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NATIONAL ALFALFA SYMPOSIUM IN KEARNEY

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Nebraska will host a National Alfalfa Symposium. This is a must attend event for every serious alfalfa grower. The National Alfalfa Symposium is February 4th and 5th in Kearney at the Ramada Inn. The National Alfalfa Symposium will bring together leading university representatives and growers to present the latest information on alfalfa research, production and marketing.

Are you confused about limitations surrounding Roundup Ready alfalfa? Hear the details during a panel discussion by the major organizations involved in this legal dispute. Do you wonder why different labs give different results for hay tests? Experts will share results of their investigations and offer advice on how to solve this tricky problem.

How can you keep insects from damaging your plants or reduce the risk of rain damaging your hay? Learn how at the symposium. What is the best way to use fertilizer, manure, or irrigation to boost yield and profit from your alfalfa? Speakers at the symposium will share their advice.

Can you benefit from changing the way you use your alfalfa? See how organic farming, grazing, cash marketing, and other methods are working for other farmers. And what about alfalfa's future? Discover how alfalfa fits the bioenergy industry and what creative changes are being developed by alfalfa breeders using biotechnology.

The symposium begins with lunch on Monday, February 4th, and continues until 12:00 noon on Tuesday with Monday's banquet and Tuesday's breakfast included in the \$125.00 registration. For more information, go to the web at: www.alfalfasymposium.com

Be sure to check the website for more info regarding registration, schedule, motel reservations, etc. The site, as well as the symposium, comes from Hay & Forage Grower and the Nebraska Alfalfa Marketing Association. Special Note: The website does not effectively provide the time that on-site registration will begin. Since the program begins at 12:30 pm on Monday, expect registration to become available by 11:00 a.m. The site also fails to properly indicate that at the time of on-site registration, a box-type lunch will be provided to registrants.

In addition, please note that the Mid-America Alfalfa Expo, which is free, occurs immediately following the symposium, so this is a fantastic way to receive up-to-date information as well as attend a highly focused trade show featuring nearly all the products and industries involved in hay production. I believe there is a large value in producers getting together at national meetings. Contact Bruce Anderson at UNL if you have any further questions at 472-6237 or email beanders@unlnotes.unl.edu.

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