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RE: Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council Conference, January 21-22, 2016 in Ames, IA

Des Moines - This year the IFGC board has changed the date of the conference to give our members more opportunities to participate in grazing and forage discussions. IFGC will hold their annual conference immediately before the Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI) conference at the ISU Alumni Center, located in the ISU Center south of CY Stephens Auditorium. IFGC has partnered with PFI to plan an agenda of producer and industry expert speakers. The PFI conference event will start at noon on January 22 and go through January 23. The IFGC Conference will run from noon on January 21 to 11:30 am on the 22nd.

Featured speakers include grazing consultant Jim Elizondo and forage specialist Bruce Anderson. Two producer panels and other Iowa speakers will address topics including grazing cover crops, stockpiling forages, managing alfalfa, land use decisions, strategic supplementations and contract grazing. There will be a Thursday evening session with a dinner catered by Hickory Park, with discussions on current beef and grazing topics in Iowa.

The cost to attend this event is low due to support from the North Central SARE program, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, the Iowa Beef Center, and many forage industry partners of IFGC. To attend both days of the PFI conference or the IFGC conference, members pay \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Non-members admission is \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door. Single day rates (either Thursday or Friday) are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door for members or \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door for non-members.

For more details on the IFGC Conference go to the www.iowaforage.org or the www.iowabeefcenter.org websites, or contact Joe Sellers at 641-203-1270, sellers@iastate.edu. To information on the PFI conference, go to 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.