

2025 KY Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference

“Alfalfa Updates and Producing Grass Hay for Premium Markets”

When: February 25, 2025 from 8:00 to 3:30EST (7 to 2:15CST)

Where: Fayette County Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, KY 40504

Registration: General \$45; Students \$15 (Sponsorship: \$250 and \$500)

Register online at <https://KYAlfalfa2025.eventbrite.com> or mail a check payable to KFGC to Krista Lea, N222 Agriculture North, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0091

- 8:00 Registration, sponsors, and silent auction
- 8:45 **Welcome and program highlights** - Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
- 9:00 **Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Armyworms** – Dr. Raul Villanueva, Univ. of KY
- 9:45 **Armyworm Control Methods: What to spray and when** – Brett Reese, So. States, Paris
- 10:15 Break, visit with sponsors, and silent auction
- 10:45 **What’s New in Alfalfa Varieties** - Dr. Don Miller, Mt. View Seeds, Commercial alfalfa breeder for over 45 years.
- 11:30 **What do Horse Owners Want and Why** - Dr. Bob Coleman, UK Horse Specialist
- 12:00 Lunch, Alfalfa Awards, KCA Hay Quality awards, and silent auction winners
- 12:45 **Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council update** – Cody Rakes, KFGC President
- 1:00 **What We Can Learn from the Results of the KY Hay Contests** – Dr. Chris Teutsch, Univ. of KY
- 1:30 **Emerging Markets for Unique Forage Species** – Dr. Ray Smith, University of Kentucky
- 2:00 **Producer Panel: How I Produce Quality Grass Hay** – (Panelists – Brad Hines, Hart Co.- Timothy; Kevin Priddy, Grayson Co. – Orchardgrass; Allen Arthur, Nicholas Co. - Teff hay; and Central KY producer – fescue and mixed grass hay) *Each producer will take 10-12 minutes to explain the basics of how they produce quality grass hay including establishment, fertilizing, harvesting and marketing; And then open the floor to questions)*
- 3:00 **Take-Home Lessons from Today’s Meeting** - Dr. Ray Smith, Univ. of KY
- 3:15 Survey, pick up silent auction items
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