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Headline: Grazing Conference Scheduled for Mid-Missouri

WARSAW, Mo. – Livestock and forage producers are encouraged to attend the 15th annual Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The conference will be held in the Knights of Columbus hall in St. Martins, Missouri. Please note that both the day and location have changed from previous conferences. These changes were implemented to attract a larger audience and help reduce conference costs.

The format of the conference will be similar to past years. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. is registration and time to visit with vendors attending the conference. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. with breakout sessions on grass-based sheep and goat production and grazing native forages. Following a break, the second breakout session features talks on tall fescue and herd management – problems and solutions, and rotational grazing 101.

Following lunch, our keynote speaker is Ashley McCarty, executive director of Missouri Farmers Care, a joint effort by Missouri's agricultural community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our community depends. Her topic will address agriculture advocacy issues to assist producers with telling agriculture's story in a world increasingly removed from food and fiber production.

Our final speaker of the day will discuss herbicide options for pasture weed control. The conference is scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m.

Advanced registration of \$30 is due by January 19, 2018. Registration forms and conference information are available at the Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference website at <http://extension.missouri.edu/grazingconf/home.aspx>. Registrations should be sent to Cole County SWCD, 1911 Boggs Creek Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Late registration or registration at the door is available for \$40. The conference fee includes lunch and refreshments.

Conference sponsors include MU Extension, Missouri Department of Conservation, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Lincoln University, and central Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Corporate sponsors include FCS

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