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November conference focuses on feeding forages to livestock

Ames, IA, 10/19/2009 – Iowa livestock producers have an opportunity to hear all about grass-fed beef at this year's Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council Conference, held Nov. 23-24, 2009.

The conference, held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, will feature speakers from a variety of organizations, including the Iowa Beef Center, part of Iowa State University Extension, and the U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey is also scheduled to present at the conference, discussing the importance of forages in Iowa.

Producers will enjoy topics ranging from alternative uses for forages to storing and feeding your forages. Iowa Beef Center Director John Lawrence, also a livestock economist, will discuss the economics of both forage production and grass-fed cattle production in his presentations delivered at the conference. Several producers will offer insight into the best practices in grass-fed and grain-fed specialty beef production during their morning discussion.

On Monday, November 23, attendees can attend an evening roundtable discussion; the conference will continue as an all-day event on November 24. Registration for both days, with meals included, is \$40, and pre-registration continues through November 17.

A full agenda and registration form is available at www.iowabeefcenter.org. For more information on attending the IFGC Conference, contact Joe Sellers, Iowa State University Extension beef specialist, at 641-774-2016 or sellers@iastate.edu.

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, was established in 1996 with the goal of supporting the growth and vitality of the state's beef cattle industry. It serves as the university's extension program to cattle producers and is comprised of faculty and staff from ISU Extension and the colleges of agriculture and life sciences and veterinary medicine. Together, the Iowa Beef Center's members work to develop and deliver the latest in research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information about the Iowa Beef Center, visit them online at www.iowabeefcenter.org or <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/iowabeef>.

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