Plan to Attend Winter Meetings
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Well, it took a while, but cold weather has finally come to New Mexico. As 2015 winds down, it’s time to start thinking about next growing season. Winter is the perfect time to hone your management skills and learn about the latest advances in hay and forage production. Over the next few months, there are several conferences and workshops that are sure to educate and entertain. These events are targeted toward Western US hay, silage, and pasture producers, with information specific to our unique growing conditions and water issues.

Plan to attend one of the important events listed below in the coming months. We hope to see you there!
Southwest Hay & Forage Conference

Each year, the New Mexico Hay Association and NMSU Extension Plant Sciences Department sponsor and coordinate the Southwest Hay & Forage Conference. The event is held in Ruidoso, NM. Producers, scientists, and vendors come from all around the Southwest to learn about the latest research advances and to promote the most current technologies in the hay (and other forage) industries.

The 2016 conference will be held January 13-15, 2016. Please check the NMSU Forages webpage (http://forages.nmsu.edu/) or at the NM Hay Association website (http://www.nmhay.com) for more details of the 2016 conference. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

6th Annual Forage Growers Workshop

NMSUs Valencia County Cooperative Extension office co-hosts a forage workshop with the Small Farms and Ranch Task Force and Extension Plant Sciences Department in December of every year. The workshop is open to the public and features experts on topics ranging from alfalfa management, weed and insect control, soil fertility, pasture grazing, and alternative hay crops. Cost of the event is $20 and includes morning refreshments, lunch, educational materials, and door prices.

This year's workshop is set for December 1, 2015 in Los Lunas, NM. 5 CEUs available.

For more information on the Forage Grower's Workshop and a program of events, visit: http://valenciaextension.nmsu.edu, or contact Newt McCarty at 505-565-3002, or Mark Marsalis at 505-865-7340.

To register online, go to: http://rsvp.nmsu.edu/rsvp/foragegrowers

Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium

Every other year, the Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium is held to bring together researchers, Extension personnel, farmers, and vendors from all around the western U.S. The Cooperative Extension Services of AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY sponsor the symposium. This large event includes many educational sessions for the different classes of forages grown in western states. Field tours are often included in the program as well.

The 2015 symposium will be held in Reno, NV, December 2-4, 2015. A one-day, irrigation management workshop is included in this conference.

For more information and conference proceedings, visit http://calhay.org/symposium/
MEMBER PRE-REGISTRATION
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION
SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW
RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER, JAN 13, 14 & 15 2016.

NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING_____________________________________________

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COMPANY:_______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:________________________________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP:__________________________________________________________

PHONE:_____________________EMAIL(OPT:)_______________________________

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: 2-DAY CONFERENCE, 2 MEALS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

INDICATE BELOW:

____ I'D LIKE A STANDARD INDIVIDUAL PRE-REGISTRATION @ $100.00 $_______
(LATE REGISTRATION FEE AFTER DEC 28TH IS $120.00, AT THE DOOR)

____ I WANT THE FAMILY & FOREMEN PACKAGE - 3 PEOPLE $280.00 $_______
(LATE REGISTRATION FOR PACKAGE IS $310.00)

ADDITIONS TO THE FOREMAN PACKAGE $80.00 PER PERSON $_______

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____ I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY ANNUAL DUES OF $45.00 $_______

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR:

TOTAL $_________

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NMHA!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ADDRESS ABOVE POST-MARKED BY DECEMBER 28TH, 2015 TO AVOID LATE REGISTRATION