

SAFETY, FORAGE INNOVATIONS & MANAGEMENT EXPLORED AT FEB. 18-20 SYMPOSIUM

Silage and manure safety take a front seat at the Feb. 18-20 Symposium 2019, hosted by the Midwest Forage Association, Wisconsin Custom Operators, and Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin. More than 25 educational sessions, on forage industry innovations and new harvesting equipment, bill collections, forage research, nutrient management regulations, and more will be presented at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The Symposium starts with a half-day manure applicator training offered by University of Wisconsin Extension; a tradeshow is also an integral part of the event.

Feb. 19 keynote speakers of this top Midwestern event will be Keith Bolsen, silage guru and founder of Keith Bolsen Silage Safety Foundation, as well as John Shutske, University of Wisconsin Extension safety, engineering, and ag health specialist. Bolsen, now based in Austin, TX, is a Professor Emeritus of Cattle Nutrition in the Animal Sciences & Industry Department at Kansas State University. Their talk is titled, “Get Your Wakeup Call: Silage & Manure Safety.”

Farmers, custom harvesters, nutrient applicators, and others in the forage industry can now register for the Symposium at midwestforage.org. Members can preregister for \$115 each to attend the Feb. 19-20 educational sessions or pay \$130/person at the door. Non-member preregistration is \$155/person; at the door, \$170/person. One-day registrations are also available. Visit midwestforage.org for more information.

Annual meetings of the three hosting organizations, as well as a “Dueling Piano” Dinner and live and “funny money” auctions, will also be a part of the annual event. Certified Crop Advisor Credits are available to attendees of a number of the sessions.

Sessions will include:

- Consolidations & Innovations in the Forage Industry
- Collecting on Past Due Accounts: Challenges, Opportunities & Options
- The Power of Two – Feeding BMR & HarvXtra Together
- Forage Harvesting Around the Country: A Look Into a Large Scale Operation
- Identifying Karst Areas, Mitigating Risk
- Disease & Fungicide Update for Corn Silage
- Preparing for Corn Disease Management in 2019 – What We Learned in 2018
- What’s New in Chopper Technology
- Staying Safe in Extreme Conditions
- Midwest Forage Research Program Lightning Session
- Near-Infrared & Practical Applications for Custom Operators
- Quick Books
- Alfalfa Seed & Alfalfa Forage Systems Research Program & Checkoff Lightning Session
- Adding Value with an Autonomous Baler
- Financial Tune-Up: Scheduled Maintenance or Downtime?
- Economics of Large Square Bale Size
- To Coat or Not to Coat Alfalfa Seed: That is the Question
- Cover Crops with Alfalfa (Rye)
- Nutrient Management Regulation Update
- What’s New in Balers & Wrappers
- OSHA Tips – A Review of Past Findings

