



# 2025 SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 17-19

Chula Vista Resort  
1000 Chula Vista Parkway  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

*Register online ([midwestforage.org/dellsmeeing.php](http://midwestforage.org/dellsmeeing.php)) or mail completed form with check.*

*Hosted by: Midwest Forage Association, Wisconsin Custom Operators, & Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin*



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# AGENDA

- Subject to change -

## Monday, February 17

Available with a Tuesday/Wednesday registration only:

- 1:00 UW-Extension Manure Applicator Training 101<sup>ACD</sup>**  
Kevin Erb & Jerry Clark, University of Wisconsin-Extension
- 4:15 Pump School<sup>F</sup>**  
Puck Enterprises

## Tuesday, February 18

- 8:00 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS**
- 8:40 Dealing with Stress, Navigating Pitfalls, & Generational Conflicts<sup>AB</sup>**  
Amanda Radke, Radke Land & Cattle - Mitchell, SD
- 9:40 •The Yin-Yang to Corn & Alfalfa in the Field & Dairy Diets<sup>A</sup>**  
John Goeser, University of Wisconsin - Watertown, WI
- Economics of Fungicide Use on Corn<sup>A</sup>**  
Damon Smith, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI
- Custom Farming Finance: Structuring & Managing Debt, Balance Sheets, & Tax Planning<sup>ABE</sup>**  
Brittany Herricks, 1st CCU and Herricks Enterprises LLC - Tomah, WI
- 10:40 BREAK/EXHIBIT HALLS**
- 11:00 •Overcoming the Diseases Challenging Alfalfa<sup>A</sup>**  
Deborah Samac, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN
- Impacts of Manure Application on Alfalfa Productivity & Soil Microbiomes<sup>A</sup>**  
Joshua Gamble, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN  
Dan Schlatter, USDA-ARS - St. Paul, MN
- Ag Storytelling, Advocacy, & Promoting Agriculture in Your Own Way**  
Amanda Radke, Radke Land & Cattle - Mitchell, SD
- Nutrient Management Regulation Update<sup>AE</sup>**  
Cody Calkins, DATCP - Madison, WI  
Aaron O'Rourke, DNR - Eau Claire, WI  
Mike Stanek, NRCS - Madison, WI
- 12:00 LUNCH/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 1:30 What's New in the Forage Industry<sup>A</sup>**  
Doug Bastian, DLF - Jordan, MN  
Bryant Henningfeld, Harvest Tec - Hudson, WI  
Michaela Teunissen, KSI Supply - Plymouth, WI  
Taylor Weisensel, Ag-Bag by RCI - Mayville, WI
- Agribusiness Succession & Estate Planning<sup>AB</sup>**  
Kelly Wilfert, University of Wisconsin-Extension - Madison, WI
- Manure Lightning Round<sup>F</sup>**  
Kevin Erb, University of Wisconsin-Extension - Green Bay, WI  
Eden Britt, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI  
Joe Stoll, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI
- 2:30 BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 3:00 •Tread Carefully: Wheel Traffic Impact on Growing Alfalfa Stands<sup>A</sup>**  
Brian Luck, University of Wisconsin-Extension - Madison, WI
- Why Manage Alfalfa Persistence? (And How!)<sup>A</sup>**  
Scott Newell, University of Wisconsin-Extension - Madison, WI
- Custom Farming Around the World: Similarities & Differences<sup>A</sup>**  
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- CDL School: Not a Hindrance<sup>F</sup>**  
Megan Dresbach, W.D. Farms - Circleville, OH
- 4:00 •Working with Limited Management Tools for Alfalfa Weevil<sup>A</sup>**  
Anthony Hanson, University of Minnesota-Extension - Morris, MN
- Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Manage Alfalfa Stands<sup>A</sup>**  
Brian Luck, University of Wisconsin-Extension - Madison, WI
- PNAAW Annual Meeting & Manure Applicators Round Table Open Discussion**
- 5:00 EXHIBIT HALL/BAR (tap beer hosted by Meyer Mfg.)**
- 6:00 "Trivia Night" Dinner, Live & "Funny Money" Auctions**

## Wednesday, February 19

- 8:00 Midwest Forage Association Annual Meeting & Local Council Roundtable**  
Complimentary breakfast for paid MFA members - ticket required
- WCO Annual Meeting**  
Complimentary breakfast for paid WCO members - ticket required
- 9:30 Custom Farming Around the World: A Look Inside a Canadian Custom Business with Swiss Roots<sup>A</sup>**  
Matthias Siegrist, Siegrist Harvesting Inc. - Ottawa, ON
- 10:30 BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 11:00 •Research Fueling Alfalfa's Future<sup>A</sup>**  
WI Alfalfa Yield & Persistence Project - Bertram, UW  
Alfalfa Value-Added Characteristics: Screening Cultivars for Beneficial Biochemical Compounds - Heuschele, USDA-ARS  
Summer Annuals as a Nurse Crop for Spring- & Fall-Planted Alfalfa - Gruss, ISU  
Alfalfa-Grass Mixtures: Evaluating Forage Quality & Carbon Balance - Gamble, USDA-ARS  
Current N Budgets in Alfalfa & Future Scenarios Triggered by Climate Change - Pinto, UW  
Planting Date Effect of Yield & Quality of Forage Mixtures & Monocultures for Hay or Grazing - Rogers, NDSU
- Importance of High-Quality Forages in Dairy Diets<sup>A</sup>**  
Luiz Ferraretto, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI
- Heavyweight Drones in Custom Farming: Diverse Applications to Enhance Your Business<sup>A</sup>**  
Jeremy Williams, American Drone - Sauk City, WI
- Nutrient Applicator Safety<sup>ABE</sup>**  
Isaac Lemmenes, Nuhn Industries - Cedarburg, WI
- 12:00 LUNCH/EXHIBIT HALL**
- 1:30 •Forage Cover Crops for Dairy Rotations: Variety Selection & Improvement<sup>A</sup>**  
Lisa Kissing Kucek, US Dairy Forage Research Center - Madison, WI
- Forage Options: Great Opportunities<sup>A</sup>**  
Jeff Jackson, CROPLAN - Plattsburg, MO
- What's on the Horizon for IoH & AgCMVs: Legislative Update<sup>BE</sup>**  
Tim Fiocchi, WI Farm Bureau Federation - Madison, WI
- 2:30 The Three Best Forage-Related Decisions I've Made on My Farm - Farmer Panel<sup>A</sup>**  
Mark Hockel, Eagle Ag Inc. - Windom, MN  
Tom Kestell, Ever-Green View Farms - Waldo, WI  
Dan Miller, Valley Angus Farm - Spring Valley, MN

