

Of Cows & Plows



December 2010/January 2011



Mattie Craig showing class winner WF Lady Stetson 841U for Willis Farms at the 2010 NAILE. Lady Stetson was also named high point Salers female at the 2010 KY Proud Points Banquet held in October

Franklin County High School FFA Alumni Association and FFA Class of 2010/2011 Christmas Party

December 16th, 6:00 pm
At the Extension Office room "A". There will be a meal with the meat provided. Bring a side dish, drinks or desert. There will be door prizes too!



FCCA Elects Officers



The Franklin County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors met in November to elect officers. Pictured left to right are Jim Morse, treasurer; Lona Brewer, vice-president; Judy Christian, new board member and Patrick Stone, president.

Holiday Office Schedule



The Extension Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 21st to Monday, January 3rd.

Nutritional Quality of Forages

An "excellent" hay for cattle will have an 11.2%+ protein level and a 56%+ Total Digestible Nutrients level. A "good" hay will test 9.5-11.1% P and 50-56% TDN.

Join or Renew your FCCA/KCA membership before January 1st for a chance to WIN a Priefert Squeeze Chute! Dues are \$25, made payable to KCA.

2011 KY Fruit and Vegetable Conference & Trade Show

JANUARY 3-4, 2011

Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, KY.

The Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show, is held jointly with members of the Kentucky Vineyard Society and the Kentucky State Horticultural Society every January in Lexington, KY. This conference brings growers and researchers together to highlight topics of interest for vegetable growers in the state. Sessions often include talks on organic farming, vegetable production and farmers' markets. Research on new varieties and production techniques is presented as well as grower experiences. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Lexington KY.

<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Horticulture/meetings.html>

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any person who believes they have been discriminated against in any Cooperative Extension sponsored program or activity may file a complaint with the Secretary of Agriculture by writing to:

USDA, Director
Office of Civil Rights
Room 326-W, Whitten Bldg.
14th & Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410

A complaint must be filed no later than 180 days from the date of the alleged discrimination.

Winter Schools

Starting February 3rd, 7-9:00 pm and continuing every Thursday into March.

Watch the paper or your mailbox for topics (BQA Training, Backyard Poultry, Bee Keeping, Home Energy Efficiency, Pasture Improvement, etc, etc) or visit our webpage at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/franklin/>

KCA Convention



January 13-15

Hyatt Regency at the Lexington Convention Center

Please call 1-800-233-1234 by December 21 to reserve your room at the \$105 rate

Highlights for 2011 Convention:

This year the Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and the Burley Tobacco Growers Coop are partnering together to host their individual conventions and joint Ag Industry Trade Show. For more information call 859-278-0899.

- Opening General Session moves to Thursday afternoon, so plan to arrive earlier.
- Industry Breakfast in the Trade Show Friday morning FREE with Trade Show Only or Full Registration.
- Arena activities featuring Curt Pate in the Ag Industry Trade Show.
- Thursday evening Welcome Reception in the Trade Show featuring games, prizes and food, all with a carnival theme!
- Evening Extravaganza will feature a hypnotist to provide lots of laughter!
- <http://kycattle.org/Convention.aspx>



Gary Saylor and Mike Nelsh showing the NAILE Champion fall Hampshire buck owned by High Bridge Hampshires of Grafenburg. Owner/operators include J.R.Zinner, Josh Hack, and Ali Higgs

UK Lambing School

January 18

Animal Research Center (UK Farm), 1171 Midway Road, Versailles, KY. Contact Dr. Ely at 859-257-2717 or dely@uky.edu.



8th grade Bondurant student, Bailey Bishop, volunteered at the 2010 NAILE Beef Show. She helped her dad weigh in cattle and compute average daily gain.

2011 Kentucky Small Ruminant Grazing Conference

**Saturday
January 15, 2011
Hardin County
Extension Office
Elizabethtown, KY**

9:00 a.m. Welcome- Dr. David Ditsch
Mr. Ray Bowman

Grazing Management

9:15 a.m. Using Annual Forage Species for Grazing –
Dr. Ray Smith

10:00 a.m. Endophyte Infected Tall Fescue: Do we
have a problem? Dr. Glen Aiken

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Characterizing the parasite challenge of
meat goats grazing pastures in western Maryland -
Dr. Susan Schoenian

Producer Presentations

11:30 a.m. Predator Control for Sheep and Goat
Production: The Berea College Experience - Dr. Neil
Douglas

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. From IBM to Goat Production – Mr. Barry
Arnett

1:30 p.m. Sheep Production – Dr. Diane Hellwig,
DVM

2:00 – Break

Economics/Marketing Outlook

2:15 p.m. Sheep and Goat Marketing for 2011 - Tess
Caudill

Parasite Management

2:45 p.m. A Five Point Evaluation System for De-
worming Decision Making – Dr. Michelle Bilderback,
DVM

3:10 p.m. FAMACHA Training– Dr. Ken Andries,
(optional Cost \$10.00)

Registration Fee \$20.00 (Includes meal, breaks,
materials).

