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31st Kentucky Alfalfa
Conference
February 24, 2011







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Establish for Stand

Produce for Yield

Harvest for Quality

Market for Profit

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Drying Forage for Haylage

Dr. Dan Undersa
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Extension



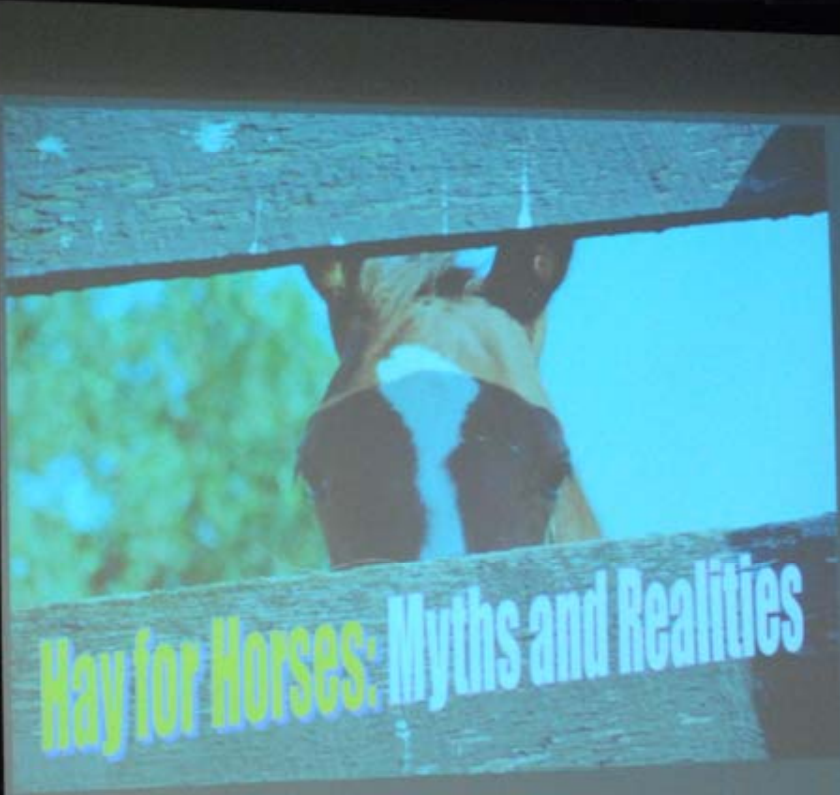
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Hay for Horses: Myths and Realities

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Myth or Reality? Alfalfa is Too Rich for Horses

	DE (Mcal/lb)	%CP	%Ca	%P
Timothy- Mid	0.9	9	0.4	0.2
Alfalfa- Mid	1.03	18	1.4	0.2
Alfalfa- Early	1.13	20	1.4	0.2
Spring Pasture-KY	1.15	21	1.5	0.4





Recent Trends

- Serious weather challenges in both 2007, 2008, and 2010
 - Stand and establishment difficulties
- Input cost challenges
 - Fertilizer, fuel, machinery, etc.
- Competition for acreage
 - High corn and soybean prices – 2008, 2010, 2011
 - 50K acre (18%) decrease in KY alfalfa acreage from 2007 to 2010











