

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JAN. 22-24 TOUR DE FORAGE MEETINGS

Three Tour de Forage events, set for Jan. 22-24 across Minnesota will delve into forage topics pertinent to their locations. Those who attend any of the events will hear from keynote speaker Joshua Gamble of USDA's Agricultural Research Service in St. Paul, MN. Gamble will discuss how to manage alfalfa for yield and environmental benefits. Each event will also offer company exhibits, exhibitor and sponsor introductions and lunch.

Online registration is available at midwestforage.org/mnwintermtgs.php. Registration questions? Call 651.484.3888.

Floodwood Tour de Forage will begin at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 22, at The Event Center. It is hosted by the Northeast Minnesota Forage and Grassland Council & Midwest Forage Association (MFA). Topics and speakers:

- Summer Tour Review, Troy Salzer, UMN Extension, Virginia
- The Forage Producer's Approach to Address Resilience in the World of Climatic Extremes, Panel Discussion
- Research & Policy Accomplishments of MFA & NAFA, Beth Nelson, MFA, St. Paul
- Back to Our Roots: Managing Alfalfa for Yield & Environment, Joshua Gamble, USDA-ARS, St. Paul
- Northeast Minnesota Forage & Grassland Council Business Meeting
- Using Annual Forages for Soil Health, Anna Cates, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Bus Tour Recap, Troy Salzer, UMN Extension, Virginia
- Managing Insect Pests Damaging Forage & Pasture Production, Erika Rodbell, Montana State University, Bozeman

For questions on presentations, contact Troy Salzer at 218.749.7120 or salze003@umn.edu.

Wykoff Tour de Forage will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Jan. 23 at the Wykoff Community Center. It is hosted by the Southeast Minnesota Forage Council and MFA. Topics and speakers:

- Managing Insect Pests Damaging Forage & Pasture Production, Erika Rodbell, Montana State University, Bozeman
- Research & Policy Accomplishments of MFA & NAFA, Chelsea Russell, MFA, St. Paul
- Optimizing Forage Quality to Maximize Milk Production, Isaac Salfer, UMN, St. Paul
- Back to Our Roots: Managing Alfalfa for Yield & Environment, Joshua Gamble, USDA-ARS, St. Paul
- Managing Alfalfa During Drought Conditions, Craig Sheaffer, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Using Annual Forages for Soil Health, Anna Cates, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Managing Silage Corn for High Yield and Quality, Jeff Coulter, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Herbicide Carryover & Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Alfalfa, Mark Renz, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Holdingsford Tour de Forage will be hosted by the Central Minnesota Forage Council and MFA beginning at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24 at the Holdingsford City Hall. Topics and speakers:

- Managing Insect Pests Damaging Forage & Pasture Production, Erika Rodbell, Montana State University, Bozeman
- Optimizing Forage Quality to Maximize Milk Production, Isaac Salfer, UMN, St. Paul
- Back to Our Roots: Managing Alfalfa for Yield & Environment, Joshua Gamble, USDA-ARS, St. Paul
- Managing Silage Corn for High Yield and Quality, Jeff Coulter, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Local Forage Update
- Research & Policy Accomplishments of MFA & NAFA, Chelsea Russell, MFA, St. Paul
- Using Annual Forages for Soil Health, Anna Cates, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Managing Alfalfa During Drought Conditions, Craig Sheaffer, UMN Extension, St. Paul
- Herbicide Carryover & Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Alfalfa, Dave Nicolai, UMN Extension, Farmington

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