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## 2019 Northeast MN Forage & Grassland Council & MFA Winter Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2019  
The Event Center  
201 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Floodwood, MN 55736

**Registration - 8:30 a.m. Wrap up and door prizes – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Keynote Speaker:**

Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin Professor Emeritus  
***Optimum Management Practices for Intensively Grazed Pasture***

Other topics include:

- Strategies to Manage Winterkill
- Best Management Practices & Economics of Bale Wrapping
- Insights on Wrapped Baleage
- Conservation Security Program for NE MN Farmers

Pre-registration Fee of \$20.00 includes proceedings, meal and presentations. Registration the day of will be \$25.00.

Online registration is available at: [midwestforage.org](http://midwestforage.org)

Registration questions? Call (651) 484-3888

## **Other Events of Interest**

### **Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association**

#### **2019 Minnesota Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show**

**December 13 & 14** – Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN

For more information or to register online visit [www.mnsca.org](http://www.mnsca.org) or call (763) 479-1011

**MASTER WOODLAND OWNER**



**Farms and Woodlands**

Starting in late November, the Farms and Woodlands class is specifically designed for landowners and farmers who want to get the most out of every acre of their land.

The five-month course offers a mix of self-paced online learning, online meetups, and three in-person field tours. The course opens with our first field tour on **Friday, November 22, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Rosemount Regional Outreach Center.**

The registration fee of \$120 will cover up to two family members, and additional family members can register at a reduced rate of \$50 each. A \$25 discount on registration is also available for members of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association.

Interested landowners can learn more and register on the class webpage at [z.umn.edu/mwofarms](https://z.umn.edu/mwofarms)

**Cottage Food Producer Safety Training**

**Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Extension Regional Center, St. Cloud**

This in-person course focuses on food safety practices for all processes covered under the 2015 cottage food law including drying, baking, confections, jams and jellies, acid and acidified fruit and vegetables and fermentation.

By taking this course, you will meet the training requirement of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to register as a cottage food producer for Tier 2 food sales.

Registration: Cost \$50.00 Register online at: <https://z.umn.edu/51ff>

Questions: Contact Suzanne Driessen, [driessen@umn.edu](mailto:driessen@umn.edu) or (320) 203-6057

**Cattle Feeder Days**

**Tuesday, December 17 – 5:30-9:30 p.m.** Rochester Golf and Country Club, Rochester, MN

The program features information on production management, nutrition, efficiency and marketing. The corresponding trade show features vendors with new information, technology and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cattle feeding sector.

Registration: Online pre-registration is \$15, registration at the door is \$20. Pre-register online at: <https://z.umn.edu/51ep>

Questions: Contact Joe Armstrong, DVM at [armst225@umn.edu](mailto:armst225@umn.edu) or (612) 624-3610



### **Cow-Calf Days**

**January 24, 2020**, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Clinton Community Center, Iron, MN

The program features information on production management, nutrition, efficiency and marketing. The corresponding trade show features vendors with new information, technology and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

Registration: \$10 Pre-register online at: <https://z.umn.edu/51ev> or at the door the day of the event.

Questions: Contact Erik Mousel at [emmousel@umn.edu](mailto:emmousel@umn.edu) or (218) 327-5958

### **UMN Online Horse Certificate Courses**

**January 13 – February 23**

Horse certificate courses are semi self-paced on a specific topic, such as nutrition or manure management. The courses each last six weeks. Courses are recommended for adult learners (ages 18 and older) but open to everyone. The course does not result in college credit.

1. Growing and Feeding Horse Hay
2. Horse Pasture Establishment and Management
3. Basic Horse Nutrition
4. Manure Management
5. Equine Biosecurity

Each course costs \$75 and registration is due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, January 12. More information and registration is available at <https://z.umn.edu/51fl>

### **Farm Transition and Estate Planning Workshop**

**February 12, 2020** – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Downtown Fair Center – Floodwood, MN

Presented by University of Minnesota Extension, this workshop covers topics including:

- Family communications
- Farm goal setting
- Business structures
- Mechanisms for inheritance and transition
- Estate and gift taxes
- Basic concepts such as retirement planning

Participants will also learn about the Farm Business Management program and SCORE mentoring.



No cost to attend. Lunch included at no cost if pre-registered Register online at:

<https://z.umn.edu/51pg>

Or call Troy Salzer at (218) 591-0478 or [salze003@umn.edu](mailto:salze003@umn.edu)

## **Grant money available to prevent wolf attacks**



New money is available to Minnesota livestock producers to help prevent wolf attacks. A total of \$60,000 will be awarded through the Wolf-Livestock Conflict Prevention Grants. Applications are due January 31, 2020, to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

The grants provide reimbursement for costs of approved practices to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Eligible expenses for the grant program will include any or all of the following items:

- Purchase of guard animals
- Veterinary costs for guard animals
- Installation of wolf-barriers which may include pens, fladry, and fencing
- Installation of wolf-detering lights and alarms
- Calving or lambing shelters
- Other measures demonstrated to effectively reduce wolf-livestock conflicts

“We’re fortunate to be able to offer this assistance again to Minnesota farmers and ranchers thanks to a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service,” said Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Whitney Place. “Livestock owners can get additional resources to protect their animals and livelihood, and I encourage producers to examine ways they can decrease the chances of wolf attacks and apply for this funding.”

Producers must live within [Minnesota’s wolf range](#), as designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or on property determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be affected by wolf-livestock conflicts. Any animal species produced for profit and documented to have been killed by wolves in Minnesota in the past is eligible. This includes bison, cattle, chicken, deer, donkey, duck, geese, goat, horse, llama, mule, sheep, swine, and turkey.

The grant application must be emailed or postmarked by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2020. Work for this grant must be done and expenses reported by August 31, 2020. The application and more information can be found at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/wolfgrants>.

The grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service is funding the third round of Wolf-Livestock Conflict Prevention Grants. The first two rounds were funded by the Minnesota Legislature in 2017. Those grants awarded \$240,000 between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Grantees used the money for items like fencing, guard animals, and motion lights – all deterrents to wolves.