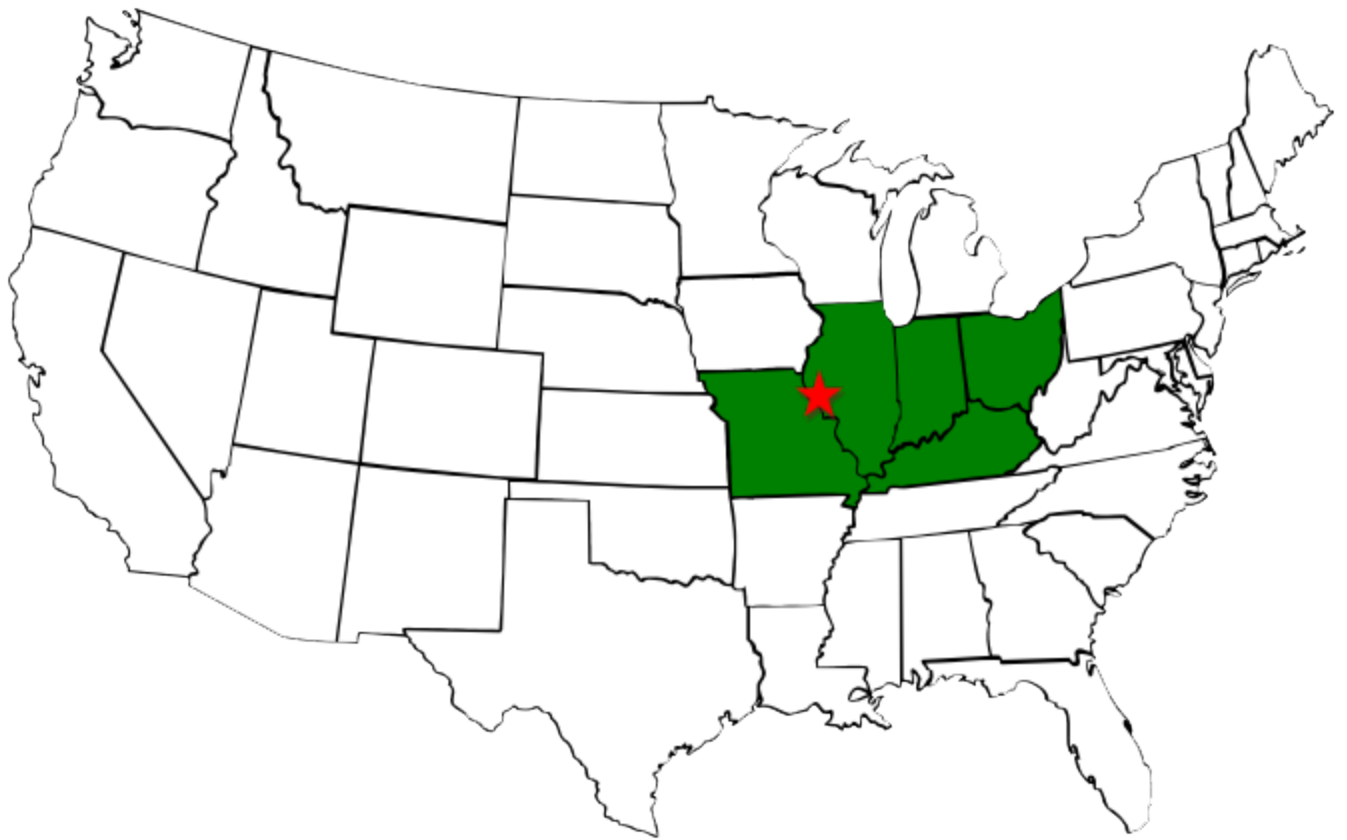

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15th Grazing Conference

January 18-19, 2017

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Welcome

On behalf of the Heart of America Grazing Conference planning committee, I would like to welcome you to the 15th Annual Heart of America Grazing Conference. The planning committee has developed a program that offers informative and educational topics on forage use and gaining an economic edge. You will hear the latest about soil health in grazing systems and soil health utilizing cover crops.

Thank you to the sponsors, exhibitors, presenters and moderators for their time and contributions to the livestock industry. The sponsors and exhibitors represent some of the best products and services in agriculture. In addition to products and services, these sponsors and exhibitors provide financial support to make the conference a success. Please visit with the businesses, organizations and agencies to find out more about their products or services they can provide and say Thank You.

I want to extend a very special thank you to Stephanie Musselman with the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District for her assistance with publication development, publicity, and registration, and to Jody Christiansen for her assistance with layout and editing of the conference proceedings.

Lastly, thank you all for attending and taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the conference. You are encouraged to engage in sharing ideas and lively discussion to further your knowledge and skills in grazing management. Take time to visit with your neighbor, even if in disagreement!

It is hard to believe that this is the 15th HOAGC which started right here in Illinois. We don't look at stopping anytime soon, and look forward to seeing you at the next Heart of America Grazing Conference and other grazing events in.

Best wishes for the 2017 grazing year and future.

Matt Bunger
2017 HOAGC Program Chairman

Agenda

January 18, 2017

- 1:00pm Exhibitor Setup
- 2:00 Tour-optional: US Wellness Meats- Canton, MO
- 4:00 Registration and Trade Show/ Exhibits
- 6:00 Welcome- Ivan Dozier, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service
- 6:15 Banquet
- 7:00 Grass Fed: Passing Fancy or Trend of the Future - Dr. Allen Williams, Grass Fed Insights, LLC
- 9:00 Trade Show closes for the evening

January 19, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Registration and trade show/ Exhibits open
- 8:00 Revolving Slide show of AHSDG, Dudley Smith Farm, UI Orr and Dixon Springs Research Centers
- 8:10 Welcome – Cliff Schuette, Illinois Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative

Session One – Soil Health and Grazing

Moderated by Cliff Schuette

- 8:15 Principles of Soil Health – Ray Archuleta, USDA-NRCS, East National Technology Center
- 9:00 Adaptive Grazing Promotes Soil Health - Dr. Allen Williams, Grass Fed Insights, LLC
- 9:45 Break, visit Exhibits

Session Two –New Concepts of Tall Fescue Management

Moderated by Ed Ballard

- 10:15 Tall Fescue Research in Illinois – Frank Ireland, U of I Dixon Springs Ag Research Center
- 10:45 Genetic Test for Fescue Toxicosis – Diane Spurlock - Iowa State University, Animal Science – Retired. Consultant AgBotanica, LLC speaking for Dr. Monty Kerley- Professor of Nutrition, University of Missouri
- 11:15 Seed Head Suppression of tall fescue with Chaparral herbicide– Dr. Scott Flynn, Field Scientist, Dow AgroSciences
- 11:45 Last chance to visit with exhibitors
- 12:10 **Lunch**

Session Three – Research up-dates and AHSD grazing, Grazing Panel

Moderated by Elton Mau

- 1:00 Using Green Chemistry for Nutrient management– Ray Archuleta, USDA-NRCS, East National Technology Center
- 1:45 Mitigating Challenges of Grazing Lush Forages– Travis Meter, U of I Beef Extension Educator
- 2:15 Cover Crops and Grazing – Roger Staff, USDA-NRCS Grassland Specialist
- 2:45 **Grazing panel**
Moderated by Warren King
Adaptive High Stock Density Grazing experience – Jeff Beasley, Trevor Toland, Ted Krauskopf, Dr. Allen Williams
- 3:45 **Adjourn**

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