

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010



HOTEL INFORMATION

Please consider supporting the hotel and spending the night. Our convention costs are tied to the number of rooms we book in the hotel. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel by calling (301) 790-3010. **Be sure to ask for the room block reserved for MCA and tell the hotel you are with the convention. The room rate is \$70.00.**

The Hagerstown Hotel and Convention Center is located at 1910 Dual Highway in Hagerstown, Maryland, at exit 32B, off interstate 70. The phone number during the convention is (301) 790-3010.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

This new joint conference is designed for all individuals interested in livestock, hay, pastures and forages. The Maryland Cattlemen's Association is the primary sponsor of the program. The educational activities cover practical and current issues that will help you produce better livestock, hay, pastures and other forages in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. Whether you have just a few cows or a large herd, are a purebred or commercial producer, are experienced or a novice, you will find value in the activities and interaction offered through this program. *Best of all it will be just plain fun! Please plan to attend.*

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

The Maryland Cattlemen's Association is pleased to sponsor, for the 7th year in a row, this premier educational event and knowledge contest for youth from across Maryland. MCA is committed to helping youth grow in their knowledge of the livestock industry as they develop into future leaders.

Teams of 4 individuals may compete in three divisions – Junior, Intermediate and Senior. **The youth registration deadline for the Skillathon is February 26, 2010. Registration is \$7.00/youth.** E-mail names of team members to **Chris Anderson in the State 4H office, canders2@umd.edu** or call him at 301-314-7187.

Separate adult registration is required for the convention program and meals.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON SPONSORS

The Rippeon Family
Gaithersburg, Frederick & Howard Co. Equipment
MidAtlantic Farm Credit
Willard- Agri-Service
Dr. Ray Ediger
Calvin and Eileen Day
Farm and Home Service
Geo. R. Ruppertsberger & Sons

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PLATINUM SPONSORS

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Maryland Soybean Board
USDA-Rural Development
MARBIDCO
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Eastern States Livestock Systems
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Alltech
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Dow Agro-Sciences
The Great Frederick Fair
Maryland Angus Association
Maryland Hereford Association
USDA-NRCS
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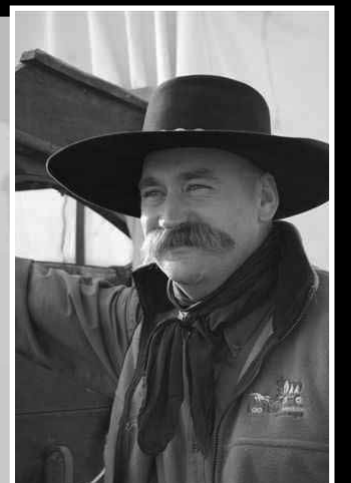


March 5th & 6th, 2010

**At the:
Hagerstown Hotel
and Convention Center**

Enjoy an Evening with Trent Loos

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

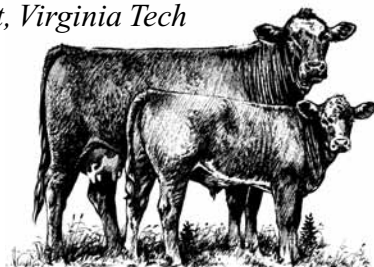
FRIDAY - MARCH 5, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. Exhibitor Move In
Registration Opens
Silent Auction Begins
- 12:00 p.m. Trade Show Opens
(12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

EDUCATIONAL SESSION I

Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health

- 8:45 Welcome
- 9:00 **Beef Cattle Nutrition and the Role of Forage.**
Harold Harpster, Professor of Animal Science, Penn State University
- 9:45 **Keys to Forage Productivity and Profitability.**
Garry Lacefield, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Kentucky
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 **Breakeven Yield Levels Determine Profitability in Hay Production.**
Gordon Groover, Extension Economist, Farm Management, Virginia Tech
- 12:00 Lunch and visit exhibitors
- 1:30 **How to Extend the Grazing Season and Reduce Stored Feed Needs.**
Garry Lacefield, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Kentucky
- 2:15 **Grazing vs. Feeding Hay: Influences on Profitability of Dairy & Livestock Production.**
Gordon Groover, Extension Economist, Farm Management, Virginia Tech
- 3:00 Break



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3:15-4:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1-Wise Fertility Management and How to Cut Hay Production Costs. *Les Vough, Forage Systems Management Consultant, NRCS Southern Maryland RC & D*

2- Supplementing Cattle on Pasture
Dr. Harold Harpster, Penn State University

3- How to Identify Common Grasses, Legumes & Weeds in Your Fields. *R. Jay Ugiansky, Resource Conservationist, NRCS National Plant Materials Center, Beltsville, MD and Richard Taylor, Extension Agronomist, University of Delaware*

4:15 - 5:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1- Understanding the role of Beef Carcass Grade and Yield in determining carcass value.
Jamie Schoop, USDA Meat Grading & Certification Branch, AMS

2- "Animal Welfare Approved" Adding value to your farming operation. *Andrew Gunther, Program Director, AWA*

3- Orchardgrass: Here Yesterday . . . Gone Today. *Richard Taylor, Extension Agronomist, University of Delaware and Les Vough, Forage Systems Management Consultant, NRCS Southern Maryland RC & D*

5:30 p.m.

