

Registration

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Register Early – Space is Limited

COST: EARLY BIRD \$125.00. After Oct. 31 - \$150.00. Registration includes all conference meals and a Manitoba Forage Council associate membership. Additional meal tickets available at \$25.00 each. Registration is non-refundable. Pre-payment by cheque (mail) or MC/VISA/AMEX (on-line) or by phone 622-2029.

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Tuesday, November 28

7:00 -10:00 PM ASSEMBLY HALL - Wine & Cheese Social, Keystone Centre. This event is open to all registered for the Grazing School. It is a great opportunity to meet, network & socialize with beef and forage speakers and producers from across the province. Exhibitors will be setting up at this time.

Wednesday, November 29

8:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 CONVENTION HALL – Dr. Anibal Pordomingo – Producing Forage Finished Beef – Dr. Anibal Pordomingo, a professor and rancher in Argentina, will discuss how to produce forage finished beef with particular emphasis on grass finishing. This keynote will address all the ingredients needed for success including proper genetics, environmental adaptability, and the nutritional requirements of the animals. He will focus on the system required to accomplish a reliable, predictable, remarkable product.

10:30 Refreshment Break / Visit Displays

11:00 CONVENTION HALL – Brian Kelly – Marketing Opportunities for Forage-Fed Beef – Brian Kelly of Kelwin Management Consulting will discuss the potential in niche marketing of Manitoba forage finished beef products. He will discuss the results of a market study and value chain assessment conducted in Manitoba with emphasis on the importance of marketing forage finished beef.

12:00 CONVENTION HALL – LUNCH AND DISPLAYS

1:30 BREAKOUT SESSION A (Each session will be given twice, choose two of the four)

A-1 ASSEMBLY HALL – Kevin Sedivec – Getting the Most out of Your Native Pasture - Kevin is a Rangeland Management Specialist and Associate Professor at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND. His research specialty areas include grazing management, range nutrition, noxious weed control,

and grazing and wildlife management interactions.

A-2 VIEWING LOUNGE – Bruce Chern – Seeding Cropland into Forages – Bruce is a forage and livestock producer from Stockholm, SK who will discuss his transition from Alberta to Saskatchewan and how he developed his grazing plans from historical crop land into a forage-based system.

A-3 AMPITHEATRE – Dr. Anibal Pordomingo – Strategies for Finishing Beef Cattle on Forages - This break out session will focus on the strategies for developing the forage chain, finding and stretching the finishing window and discuss the type of cattle and the animal category (heifer, steer, etc.) for this type of program.

A-4 PIONEER LOUNGE – Dr. Jeff Schoenau - Fertility Management in Forages and Pastures – Dr. Schoenau is a professor at the University of Saskatchewan with interests in soil fertility and nutrient management. He is also the Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food Research Chair in Nutrient Management. Jeff will cover fertilization of forages with commercial fertilizer, liquid and solid manure, nutrient recycling and retention in in-field overwintering systems, and impacts of grazing on nutrient dynamics.

2:30 Refreshment Break / Visit Displays

3:30 REPEAT OF BREAKOUT SESSION A

4:30 CONVENTION HALL - Manitoba Graziers of the Year Presentations One of the most popular sessions as some of the best forage/livestock producers from across Manitoba will showcase their operations.

5:30 CONVENTION HALL - Banquet

7:00 CONVENTION HALL – Dan Ohler – Thinkin’ Outside the Barn – Dan’s interactive presentations encourages you, and challenges you to think and act “outside the barn.” You learn common sense tools, gain encouragement, and are challenged to make positive changes. Your heart and your head will be touched as Dan shares riveting stories and valuable life lessons learned through his varied agriculture and ag-related experiences.

8:00 CONVENTION HALL – MFC Silent Auction

8:30 Socializing

Thursday, November 30

8:00 CONVENTION HALL - Complimentary Pancake/Continental Breakfast

9:00 CONVENTION HALL – Dr. Garry Lacefield - Keys to Forage Productivity – Dr. Lacefield is an Extension Forage Specialist with the University of Kentucky Research & Education Center in Princeton, Kentucky. He will discuss how “*money grows on grass*” or the keys to profitability including ten basic factors concerning forage management practices that he has observed around the world.

