynda Curtis, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Reno, NV

3:30 Discussion

4:00 Adjourn

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