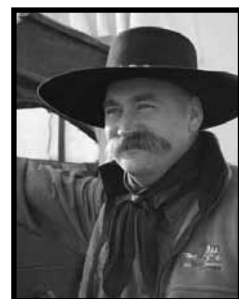
EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE AND SOCIAL HOUR IN TRADE SHOW

Special thanks to our major sponsors:

J.W. Trueth and Sons
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6:30 p.m.

CATTLE INDUSTRY BANQUET AND EVENING PROGRAM WITH TRENT LOOS



*Helping Us Celebrate
23 Years of
Great Conventions*

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - MARCH 6, 2010

7:00 a.m. Trade Show Opens

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

MCA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

If you are an MCA member, this is your opportunity to help set the course of your association. Please plan to come, enjoy a relaxed breakfast and participate in the MCA annual meeting and election of new directors. Bring your needs and ideas!

7TH ANNUAL YOUTH SKILLATHON

8:30 - 9 a.m. Check-in for Skillathon

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

Please note that there will be a \$7.00/youth registration fee for all youth participating in the Skillathon Contest. This registration fee includes the Saturday educational programs and the Cattlemen's Luncheon!

Call Chris Anderson @ 301-314-7187 or email him at canders2@umd.edu for details and contest registration.



EDUCATIONAL SESSION II

Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health

9:15

Cost Effective Cattle Herd Health in Tight Times
Dr. Dee Whitter, DVM, VA-MD Regional College of Vet Med-Blacksburg, VA

10:15

Maryland Grazers Network and Forages for the Future.
Elmer Dengler, State Grazing Specialist, USDA/ NRCS Maryland.

11:15

Back to the Basics to Manage Beef Cow Reproduction
Dr. Dee Whitter, DVM, VA-MD Regional College of Vet Med-Blacksburg, VA

12:30

CATTLEMEN'S LUNCHEON

Hosted by the Maryland Cattlemen's Association and Beef Council

Speaker: Trent Loos

**Followed by:
Presentation of Youth
Skillathon Awards**

CLOSING COMMENTS

Adjourn to Breed Specific Meetings

NAME BADGE INFORMATION

Please list **all** who are attending and
Indicate how you would like the
names to appear.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

PARTIAL FRIDAY (1) \$35 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
Lunch on Friday & Breaks
NO Social or Banquet

PARTIAL FRIDAY (2) \$50 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
NO Lunch
Social & Banquet on Friday Evening

FULL FRIDAY \$60 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
Lunch on Friday & Breaks
Social & Banquet on Friday Evening

ADULT SATURDAY \$35 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
Cattlemen's Luncheon

YOUTH SATURDAY \$7 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
Cattlemen's Luncheon

BOTH DAYS \$80 INCLUDES:

All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
All meals on both days

PROGRAM ONLY \$25 INCLUDES:

Program Registration Only
All Forage/Beef Sessions & Trade Show
NO Food

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Deadline 2/26/10

Please choose registration option.

Partial Friday (1)
\$35.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Partial Friday (2)
\$50.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Full Friday
\$60.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Saturday Only (Adult)
\$35.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Saturday Only (Youth in Skill-A-Thon)
\$7.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Full 2 Days
\$80.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

Program Only
\$25.00 each x ___ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to MCA

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

**MARYLAND CATTLEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

If you are a current MCA member, please
take a moment to renew your membership.
If you are not a current member, we welcome
your interest in MCA. Just complete this
form and return it with payment

RENEWAL NEW

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Farm Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Operation:

Cow/calf Purebred Stocker

Feeder Commercial

Predominant Breed: _____

Base Dues: \$20.00 _____

Fair Share Contribution _____

*Suggested Fair Share Contribution
 (\$.50/Cow, \$.25/feedlot steer or heifer)*

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____

Please make checks payable to MCA

Mail your application to: MCA, P.O. Box 259
Sykesville, MD 21784

QUESTIONS? Call 410-795-5309

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