

## **December Education Meetings**

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### **Kansas Forage and Grasslands Council Winter Conference and Annual Meeting**

December 15th, 2015 – Manhattan, KS

Kansas Farm Bureau Headquarters, 2627 KFB Plaza

Individual Conference Registration is \$65 in advance (\$85 at the door) and includes lunch, a conference proceedings and 2016 KSFGC and AFGC membership. Additional registration information for businesses, vendors, and forage industry supporters can be found on the KSFGC website. If you haven't already, please register by going to [www.ksfgc.org](http://www.ksfgc.org) and either completing and sending the registration form, along with the appropriate fee payable to KSFGC, 1228 Westloop Place, PMB #144, Manhattan, KS 66502-2840; or simply register online at [www.ksfgc.org](http://www.ksfgc.org).

The Kansas Forage and Grassland Council serves as an umbrella organization providing education, programs, and funding for research and education to strengthen the forage industry in Kansas; so even if you can't attend this year's conference, please consider renewing your membership or simply joining KSFGC (AFGC) so that you can assist in supporting the Kansas forage industry.

<http://ksfgc.org/join-us/>

Registration for the conference begins at 9:00 a.m. with a welcome and National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance Update starting the day off at 9:30 a.m.; followed by several breakout sessions covering an assortment of alfalfa, forage production and grazing management issues presented by university and industry experts. Dr. Doohong Min, KSU Forage Research Specialist, will be our keynote speaker, providing an update of his work involving low-lignin alfalfa, alfalfa cutting management, planting alfalfa with cover crops, and teff as an alternative summer annual forage in Kansas.

Other breakout topics include: Hay Market Update; Old World Bluestem Management; Alfalfa Insect Control; Utilizing Cover Crops as Forage; Alfalfa Breeding: GMO vs. Non-GMO; Hay Contracts, Sales and Liability; Forage Testing 101; and Forage Research: Past, Present and Future Directions. The full agenda is available on the KSFGC website, [www.ksfgc.org](http://www.ksfgc.org).

### **Crop Production and Weed Control Meeting**

Wednesday – December 16, 2015 Butler County 4-H/Community Building 200 N Griffith  
El Dorado, KS 67042

The purpose of this meeting will be to provide updates on crop production and to discuss the emerging issues with weed control. The major focus of the weed control presentation and discussion will focus on pigweed control in soybeans. While this meeting will have some formal presentations, there will be an adequate amount of time allotted to informal discussion and answering questions from the participants. The sugarcane aphid and its effect on sorghum production will be one of those topics of discussion. Dr. Doug Shoup, K-State Extension Agronomist/Southeast will be the presenter for this meeting.

Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

To help us with materials and planning, preregistration is requested by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> by calling 316-321-9660 or emailing [dkehler@ksu.edu](mailto:dkehler@ksu.edu) or online at <http://tinyurl.com/ocxqq6r>