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**Headline:** Forage Research Field Day to be held August 24

**WARSAW, Mo.** – University of Missouri Extension’s Forage Research Field Day set for Wednesday, August 24 at Clifton City will offer farmers insight to a number of forage, hay and beef cattle production concerns.

The field day is scheduled to get underway at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. There is no registration fee for the event and lunch will be served to the first 150 people. The field day will be held at MU Extension’s Forage Research Plots located on the west edge of Clifton City.

Todd Lorenz, MU Extension Agronomy Specialist, is a member of the planning committee for the field day. “This field day provides an opportunity for attendees to see the results of applied research on local farmers’ fields. One of the main focus areas is novel endophyte research. Research into novel endophyte fescue, especially studies comparing varieties, is something that is completely new to this part of the country,” stated Lorenz.

Gene Schmitz, MU Extension Livestock Specialist, is also a member of the planning committee. Schmitz says “In addition to the novel endophyte research, this forage field day has a wide variety of topics that should be a benefit to most every beef and forage producer in the area.”

This list of programs includes forage related topics such as soil health and cover crops, pasture weed control, drone technology, hay quality, ag leases and the economics of tall fescue pasture renovation.

The field day will also feature a number of special topics not specifically limited to forage producers such as adaptive gardening, fence law, PTO and grain bin safety demonstrations and AgrAbility, a program designed specifically for enhancing the quality of life for farmers and ranchers with disabilities.

For more information, contact the Cooper County Extension Office at (660)882-5661. University of Missouri Extension programs are open to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a protected veteran.

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