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## **2016 Iowa Forage and Grasslands Conference Features Producer Speakers**

Des Moines - There is still time to register for the 2016 Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council annual conference. This year's event features many producer speakers sharing their grazing management experiences. This mix of invited grazing specialists and producer speakers makes this year's event special.

On Thursday Jeff Liston will share his experience with a SARE producer grant looking at early- season managed grazing. Thursday evening a panel on using cover crops for forage includes experiences from Bruce Carney and Tim Palmer. Later that evening several grazing topics will be explored at "discussion tables".

On Friday the session begins with the IFGC annual meeting, featuring a presentation by the year's Livestock/Forage Producer award winner Ryan Herman, talking about the Herman operation. The Friday morning session will close with a panel on contract grazing will include experiences of Dan Hostetler, John Schulte and Ryan Herman.

The event is set for Jan. 21-22 at the Iowa State University Alumni Center, just south of Stephens Auditorium at the Iowa State Center in Ames. Registration begins at noon with the first session at 12:30 on Jan. 21, and adjourns at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 22. The Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI) conference immediately follows, starting at noon in the Scheman Center.

"Thanks to support from the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and education (SARE) program, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, the Iowa Beef Center, and many forage partners of IFGC, the cost to attend is low," says Joe Sellers. "To attend both days of the IFGC conference or the PFI conference, members pay just \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Non-members pay \$60 or \$70 respectively."

Single day rates for members are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door, with non-members paying \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. The 2016 IFGC dues (year runs from Jan.1 to Dec. 31) are \$35 for producers and the public, and \$90 for industry, and can be paid on the registration form, he said. The conference also features presentations by Bruce Anderson, Jim Elizondo, Jim Russell, Joe Sellers, Brian Peterson, Dave Miller, Dan Loy, and Erika Lundy.

The registration form is available on the IBC website <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/events/IFGCconfreg2016.pdf>. For more details on the IFGC Conference go to the [www.iowaforage.org](http://www.iowaforage.org) or the [www.iowabeefcenter.org](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org) websites, or contact Joe Sellers at 641-203-1270, [sellers@iastate.edu](mailto:sellers@iastate.edu). To information on the PFI conference, go to [www.practicalfarmers.org](http://www.practicalfarmers.org).

**The Iowa Forage and Grassland Council** exists to promote the profitable production and utilization of forage as a prime source of feed and products. To provide a forum and to stimulate cooperation among producers and workers from public and private sectors having mutual interests in forage production, utilization and marketing. To facilitate educational activities To help identify needs for research and education in forage production, utilization and to promote the value of forages in achieving good land use, soil and water conservation providing wildlife habitat and other benefits to Iowa agriculture.

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