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MFA, WCO SYMPOSIUM '18 SET FOR FEB. 19-21 AT WISCONSIN DELLS

New innovations in forage production, including harvesting equipment and technologies, will be one of many topics explored during the Feb. 19-21 Symposium '18, to be held at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

This annual event, hosted by the Midwest Forage Association (MFA) and the Wisconsin Custom Harvesters (WCO), offers a multitude of educational opportunities as well as each organization's annual meetings under one roof.

Besides certification courses, held all three days, sessions will discuss topics including:

- a look into a large-scale forage operation;
- what's new in sprayer technology and equipment;
- how hay rake types affect ash content in alfalfa;
- whole farm revenue protection;
- manure and silo gas safety;
- whether reduced-lignin alfalfa will improve management flexibility;
- dairy-revenue protection;
- policy updates in manure, runoff, and implements of husbandry regulations;
- how to collect on accounts in a depressed ag economy;
- new developments in corn silage;
- what customers may want next and how to stay ahead of new service requests;
- when and where to use fungicides in forage crops;
- the alfalfa yield gap;
- what services harvesters can add to boost their business models;
- ag plastics recycling;
- how to build silage piles and avoid avalanches;
- forage harvest inefficiencies and how to overcome them;
- the latest in triple mowers.

To see the full list of topics, view the Symposium '18 brochure [here](#).

The bulk of the sessions will be held Feb. 20-21, with the "Magical Lucky Doubles" Dinner, a live auction, and funny money auction on Feb. 20.

To register online, [visit here](#). Or mail a completed form, found in the brochure, to: Midwest Forage Association, 4630 Churchill Street #1, St. Paul, MN 55126. Preregistration for MFA and WCO members is \$115 for the full event and \$155 for non-members. Onsite registration is \$130/member and \$170/non-member. Entities registering more than one person receive discounted rates. One-day registration rates are also available.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the 2018 Symposium. It features a purple triangle in the top left corner with the year '2018' in white. Below the triangle, the text reads 'Hosted by the Midwest Forage Association & Wisconsin Custom Operators'. The word 'Symposium' is written in a large, green, sans-serif font. Below that, the dates 'February 19-21, 2018' are listed. The background of the graphic is a collage of images: a green tractor in a field, a close-up of green alfalfa leaves, and a green harvester in a field. At the bottom, the location 'Chula Vista Resort, 2501 North River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965' is listed. Below the location, it says 'Online registration encouraged: midwestforage.org/dellsmeeting.php'. At the very bottom, it says 'Symposium organizers:' followed by three logos: WCO (Wisconsin Custom Operators), MFA (Midwest Forage Association), and UW Extension (University of Wisconsin-Extension).