10:00 BREAKOUT SESSION B (Each session will be given twice, choose two of the four)

B-1 AMPITHEATRE – Dr. Garry Lacefield – Grazing Alfalfa – This presentation will focus on the attributes of alfalfa as a grazing crop. In this presentation Garry will cover the reasons why this remarkable species should be considered as a grazing crop and discuss some critical management necessary for success.

B-2 VIEWING LOUNGE – Marilena Kowalchuk and Wes Pancratz – Managing the Water’s Edge – Managing the Water’s Edge is a multi-agency group that provides leadership, program development, and training in riparian health and water quality, to provide useful information for land managers. Find out more in this informative session on how to make sound decisions to maintain and restore the health and function of riparian areas, as a vital part of the landscape and economy of the province.

B-3 ASSEMBLY HALL – Gabe Brown – Integration of Livestock into a Zero-Till Cropping Program. - Gabe and Shelly Brown own and operate Brown’s Gelbvieh Ranch, Bismarck, ND. They purchased the ranch in 1991 and built a 250 head purebred cow operation. The Brown’s started working toward a sustainable

cropping system after purchasing a no-till drill in 1994. Gabe enjoys exploring legumes that can be used in both his livestock grazing system and the no-till cropping system, using soil health as the fertility indicator.

B-4 PIONEER LOUNGE – Bill Gardiner and Sarah Keen – Brush Control Methods in Manitoba - The Native Pasture Improvement Program is a program that is in the process of developing new technologies for maintaining grassland productivity through the management of aspen encroachment. Find out more about these various technologies for effective management of aspen encroachment (including hardwood timber harvested areas) on grasslands used for pasture and hay.

11:00 Refreshment Break / Visit Displays

11:30 REPEAT OF BREAKOUT SESSION B

12:30 NOON - LUNCH AND DISPLAYS

1:30 CONVENTION HALL – PRODUCER PANEL DOING THE RIGHT THINGS RIGHT!

Guy Johnson – Eddystone - Guy Johnston is a forage and beef producer from Eddystone who will discuss his experiences in raising grass for cattle production. Recently he has participated in the Native Pasture Improvement Program and will discuss how he has improved his grass production.

Dean Stoyanowski – Arborg - Relying only on pastures that would run out fast in the past, Dean decided to change things to keep his 105 cows from coming home early. Last year Dean fall grazed turnips and this year has grazed alfalfa and Italian ryegrass and is using millet for swathgrazing in the fall. Dean's goal is to graze his cows until Christmas. Dean is now the Farm Production Advisor in Arborg with MAFRI.

Don Armitage – Miniota - Don is a forage and beef producer in Miniota who has commercial and forage-finished beef. He will discuss his process of feeding and marketing forage-fed beef.

2:30 CONVENTION HALL – David Elias – MRAC - The Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council (MRAC) is a non-profit corporation that funds innovative

agricultural projects and works to stimulate industry and government activity where voids are recognized. The presentation will focus on MRAC projects that might be of interest/benefit to forage and cattle producers with some discussion on the kinds of potential projects that might qualify for funding.

3:00 CONVENTION HALL - Dr. Lynn Locatelli - Dr. Locatelli is a consultant/veterinarian in Nebraska, specializing in low-stress-handling of cattle. Shrink reduction, maximizing gain and optimal cattle health for grazing are some of the topics she will discuss.

4:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Attention Agribusiness

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Manitoba Graziers of the Year Award

This year the Grazing School will highlight some of the best graziers across the province. Please assist the committee in developing this line-up by nominating or applying for this award. Application/nomination forms are available at any MAFRI office.

Deadline Date: September 30, 2005

For more information contact:
Rodger Sheldon – Pasture and Grassland Specialist – Ste. Rose
(204) 638-2038

Media may highlight the nominees.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives staff are not eligible to participate in this nomination process.

Organizing Committee

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Poster Presentations:

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