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Please check which afternoon session you would like to attend:

_____ Clover Session
_____ Equine Session
_____ Pest Management Session

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7:30 - 8:30  Registration—Exhibits Open
8:30 - 8:40  Welcome and Opening Comments
8:40 - 9:20  Low, Medium and High Input Beef Pasture Systems for Blackland Soils  
Dr. Gerald Evers
9:20 - 10:00  Forage Crop Influence on Meat Quality of Grassfed Beef  
Dr. Susan Duckett
10:00 - 10:30  Break
10:30 - 11:10  Hay That Gets The Job Done  
Tom Keene
11:10 - 11:50  Opportunities With Improved Forage Varieties  
Dr. Joe Bouton
11:50 - 12:00  Discussion/Announcements
12:00 - 1:00  Lunch
1:00 - 1:40  Tall Fescues Of The Future  
Jimmy Ray Parish
1:40 - 2:15  New and Neglected Forage Crops  
Dr. John Andrae
2:15 - 2:45  Producer Panel; What Works For Me  
Jim Lavender, Eric Smith
2:45 - 3:15  Break

CLOVER SESSION - Moderator - David Wahl
3:15 - 3:25  It’s Time To Get Excited About Clovers  
Dr. Garry Lacefield
3:25 - 3:35  A New Pasture Paradigm  
Dr. Don Ball
3:35 - 4:00  Recycling Nitrogen in Pasture Systems  
Dr. Gerald Evers
4:00 - 4:20  Opportunities With Perennial Clovers  
Dr. Garry Lacefield
4:20 - 4:40  Opportunities With Annual Clovers  
Dr. Gerald Evers
4:40 - 5:00  Reflections and Summary  
Dr. Don Ball

EQUINE SESSION - Moderator - Wade Hill
3:15 - 3:50  Basics Of Horse Pasture Production  
Dr. Mary Goodman
3:50 - 4:25  Nutritional Issues Related To Horses  
Dr. Betsy Wagner
4:25 - 5:00  What You Need To Know About Hay For Horses  
Tom Keene

PEST MANAGEMENT SESSION - Moderator - Ray Duncan
3:15 - 3:50  Invasive Plants  
Dr. Stephen Enloe
3:50 - 4:25  Pasture Weed Control  
Dr. John Byrd
4:25 - 5:00  Control of Fire Ants  
Kathy Flanders

SPEAKERS:
Dr. Gerald Evers is Regents Fellow and Professor with Texas A&M University where he has been involved in many types of forage/livestock research projects.

Dr. Susan Duckett is a meat scientist who formerly was on the faculty at the University of Georgia and who now is Ernest Corley Endowed Chair at Clemson University.

Tom Keene was agricultural manager on two famous horse farms near Lexington, Kentucky, was a hay broker for years, and is now employed by the University of Kentucky to assist producers with marketing their hay.

Dr. Joe Bouton developed many important forage varieties while at the University of Georgia. He is now Senior Vice President of The Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Jimmy Ray Parrish is a researcher in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Mississippi State University where he has initiated numerous forage studies.

Dr. John Andrae was on the University of Georgia faculty for several years and currently is Extension Forage Crop Agronomist at Clemson University.

Jim Lavender has a beef cow-calf operation in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The Lavender farm has a reputation for innovation and good management.

Eric Smith runs a no-nonsense, profit-oriented cattle business in Pickens county, Alabama and is a leader in the cattle industry.

Dr. Garry Lacefield is Extension forage Crop Agronomist at the University of Kentucky. He is widely known as an expert agronomist and is in great demand as a speaker.

Dr. Mary Goodman is in the Agronomy and Soils Department at Auburn University where she teaches several courses and does forage ecology research.

Dr. Stephen Enloe is in the Agronomy and Soils Department at Auburn University where he is an Extension Specialist whose focus is invasive plant control.

Dr. John Byrd is a long-time Extension Weed Control Specialist in the Department of Plant and Soils Sciences at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Don Ball is Extension Forage Crop Agronomist in the Agronomy and Soils Department at Auburn University.

Dr. Kathy Flanders is an Extension Entomologist in the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Auburn University.

Dr. Betsy Wagner is in the Auburn University Department of Animal Sciences where she does research and teaching in the area of horse nutrition.