

**OFGC
2010**



Oregon Forage and Grassland Council 2010 Annual Meeting

- Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Wed., April 7th (1:00 to 7:00/9:00 pm) & Thurs., April 8th (7:00 am to 5:00 pm)
- On-site Registration (cash or checks only)
 - \$50 for members
 - \$85 for non-members*(A good time to add your \$35 membership)*
- Pre-registration by March 31st ☺ \$10 discount
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<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/lf/workshops>

Special Guests, Presentations, Panel Discussion, Trade Show, Educational Posters, Lunch, and OFGC Business Meeting

Final Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

- 1:00--1:30 Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Dean, OSU College of Agricultural Sciences: "Welcome and OSU College of Agriculture Update"
- 1:30--2:15 Dr. Morrie Craig, OSU Veterinary School -- "Endophyte Testing"
- 2:15--3:00 Dr. Pete Ballerstedt -- "Grass Based Health: Turning the Food Pyramid Upside Down"
- 3:00--3:30 Gene Pirelli, OSU Extension -- "Selenium Fertilization of Pastures"
- 3:30--5:00 Michael Murphy, Grazing Consultant, Ireland -- "Making a Profit on Forages"
- 5:00--7:00 Trade Show, Educational Posters, and Social Hour -- Beverages and snacks will be available
- 6:00--9:00 Optional Session: Woody Lane's course "Forage & Pasture Management". Anyone attending the OFGC meeting is welcome to attend this class as a guest.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

- 7:00--7:30 OFGC -- coffee & pastries will be available
- 7:30--9:00 OFGC Business Meeting
- 9:00--10:00 Michael Murphy, Grazing Consultant, Ireland -- "Grass Dairying in Western Oregon"
- 10:00--10:45 Room A: Bill Tucker, Virginia Cattleman -- "Selecting Cattle for Your Management and Goals"
Room B: Dr. Shabtai Bittman, Ag Researcher, BC -- "Ammonia Emission -- Why it Matters"
- 10:45--12:15 Panel: "Politics, Money, & the Future of Forage Agriculture" (see page 2 for details)
- 12:15--1:30 Lunch, Trade Show & Educational Posters time
- 1:30--2:15 Room A: Dr. Dan Sullivan, OSU CSS Dept -- "Plant Available Nitrogen from Manures"
Room B: Dr. Andy Hulting, OSU Extension -- "Poisonous Weeds in Pastures"
- 2:15--3:00 Room A: Dr. Shabtai Bittman, Ag Researcher, BC -- "Advanced Ideas for Manure Application"
Room B: Bill & Sharon Hoyt, Oregon Ranchers -- "Targeted Grazing for Weed Abatement"
- 3:00--5:00 Bill Tucker, Past-President AFGC -- Workshop: "Developing Policy & the Realities of Making It Work"
- 5:00 Program ends

~ Safe travels home! ~

More details on page 2...

DETAILS OF THE THURSDAY MORNING PANEL (10:45–12:15, APRIL 8, 2010)

Panel Title:

"Politics, Money, & the Future of Forage Agriculture"

Panel Members:

Russ Karow Head, OSU Crop & Soil Science Department
Jim Males Head, OSU Animal Science Department
Bill Hoyt President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Reed Anderson President, Oregon Sheep Growers Association
Tom Johnson President, Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Scott Pierson President, Oregon Hay and Forage Association
Matt Herb President, Oregon Seed Growers League,
also President, Oregon Seed Trade Association
Bill Tucker Past-President, American Forage & Grassland Council

Moderator:

Woody Lane, Lane Livestock Services

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Michael Murphy is one of Ireland's most progressive and profitable dairy farmers - owning and investing in farms in Ireland, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina and Missouri. Many of these ventures are equity partnerships or companies with 15-20 shareholders. He is a director of seven companies, an investor in shares, property and venture capital across many countries.

Michael and his wife Geraldine have four grown children: Michelle, Nuala, Niall, and Brian. They live in West Cork, Ireland.

Bill Tucker is the owner of Tucker Family Farms, Amherst, Virginia. Bill is the immediate Past President of the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC). Since 1998, he has been the Director of Legislative Affairs for AFGC as well. He is the recipient of the 2000 Outstanding Commercial Cattleman Award from the Beef Improvement Federation and a member of the Grazinglands Conservation Initiative National Steering Committee.

Tucker Family Farms is a seventh generation family farming operation located in the heart of Virginia in Amherst County in the foothills of the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Controlled grazing and selection of cattle that fit and perform in the forage program are a key component of the operation. Tucker Family Farms runs 600 mother cows and has eight contract producers.

Bill and Claudia Tucker have three daughters- Ruth, Taylor, and Avery.

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