Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference

July 6-8, 2006
University of Missouri Southwest Research Center

- Learn the latest in dairy grazing systems from grazing experts and other dairy producers
- Tour some of the nation’s newest grazing dairies
- Network with some of the nation’s best grazing dairy producers

Conference Location
University of Missouri Southwest Center
14548 Highway H
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
(417) 466-2148

Lodging Information
A block of rooms are reserved at the following hotels:

- **Super 8** in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.
  $52 (plus tax) daily rate per room. Contact person is Jim Prentiss at (417) 461-0230.
- **Comfort Inn** in Mt. Vernon, Missouri
  $60 (plus tax) daily rate per room. Contact person is Kathy at (417) 466-4511.

Reserve hotel rooms by **June 21, 2006** and ask for the special rates for the *Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference*. Locations of other nearby motels can be obtained by calling Tony Rickard, Dairy Specialist, at (417) 847-3161.

Learn more about the conference and tours at: http://agebb.missouri.edu/dairy/grazing/index.htm

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Conference Agenda

Thursday, July 6th 2006
Moderator, Joel McNair, Editor, Graze Magazine
12:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. Welcome
Joel McNair, Editor, Graze Magazine
1:15 p.m. Trends in Today’s Dairy Industry
Joe Horner, Dairy Economist, University of Missouri-Extension
1:30 p.m. Why has Pasture-Based Dairying Developed in Missouri
Charles Fletcher, Dairy Producer, Purdy and Lockwood, MO
2:00 p.m. Opportunities in Pasture-Based Dairying
Stacey Hamilton, Dairy Specialist, University of Missouri-Extension
3:00 p.m. Managing our Pasture-Based Dairy
Gary Townshend, Moderator/Dairy Producer, Wentworth, MO
Kevin van der Poel, Dairy Producer, Harwood, MO
Dale Carter, Dairy Producer, Mountain Grove, MO
Bernie VanDalsen, Dairy Producer, Reeds, MO

Friday, July 7th 2006 continued
11:15 a.m. Travel to KBC Dairy, Purdy, MO
12:00 p.m. Lunch—Box Lunch Provided at Dairy
12:30 p.m. Tour KBC Dairy
This 250 cow pasture-based dairy is owned by a Missouri family partnership which operates two similarly sized dairies. KBC Dairy’s evolution includes improving profitability by changing locations, increasing scale, decreasing cow size, cutting concentrates, and testing forages to arrive at their current system. Managing partner Charles Fletcher and his family will host.
2:15 p.m. Travel to Grasslands Dairy, Wentworth, MO
3:00 p.m. Tour Grasslands Dairy
This 700 cow pasture-based dairy is owned by a New Zealand partnership. This dairy is an example of New Zealand dairy systems applied under Missouri conditions. Grasslands is using this hybrid system to develop additional Missouri dairies. Gary Townshend, manager of North American operations, will host.
5:00 p.m. Return Travel to MU Southwest Center
6:00 p.m. Steak Dinner at MU Southwest Center
8:00 p.m. New Zealand Slide show (optional)

Saturday, July 8th 2006
Moderator, Rob Kallenbach, Agronomy Specialist, University of Missouri-Extension
8:00 a.m. Planning the Dairy Parlor
Bernie VanDalsen, Dairy Producer, Reeds, MO
8:45 a.m. Grazing Genetics
John Roche, Senior Scientist at Dexcel, New Zealand
9:30 a.m. Developing the Grazing Cow
Michael Murphy, Moorpark Centre, Ireland
10:15 a.m. Dairy Nutrition for the Pasture-Based Cow
Tony Rickard, Dairy Specialist, University of Missouri-Extension
11:00 a.m. General Discussion
11:30 a.m. Wrap Up Summary
Richard Crawford, Superintendent, MU Southwest Research Center
Afternoon

Registration Form
Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference
July 6-8, 2006
Registration Deadline is June 22, 2006

Name: ________________________________
Organization: ________________________________
Street: ________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________
Enter the number registering for:
___ First person ($75 registration fee)
___ Additional person from farm ($50 registration fee)
(One set of conference materials per farm)

Register early. Conference attendance is limited, registrations received after June 22nd will be charged $25 more per person and can not be guaranteed. Fees cover a BBQ on Thursday evening (July 6), a box lunch and steak dinner on Friday (July 7), refreshments and bus tours. Fees do not cover breakfasts or hotel accommodations.

Please mail your registration and check payable to University of Missouri to:

Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference
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