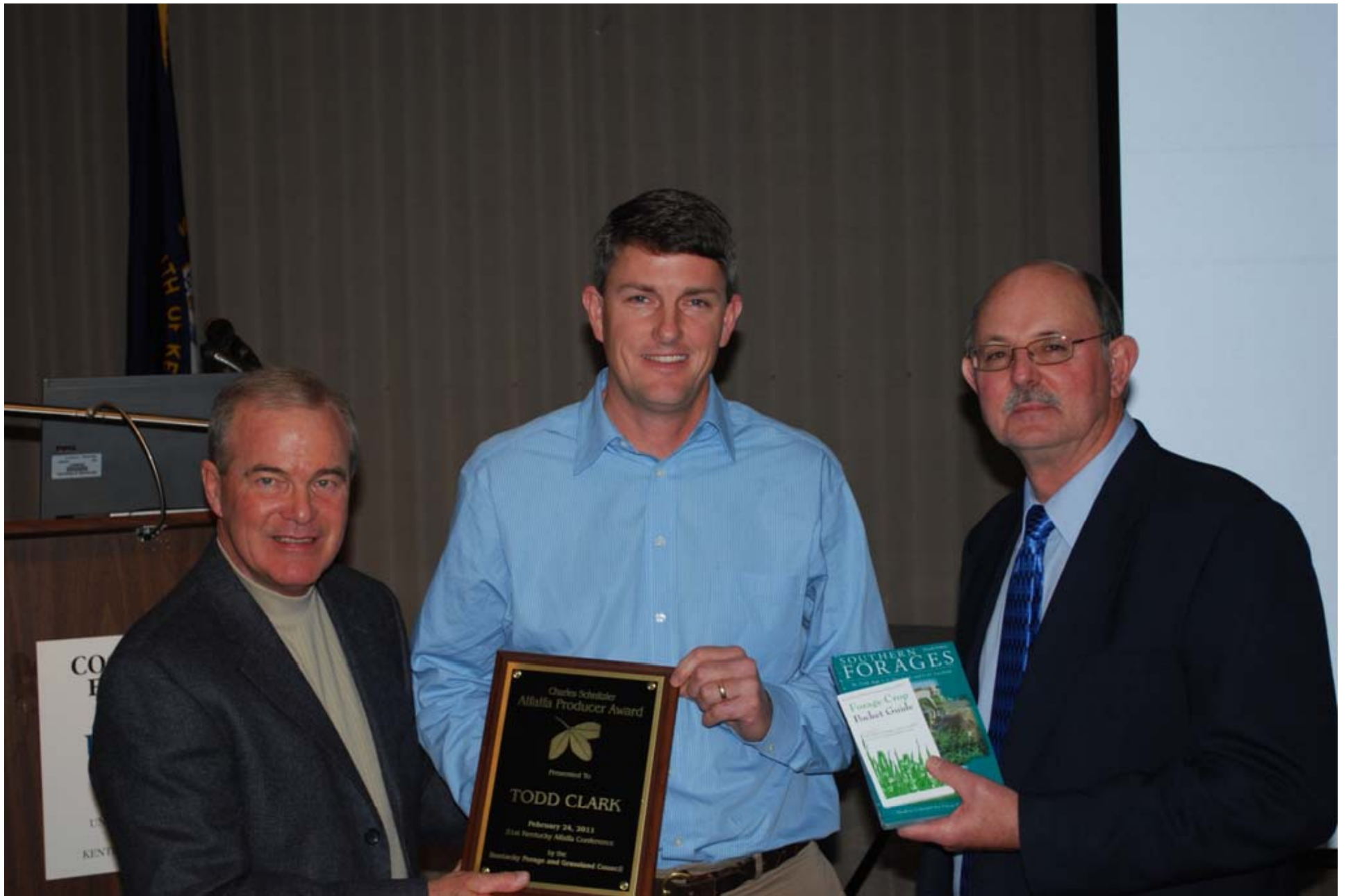


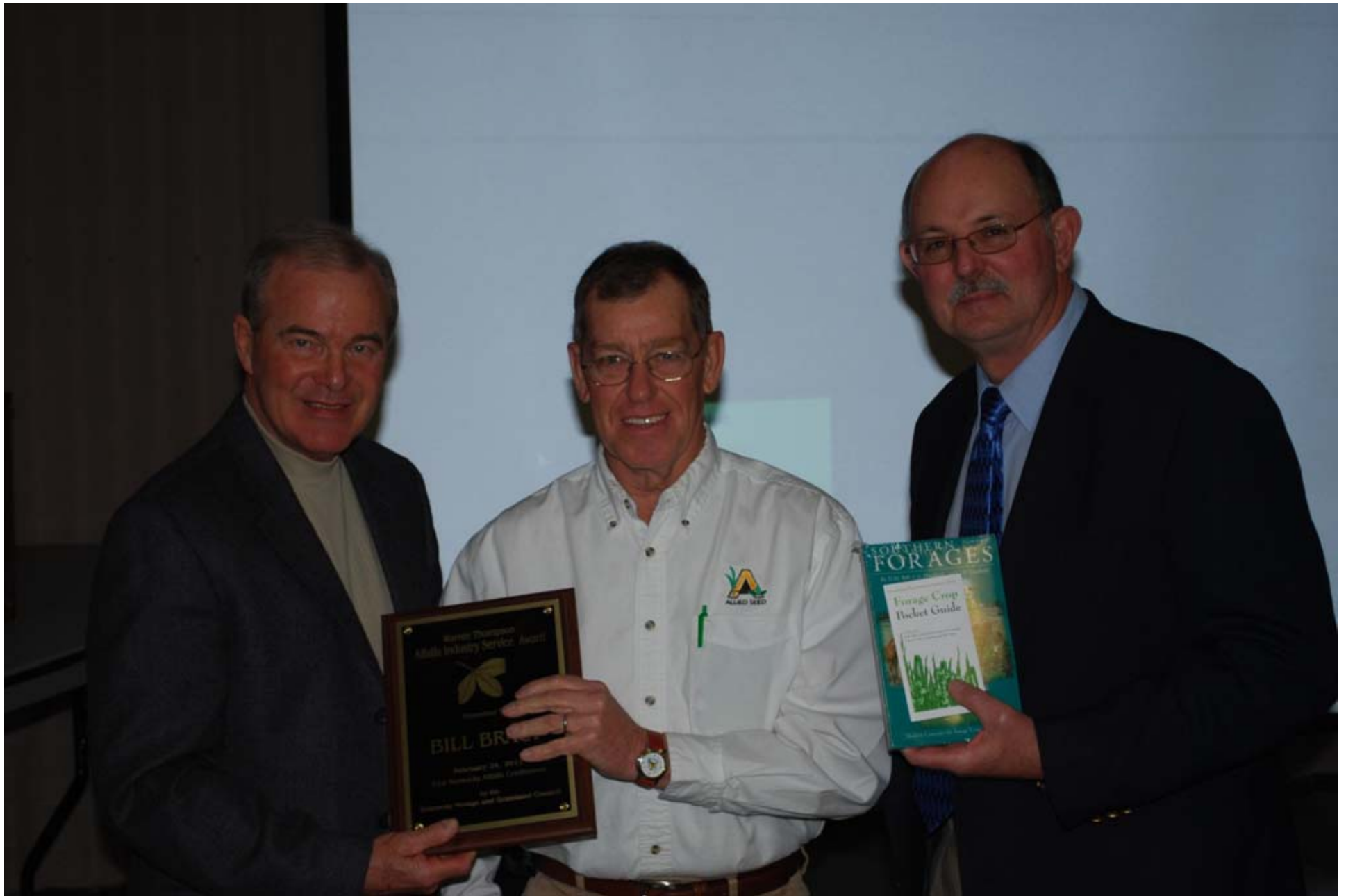


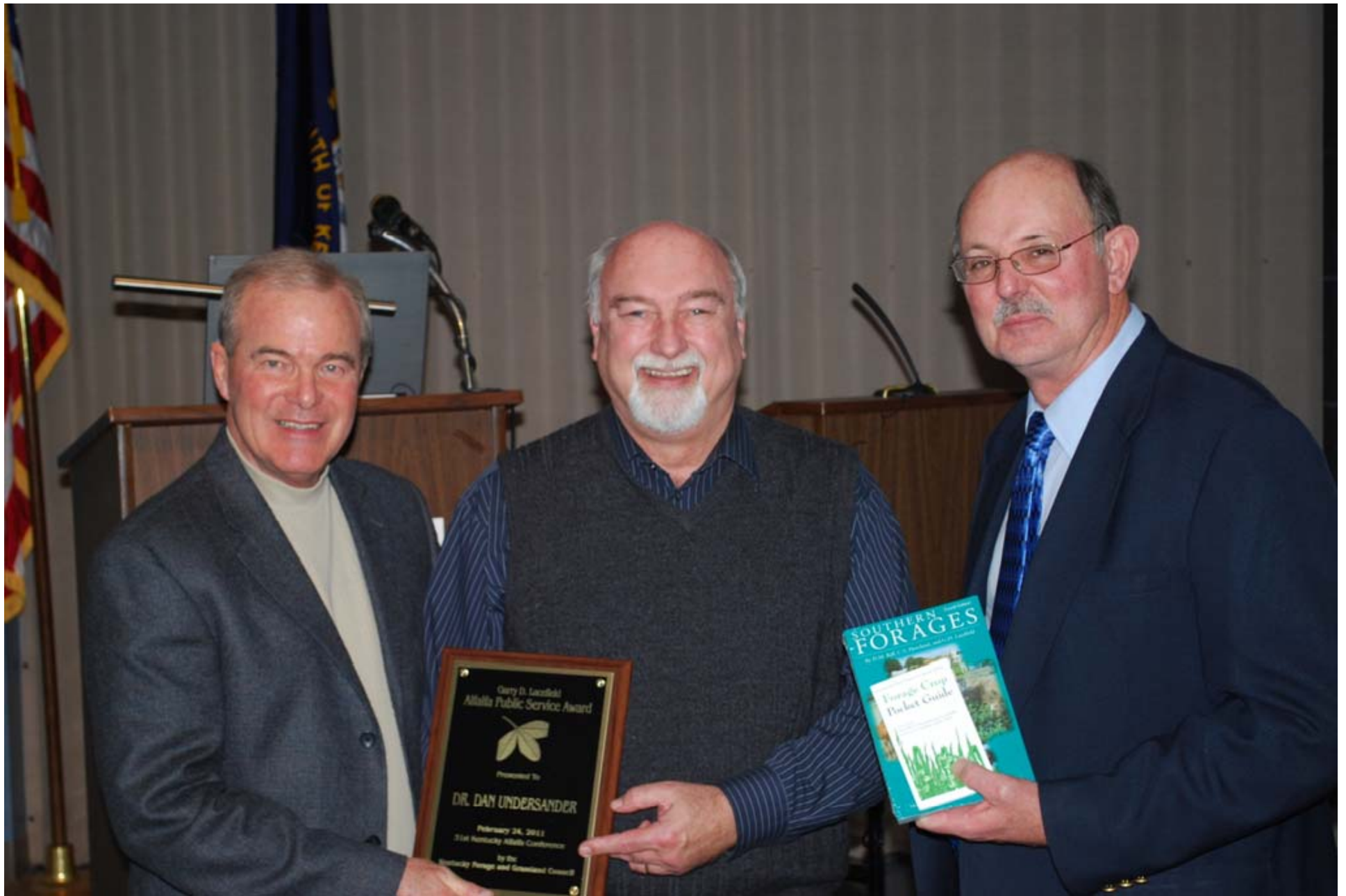












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3. Cow calf pairs









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About myself

- My name is Craig and have a wife, Tina
- We have a family farm in Butler County, KY with my parents and sister
- I am a full time farmer
- I graduated from WKU in 2002 with an Ag Degree
- I am the day to day manager for the operation, both of my parents have off farm obligations

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About our Farm

- I am the fifth generation of our farm
- We are very diversified with:
 - Two Broiler poultry houses with 52000 birds total
 - Corn for grain, and some silage
 - Soybeans
 - Beef cattle(150hd)
 - Precondition all calves
 - Market calves with the help of The Beef Connection
 - Capture source and age verification premiums
 - Get carcass data back to better select replacement females and better identify cull cows
 - Have the information to build a better cow herd.

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– Farm Shop

- Very important part of our operation
- Maintain farm machinery
- Do minor and major repairs(engines, transmissions, hydraulics, etc)
- This keeps our equipment cost lower and reduce our downtime
- Keep stock of parts for common failures and wear items

– Forages

- Pasture
- Corn silage(growing cattle)
- Dry hay
- Haylage
- We have a great market for our forages, our cows

• Total farm size 1500 acres

- Includes owned and leased land







Old Homeplace Farm

Will Bowling

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Our goal

Produce quality livestock while maintaining a good profit



Multi-species Grazing







Plan to attend the 32nd
Kentucky Alfalfa
Conference at the Cave
City Convention Center
on

February 23, 2012