Session Key: Room E, Room I, Upper Dells Ballroom, Room G

<sup>A</sup>Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) Credit Sessions

<sup>B</sup>WCO Safety Certification Sessions

<sup>C</sup>Manure Applicator Training Certificate of Completion Awarded

<sup>D</sup>PNAAW Level 1 with certificate

<sup>E</sup>PNAAW Level 2

Symposium Hosted By:



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**TO RESERVE A ROOM, CALL 855.530.1706**

When making a reservation, refer to booking ID: K48636  
Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
Rates if booked by 1/29/25 (\$100 single; \$105 double)



## 2025 Preregistration Form • February 17-19

Registration includes proceedings, educational sessions, and meals.

Online registration available: [midwestforage.org/dellsmeeting.php](http://midwestforage.org/dellsmeeting.php)

Front of registration form for first registrant only, to register additional participants complete form on the reverse side.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FARM/BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2025 Association Memberships (for first registrant only)

<b>Midwest Forage Association 2025 Membership</b>	60.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Wisconsin Custom Operators 2025 Membership</b>	50.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin 2025 Membership</b>		
PNAAW Active Hauler Membership	100.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
PNAAW Industry or Non-Active Hauler Membership	50.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Association membership subtotal:</b>		\$ <input type="text"/>

Carry association membership subtotal below

### Optional Monday Training (for first registrant only; additional registrants on reverse side)

<b>UW-Extension Manure Applicator Training 101</b>	5.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Training subtotal:</b>		\$ <input type="text"/>

Carry training subtotal below

**Monday Registration (FREE with Tues./Wed. registration; Monday only not available)**

Total attending Puck Pump School

### Symposium Registration (for first registrant only; additional registrants on reverse side)

	'25 Member Preregistration	Non-Member Preregistration	
<b>Tues./Wed. Registration (Feb. 18-19)</b> <i>onsite: \$145 member; \$185 non-member</i>	\$130.00	\$170.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Tuesday Registration Only (Feb. 18)</b> <i>onsite: \$110 member; \$130 non-member</i>	100.00	120.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<b>Wednesday Registration Only (Feb. 19)</b> <i>onsite: \$90 member; \$110 non-member</i>	80.00	100.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

**Symposium registration subtotal (for 1st registrant):** \$

**Association Membership subtotal (from 1st registrant above):** \$

**Training subtotal (from 1st registrant above):** \$

**Subtotal from reverse (add'l participant membership/registration/training):** \$

**Total:** \$

Your MFA local council leadership is passing along a \$5.00 savings toward your 2025 membership. So, your membership cost is \$55 instead of \$60 as indicated on the Symposium preregistration form. Thank you.

Save Today!  
2025 members save on preregistration fees. Join today!

**Registration Shortcut**  
Use your smart phone to scan and be directed to the online registration form.



Registration Deadline - February 3, 2025 - No Refunds

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

Or mail completed form and check to: Midwest Forage Association • 4630 Churchill Street #1 • St. Paul, MN 55126 • 651.484.3888

# 2025 Symposium & Annual Meetings Additional Registrant Preregistration Form

Multiple registrants from the same farm/business can register below - copy this form for more than ten registrants.  
(If registering only one person, please do not complete this side of form.)

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**Key:** (MFA) Midwest Forage Association; (WCO) Wisconsin Custom Operators. PNAOW memberships are purchased on the front of this form.

Only one attendee per association membership is eligible for discounted member registration fees. All others register at non-member registration fees.

	2025 Membership Fees (Circle fee for each association you are joining)		2025 Training Fees (Circle fee for each training you are taking)		2025 Symposium & Annual Meeting Registration (Circle the appropriate fees)				Total per Registrant		
	MFA	WCO	Manure Applicator Training		Non-Association Member Registration Fees						
	Tues./Wed.	Tues./Wed.	Tues. Only	Wed. Only	Tues./Wed.	Tues. Only	Wed. Only	Wed. Only			
Example:	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	\$230
2 <sup>nd</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
4 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
5 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
6 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
7 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
8 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
9 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	
10 <sup>th</sup> Registrant	\$60	\$50	\$5	\$5	\$115	\$90	\$70	\$90	\$110	\$90	

Additional Registrants after February 3:  
 Member: Tues/Wed - \$130; Tues Only - \$100; Wed Only - \$80  
 Non-Member: Tues/Wed - \$170; Tues Only - \$120; Wed Only - \$100

Subtotal for additional memberships/registrations: \$  

Carry add'l participant membership/registration subtotal to reverse side