

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

12:00- 6:00 pm – Registration

1:00-5:00 pm – Grassland Soil Health Workshop

Moderator – Mark Kennedy, MFGC/GLCI Grassland Specialist, Reeds Spring, MO

- Principles of Soil Health in Grassland -- Doug Peterson, NRCs Regional Soil Health Specialist, Missouri/Iowa
- Diverse Native Grasslands: Soil Health in Heart of America -- Amy Hamilton & Elizabeth Steele, Producers, Hamilton Native Outpost, Elk Creek, MO
- Where’s the Profit in Soil Health? A Producer’s Prospective -- Dr. Alex Miller, Producer, East Tennessee
- Foraging for Soil Health -- Dr. Alan Franzluebbers, Research Ecologist, USDA–ARS, North Carolina State Univ.

5:00-6:30 pm - Social & Visit Trade Show

6:30-8:00 pm - Welcome, Introductions, Dinner

Emcee: Mark Green, SFC Vice-Chair, MFGC Board Member

Keynote Address

“GRATITUDE”

Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Kentucky

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

8:00-8:45 am – REGISTRATION/TRADE SHOW

8:45 am - CONCURRENT SESSIONS A

(Select one of these four sessions to attend)

(A1) Adapting to Forage Growth Curves

Dr. Will McClain, Associate Professor, MSU Darr College of Ag, Springfield, MO

(Repeated @ 2:45 pm)

(A2) Top Dollar for Your Calves,

Value Added Opportunities

Dr. Gant Mourer, Mourer Family Farm, Morrison, OK

(Repeated @ 2:45 pm)

(A3) Finding Hard Work & Harmony

in Family Relationships on the Farm
Dave Pratt, Ranch Management Consultants, Fairfield, CA

(A4) Chemical Weed Control in Pastures

Tim Schnakenberg, MU Ext Agronomist, Galena, MO

9:30 – 10:15 am – BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

10:15 am - CONCURRENT SESSIONS B

(Select one of these four sessions to attend)

(B1) Understanding Forage Quality/RFQ

Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Kentucky

(Repeated @ 2:45 pm)

(B2) Conditioning Cows for Pregnancy

Dr. Jason Salchow, Producer/Veterinarian, Billings, MO

(B3) Grazing Alfalfa

Dr. Twain Butler, Professor/Research Agronomist, Noble Research Institute, Ardmore, OK

(B4) Non-Chemical Weed Management

Dr. Mike Burton, Associate Professor, MSU Darr College of Ag, Springfield, MO

Terry Halleran, Agronomy Specialist, MU Extension, Hermitage, MO

Dr. Will McClain, Associate Professor, MSU Darr College of Ag, Springfield, MO

11:00 – 11:30 am – BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

11:30 am – LUNCHEON

Emcee: Joann Pipkin, Show Me Agri-Comm

Keynote Address

**“Do You Own a Job or Business?
Are You Working for a Lunatic?”**

Dave Pratt, Ranch Management Consultants, Ranching for Profit School, Fairfield, CA

1:15 – 1:45 pm – BREAK & VISIT TRADE SHOW

1:45 pm - CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

(Select one of these four sessions to attend)

(C1) Mineral supplements in Pastures

Dr. Eric Bailey, State Ext Beef Nutritionist, Univ. of MO, Columbia, MO

(C2) Incorporating Sheep and Goats into a Cattle Operation

Greg Christiansen, Farmer/Rancher, Parker, Kansas

(C3) Bermudagrass - Benefits in a Grazing System.

Dr. James Rogers, Associate Professor, Noble Research Institute, Ardmore, OK

(C4) The 3 Secrets for Increasing Profit

Dave Pratt, Ranch Management Consultants, Fairfield, CA

2:30 – 2:45 pm – BREAK

2:45 pm - CONCURRENT SESSIONS D

(Select one of these four sessions to attend)

(D1) Beef Genetics

Jared Decker, Assistant Professor, Animal Science Research, Univ. of MO, Columbia, MO

(D2) Adapting to Forage Growth Curves

Dr. Will McClain, Associate Professor, MSU Darr College of Ag, Springfield, MO

(D3) Understanding Forage Quality/RFQ

Dr. Garry Lacefield, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Kentucky

(D4) Top Dollar for Your Calves,

Value Added Opportunities

Dr. Gant Mourer, Mourer Family Farm, Morrison, OK

3:30 pm – ADJOURN

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Tuesday (27 th) Only:	___ \$35/ea.	___ \$45/ea.
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Meal Includes Beef - Any dietary restrictions?

___ YES ___ NO

If YES, please make staff aware at check-in.

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**Monday & Tuesday
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Several of these sessions may count toward CEU credits for: Certified Crop Advisors and AFGC Grassland Professionals

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