

**2021 Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference
Agenda**

February 23

8:00-8:50 am Introductory Address - Session 1

Uncertainty and Opportunity in Beef Cattle Markets

Dr. Derrell Peel, Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist,
Oklahoma State University

8:55-9:40 am Session 2

Missouri Climate Trends

Dr. Patrick Guinan, Missouri State Climatologist, Extension/State Climatologist,
University of Missouri Extension

9:45-10:30 am Session 3

Panel Discussion: Year-Round Pasture Management

Steve Freeman, Beef Producer, Hartville, Missouri
Mike Meier, Dairy/Beef Producer, Monett, Missouri

10:35-11:20 am Session 4

Matching Cow Size to Forage Resource

Dr. David Lalman, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist,
Oklahoma State University

11:25-12:10 pm Session 5

Pasture Management for Small Ruminants

Dr. Homero Salinas-Gonzalez, Small Ruminant State Extension and Research Specialist,
Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri

12:35-1:20 pm Keynote Speaker

Red Meat and Our Health: Separating Scientific Fact from Politics, Emotion, and Misinformation

Dr. Peter J. Ballestedt, Forage Ambassador, Barenbrug USA
Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri

1:25-2:10 pm Session 6

The Clover Dilemma: Do I have enough to meet yield goals without fertilizer nitrogen?

Dr. Jimmy Henning, Extension Professor and Forage Specialist,
Plant & Soil Science Department - University of Kentucky

February 24

8:00-8:45 am Session 1

Strip Grazing Milo - Alternative Winter Feeding Strategy

Rusty Lee, Field Specialist in Agronomy,
University of Missouri Extension

8:50-9:35 am Session 2

Bale Grazing: Increasing Pasture Fertility While Lowering Costs

Dr. Greg Halich, Agricultural Economist,
University of Kentucky

9:40-10:25 am Session 3

Managing Your Grazing System in Winter Months (Rotation, Supplement, Mud, Protection)

Mark Green, Lead Resource Conservationist,
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

10:30-11:15 am Session 4

Managing Annual Forages for Livestock Production

Dr. Paul Beck, State Beef Extension Specialist,
Oklahoma State University

11:20-12:05 pm Session 5

Forage & Humanity's Future

Dr. Peter J. Ballestedt, Forage Ambassador, Barenbrug USA

12:30-1:15 pm Session 6

Warm Season Grasses: Testing vs. Performance

Michael Hickinbotham, Owner/Operator,
Custom Labs, Monett, Missouri

1:20-2:05 pm Session 7

Developing Forage Pest Issues

Tim Schnakenberg, Field Specialist in Agronomy,
University of Missouri Extension