

# Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference



**July 6-8, 2006**

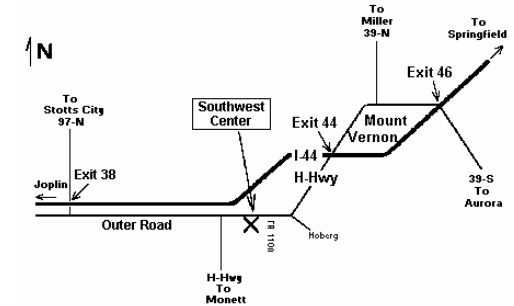


University of Missouri  
Southwest Research Center

- *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

##### Producer Panel

Gary Townshend, Moderator/Dairy Producer, Wentworth, MO

Kevin van der Poel, Dairy Producer, Harwood, MO

Dale Carter, Dairy Producer, Mountain Grove, MO

Bernie VanDalfsen, Dairy Producer, Reeds, MO

#### 4:15 p.m. Tour the MU Southwest Center Dairy

This 75 cow seasonal pasture-based dairy pioneered Missouri research into crossbreeding, labor efficient/ low-cost parlors, and managing forages for dairy production in Missouri. Dairy manager Chris Davis will host.

#### 6:30 p.m. BBQ at MU Southwest Center

#### 8:00 p.m. New Zealand Slide Show (optional)

### Friday, July 7th 2006

Moderator, Barry Steevens, Dairy Specialist, University of Missouri-Extension

#### 8:00 a.m. Pasture-Based Dairies-A Systems Approach

John Roche, Senior Scientist at Dexcel, New Zealand

#### 9:00 a.m. Missouri Systems-New Zealand Style

Kevin van der Poel, Dairy Producer, Harwood, MO

#### 9:45 a.m. Forage Systems for Dairy Grazing

Rob Kallenbach, Agronomy Specialist, University of Missouri-Extension

#### 10:30 a.m. Putting the Grazing Wedge in Practice

##### Panel Discussion

Jeff Buckner, Dairy Producer, Stockton, MO

Charles Fletcher, Dairy Producer, Purdy and Lockwood, MO

Dale Carter, Dairy Producer, Mountain Grove, 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 VanDalfsen, 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, Moorepark 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

Optional tours available Saturday afternoon. Travel is on your own. **VanDalfsen Farms**, Reeds, MO, 300 cow pasture based-dairy owned by Graze columnist and grazing pioneer Bernie VanDalfsen. **Focal Dairy**, Harwood, MO, new 2,200 cow seasonal pasture-based dairy owned by New Zealand dairy partnership.

## 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:**

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