Mail completed registration form (available at our
office) by January 7 with payment to:
University of Kentucky, UK Robinson Center, Attn:
Jackie Allen, 130 Robinson Road, Jackson, KY 41339

10th Heart of America Grazing Conference

January 25-26, 2011

Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
Louisville, Kentucky

January 25, 2011

2:00 p.m. Exhibit Set-up
3:00 Registration, Exhibits and Silent Auction
5:30 Welcome, Invocation & Dinner – Dr. Garry Lacefield, UK & Dr. Jimmy Henning, UK
Forages Around the World: Observations & Reflections – Dr. Garry Lacefield

January 26, 2011

7:00 a.m. Registration, Exhibits, Silent Auction
8:15 Welcome – Dr. Garry Lacefield
8:30 From Confinement to Grazing – Mr. Bill Payne
Producer, Lincoln Co. KY
9:00 How much Pasture do I have and how long will it
Feed my Cows? – Dr. Ray Smith UK
9:30 Tall Fescue – Endophyte – Animal Performance
– Dr. Glen Aiken USDA/ARS, Kentucky
10:00 Break, Exhibits & Silent Auction
10:30 Organic Dairying: Role of Grazing – Mr. Jake
Schmitz Ohio Valley Regional Coord., Organic Valley
Coop.
11:30 Mob Grazing, High Density Grazing,
Management-intensive Grazing; What's the
Difference? – Mr. Mark Kennedy NRCS, Missouri

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 Silent Auction Results
1:15 Integrated Weed Management for Enhancing
Productivity of Grazed Pastures – Dr. J.D. Green UK
1:45 Grazing Goats and Cattle and Other Co-species
Grazing – Mr. Jason Tower Purdue University
2:15 Grazing Corn, Brassicas, Chicory, Eastern
Gamagrass, Ryegrass, Oats and Other Non-
Traditional Forages – Mr. Jeff McCutcheon Ohio State
2:45 Extending the Grazing Season and Reducing
Stored Feed Needs – Mr. Ed Ballard UI
3:15 Adjourn

The registration fee is \$35/day/person or \$50
for both days. Late registration (after January 15 or at
the door) \$65.00.

Return registration form (available at our office) with
check payable to HOAGC and send to: Christi
Forsythe, Research & Education Center, P.O. Box
469, Princeton, KY 42445. Phone: (270) 365-7541,
Ext. 221, E-Mail: cforsyth@uky.edu



Darrell Sloane, UK South Farm Manager,
and his crew help erect a high tunnel with Dr.
Tim Coolong, UK Vegetable Specialist, at
Connie Lemley's farm. High tunnels are
unheated covers used for season extension
of crops. Connie is hosting on-farm research
on leafy vegetables in high tunnels with Dr.
Coolong and the Franklin County Extension
Office





SOUTHERN SAWG CONFERENCE
Practical Tools & Solutions
for Sustaining Family Farms

JANUARY 19–22, 2011 — CHATTANOOGA, TN

The program for our 20th annual conference reflects the great strides we have made together in the sustainable agriculture and local food movements. In the past two decades, the level of expertise of our presenters has increased significantly, and the breadth and depth of the courses and sessions we offer have greatly expanded. This is a reflection on YOU, our conference participants who are doing the great work out there and have come together every January for the last 20 years willing to share.

No where else will you find so much critical information for commercial sustainable producers and local foods advocates packed into one program.

We'll have two full days of Pre-Conference activities starting Wednesday morning, including a good variety of **Short Courses, Mini Courses** and **Field Trips**.

The two full days of General Conference activities, including Educational Sessions, Networking Sessions, Trade Show and Taste of Tennessee Dinner, will start Friday morning and conclude with the big banquet dinner Saturday evening.

Check out the incredible Pre-Conference and General Conference offerings. This year's program features many of the pioneers who helped build this movement from the ground up and are still going strong.

<http://ssawg.org/conference-program.html>

Registration Fees			
	Before Dec 20th	Before Jan 6th	On-Site
Adult	\$155	\$165	\$175
Child (<i>under 12 years of age</i>)	\$55	\$60	\$65
Short Courses #1, #3 & #4	\$120	\$125	\$130
Short Courses #2	\$100	\$105	\$155
Mini Course	\$50	\$55	\$60
Field Trips	\$55	\$65	\$75

New Pre-conference Courses

In addition to our popular High Tunnel and Beginning Organic Vegetable Production Short Courses that we will be offering again this year, we have 2 new Short Courses and 4 new Mini Courses for those looking for an accelerated path to expertise.

New 1.5 Day Short Courses

- **Advanced Organic Production and Marketing of Vegetables**, for those with 5+ years of growing and marketing organic horticultural crops.
- **Mixing and Matching Cattle, Sheep and Goats on Pasture**, for those looking to diversify into other species they can raise on pasture.

New 1/2 Day Mini Courses

- **Increasing the Impact of Food Policy Councils**, for those working to create local and state policy changes that will improve our food system.
- **Getting Started in Pastured Poultry**, for those venturing into pastured poultry production.
- **Planning Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Production for Weekly Markets**, for those who sell at farmers markets or run CSAs.
- **Permaculture: Building an Organic Farm and Homestead from Scratch**, for those looking for a good permaculture model.

This conference will attract over 900 farmers and advocates working toward sustainable food systems in the South. In addition to plenty of practical sessions, the conference features field trips to local farms and exhibits by vendors whose products and services provide support producers. Participants will also get a taste of locally produced foods at a special banquet.

<http://ssawgconference.org/>

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