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If you need dietary or disability accommodations,  
please indicate when registering.

## General Information

### Conference Site

Mt. Vernon is located at the intersection of Interstate 57 and 64 in Southern Illinois.

For information about the area, contact the Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-252-5464 or visit [www.mtvernon.com/newtourism/index2.htm](http://www.mtvernon.com/newtourism/index2.htm)

### Registration

Advance registration is needed by **January 13**. The registration fee includes dinner, lunch and program materials.

### Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at a conference rate of \$83 plus tax until **January 13**. Contact the Holiday Inn at 800-243-7171 and ask for the *Heart of America Grazing Conference* rate.

Additional lodging options near the conference center are listed below:

Americas Best Inns, 618-244-4343  
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# 11<sup>th</sup> Heart of America



## Grazing Conference

**January 25–26**  
**Holiday Inn**  
**Mt. Vernon, Illinois**

# HEART OF AMERICA GRAZING CONFERENCE

## Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Registration and Exhibit Set-Up from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

5:30<sup>P.M.</sup>

- Welcome, Introductions, and Dinner
- Mr. Gary Letterly and Dr. Teresa L. Steckler  
*University of Illinois Extension*
- The Changing Demographics of Illinois Ag
- Dr. Paul Walker  
*Illinois State University*
- Dinner
- The Grazing Spiral: What is the next step?
- Mr. Ed Ballard  
*Retired, University of Illinois Extension*

## Thursday, January 26

7:30<sup>A.M.</sup>

- Registration, Visit Exhibits
- 8:15 Welcome
- Mr. Gary Letterly
- 8:30 Benefits of Grazing and Added Value of Clover
- Dr. Garry Lacefield  
*University of Kentucky*
- 9:00 Grazing Horses - Pasture Care and Maintenance
- Dr. Mark Russell  
*Purdue University*
- 9:30 Dealing With Problem Areas in Pastures
- Mr. Victor Shelton  
*USDA, NRCS*
- 10:00 Break: Visit Exhibits

- 10:30 Grazing for Parasite Prevention
- Dr. Elizabeth Walker  
*Missouri State University*
- 11:00 Warm Season Grasses-Place & Economics
- Mr. Mark Kennedy  
*USDA, NRCS*
- 11:30 Utilizing By-Products in the Grazing Program
- Dr. Dan Shike  
*University of Illinois*
- 12:00<sup>P.M.</sup> Lunch and Visit Exhibits
- 1:15 Lessons Learned With Dairy Grazing
- Mr. Dave Suprenant  
*Manteno, IL*
- 1:45 Cover Crops and Their Implications for Grazing
- Mr. Mike Plummer  
*Retired, University of Illinois Extension*
- 2:15 Mob Grazing – Midwest considerations
- Dr. Justin Sexten  
*University of Missouri*
- 2:45 Role of Novel Fescues in the Midwest
- Dr. Craig Roberts  
*University of Missouri*
- 3:15 Round Table Discussion: Value Added Grazing, Grass Finished Beef
- Mr. Jack Erisman  
*Assumption, IL*
  - Mr. Frank Ireland  
*University of Illinois*
  - Mr. Cliff Schuette  
*Breese, IL*

## Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee - Reduced rate until January 13

Make checks payable to - **University of Illinois**

Per day \$35 \_\_\_\_ (Wed) \_\_\_\_ (Thur) Both days \$50 \_\_\_\_

After January 13:

Per day \$45 \_\_\_\_ (Wed) \_\_\_\_ (Thur) Both days \$70 \_\_\_\_

Conference Proceedings - Each registration receives a complimentary CD or paper copy. Paper \_\_\_\_ CD \_\_\_\_

Additional copies can be purchased. (If not in attendance, add \$5 for postage and handling.)

Paper \$10 \_\_\_\_ CD \$10 \_\_\_\_ Both \$15 \_\_\_\_ P&H \$5 \_\_\_\_

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