Southern Pasture and Forage Crop Improvement Conference  
Aiken, South Carolina  
May 17-18, 2011

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
7:00 – 8:30 AM Registration (Newberry Hall)

South Carolina/Georgia Program
8:30 AM Welcome
8:45 AM Forage in the Northern Areas of South Carolina and Georgia, John Andrae, Extension Forage Specialist, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
9:15 AM Forage in the Coastal Plains Areas of Georgia and South Carolina, Dennis Hancock, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
9:45 AM Break

General Program
10:15 AM Sustaining Long-Term Extension Programs: 10, 20, 30 years. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
11:00 AM Discussion. Daren Redfearn, Oklahoma State University
11:15 AM Business Meeting. Daren Redfearn, SPFCIC Chair, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
11:45 AM Lunch

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Workgroups

Forage Breeding
Moderator: Ann Blount, University of Florida
1:00 -2:45 Presentations on new forage releases and discussion concerning evaluating genetic material

Joint Session Forage Ecology / Physiology & Forage Utilization
Moderators
Yoana Newman, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL & Rocky Lemus, Mississippi State University
1:00 Adapting Forages to the Target Animal Species, Jim Muir, Texas A&M University
1:30 Challenges vs. Benefits of Legume in Forage Systems for the South. John Andrae, Clemson University & Yoana Newman, University of Florida
2:00 Summer Annual Update Opportunities and Challenges, Chris Teutsch, Virginia Tech University
2:30 Discussion
2:45 Break
3:15 N Use Efficiency in Ryegrass Production, Rocky Lemus, Mississippi State University
3:45 Outcome of switchgrass forage studies in Tennessee. Gary Bates, Univ. of Tennessee
4:15 Effects of hay preservatives on hay quality, intake, and digestion. Dirk Phillips, University of Arkansas
4:45 Discussion

Forage Extension
3:15 Introduction, Daren Redfearn, Oklahoma State University
3:30 Alternatives to Ammonium Nitrate and Controlling N Loss. Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia
4:00-5:00 Discussion
Wednesday, May 18, 2011:

TOUR
Meet and depart from
Hampton Inn (100 Tamil Drive, Aiken, SC)

8:00 Welcome and Introductions
    Outside the Hampton Inn
8:15 Load Buses and Depart for Dairy #1 (To be confirmed)
10:00 Arrive at Dairy #1

**Learning Objectives at Dairy #1**
1. Manipulating grazing behavior and forage intake
2. Tracking forage growth rates and availability
3. Feed wedge budgeting
4. Incorporating wildlife habitat into the farm plan

12:30 Load Buses and Depart for Burke Co. Extension Office
    (Waynesboro, GA)
1:00 Lunch at Burke Co. Extension Office
    Special Thanks to Burke Co. Extension Faculty and Staff
1:45 Load Buses and Depart for Pineland Dairy, Inc.
    (Waynesboro, GA)
2:30 Arrive at Pineland Dairy, Inc.
    Beryl Landis, Owner
    Pineland Dairy and Milky Way Dairy

**Learning Objectives at Pineland Dairy**
1. Conversions to pasture
2. Hybridization of pasture-based and TMR-based models
3. Minimizing labor
4. Utilizing winter annual legumes for grazing and N fixation

5:00 Load Buses and Return to Aiken, SC
6:30 Adjourn – Southern Pasture and Forage Crop Improvement Conference