Oregon Forage and Grassland Council 2010 Annual Meeting

- Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis
- Wed., April 7th (afternoon and evening) & Thurs., April 8th (all day, including lunch)
- 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

Preliminary Agenda ~ Full Details and Times TBA soon!

Opening and Welcome Address
Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University

Headliner Presentations
1. Michael Murphy, grass-based dairy farmer from Ireland (see page 2). A Case for Grazing Dairies in Western Oregon
2. Bill Tucker, American Forage and Grasslands Council (AFGC) director of legislative affairs (see page 2). Public Policy Development and Implementation Workshop
3. Shabtai Bittman, Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre, Agassiz, British Columbia. Applying Manure to Grass and Corn
4. Panel Discussion – Matt Herb, of Oregon Seed Trade Association and the Oregon Seed Growers League; Bill Hoyt of Oregon Cattlemen; Tom Johnson of Oregon Dairy Farmers Association; Reed Andersen of Oregon Sheep Growers; Scott Pierson of Oregon Hay and Forage Association; and Oregon State University Department Heads Russ Karow and Jim Males will be on the panel.

Additional Presentations
1. Michael Murphy (Ireland). Forage-based Economics
2. Bill Tucker (AFGC). Selecting Cattle for your Management and Goals
4. Morrie Craig, OSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Endophyte and Endophyte Testing
5. Dan Sullivan, OSU Dept. of Crops and Soil Sciences. Plant Available N from Manures
6. Andy Hulting, OSU Extension Weed Specialist. Poisonous Weeds
7. Bill and Sharon Hoyt. Hawley Land & Cattle Co. Targeted Grazing with Goats
8. Pete Ballerstedt, Grass Based Health: Turning the Food Pyramid Upside Down

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Other Opportunities and Agenda Items

1. OFGC Business Meeting and Election of Officers
2. Catered lunch on Thursday the 8th (included in registration fee)
3. Trade Show and Educational Posters on both days and Wed evening
4. Forage and Pasture Management Course, 6-9 pm on Wednesday (Lane Livestock Services)

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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. 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.