

Winter Forage Conference

Learning how to use Pasture, Rangeland and Forage (PRF) Insurance will be a featured workshop at the upcoming Winter Forage Conference, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, in the Anderson Building on the Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia, Kansas. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the conference kicks off at 9:30 a.m.

“Making Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance Work for You!” will be a one-hour, sponsored workshop, featuring Dr. Monte Vandever, Kansas State University, Extension Ag Economist and Jason Timmerman with the Silveus Insurance Group. “There’s been some recent policy changes that folks should be aware of, but Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance can be a great risk management tool for grass and forage managers and we’re delighted to have these two knowledgeable speakers at the conference,” said Mark Nelson, KSFGC Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Each year, the Kansas Forage and Grassland Council (KSFGC) and Kansas State University team up to hold its Winter Forage Conference and KSFGC Annual Meeting. A highlight of the conference will be a farmer panel discussing Flint Hills Alfalfa Management, along with presentations by Dr. Dale Blasi on feed and forage quality testing and utilizing test results, Alan Tachman, on fall burning for sericea control, and Dr. Leah Tsoodle on the Flint Hills Pasture Report.

Conference Registration is \$45 per farm (plus \$15 for each additional farm member), which includes the noon meal, subscriptions to both Progressive Forage Grower and Hay & Forage Magazines, along with membership to KSFGC, the American Forage and Grassland Council, and the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance. If you’ve already renewed your KSFGC membership, admission is free. Farmers and ranchers can learn more and register online at <https://ksfgc.org/wkfc/>. You can also RSVP and pay at the door by contacting either: Franklin County Extension at (785) 229-3520 or dhibdon@ksu.edu, or Lyon County Extension at (620) 341-3220 or brees@ksu.edu. To assist with planning and meal counts, please pre-register or RSVP by December 7, 2018, although walk-ins on December 11 will be welcome. You can also contact Mark Nelson at info@ksfgc.org with questions or if interested in being a sponsor or vendor at the conference.

The Kansas Forage and Grassland Council serves as an umbrella organization providing education and programs to strengthen the forage industry in Kansas. Member dues support educational meetings, such as this conference, along with other forage initiatives such as the FFA Forage Proficiency Award, the State Fair

Market Alfalfa Show and support for the KSU Forage Judging Team.