

Register early to take advantage of the **\$35 early bird registration**. Early registrations must be postmarked by **December 31, 2019**. Registrations postmarked after that date will be \$50. We hope to see you there!

Please visit the VFGC website (vaforages.org) to **REGISTER ONLINE**.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

Locations

WYTHEVILLE MEETING CENTER

333 Community Blvd, Wytheville, VA 24382

OLDE DOMINION AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX 19783 US-29, Chatham, VA 24531

BRANDY STATION FIRE DEPARTMENT 19601 Church Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714

WEYERS CAVE COMMUNITY CENTER 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486



VFGC Membership or Renewal Application

Name _____

Address _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Individual Member - \$25 for 1-year membership	
Individual Member - \$65 for 3-year membership	
Farm Member - \$40 – includes 2 people for 1-year membership	
Farm Member - \$100 – includes 2 people for 3-year membership	
Corporate Member - \$250 minimum	

Please make check payable to VFGC. Remit with membership application to:

Ms. Margaret J. Kenny
VFGC
3599 Indian Oak Road
Crewe, VA 23930

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Margaret Kenny 434-818-5545 during business hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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2020 Winter Forage Conferences

Hosted by
 Virginia Forage and Grassland Council,
 Virginia Cooperative Extension, and USDA
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

**THINKING STRATEGICALLY:
 The Role of Hay
 in Today's Grazing System**



Featuring guest speakers Kevin Yon of Yon Family Farms & Dr. Dan Undersander

- January 21—Wytheville**
- January 22—Chatham**
- January 23—Brandy Station**
- January 24—Weyers Cave**

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2020 Winter Forage Conferences

Wytheville, Wytheville Meeting Center	1/21/20
Chatham, Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex	1/22/20
Brandy Station, Brandy Station Fire Department	1/23/20
Weyers Cave, Weyers Cave Community Center	1/24/20

Thinking strategically: The role of hay in today's grazing system

8:00 to 8:30	Registration
8:30 to 8:35	Welcome by VFGC President
8:35 to 9:25	The Yon Family Farm story, overview, and how we use harvested forages to enhance our grazing system <i>Kevin Yon</i>
9:25 to 10:15	Dry hay in a day? Factors influencing hay drying and how to use them to your advantage <i>Dr. Dan Undersander</i>
10:15 to 10:45	Break and visit with sponsors
10:45 to 11:15	Business meeting and Forage Producer of the Year
11:15 to 12:00	Graze 300 Virginia: The value of good hay in a grazing system <i>Bobby Clark, VA Cooperative Extension- Graze 300</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch and visit with sponsors
1:00 to 1:30	Making quality baleage <i>Dr. Dan Undersander</i>
1:30 to 1:50	<i>What's new for beef producers:</i> The latest in equipment, hay preservatives, alfalfa, and forage technologies <i>Dr. Dan Undersander</i>
1:50 to 2:40	Paths and opportunities for forage-based farms: Financing, growing the business, and transition to the next generation <i>Kevin Yon</i>
2:40	Adjourn and collect surveys

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Questions about the program?

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Program Registration

No refunds for cancellation after December 31, 2019

Name _____

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Check which meeting you will attend:

- Wytheville, Wytheville Meeting Center
- Olde Dominion Ag. Complex, Chatham
- Brandy Station Fire Dep., Brandy Station
- Weyers Cave Community Center, Weyers Cave

\$35.00 early registration per attendee

After December 31, 2019

\$50.00 late registration per attendee

Student Registration \$15.00 per student

Harlan White Scholarship Fund

Amount \$ _____

David Fiske Scholarship Fund

Amount \$ _____

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Make Check Payable to:

VFGC

Mail Check and Registration to:

2020 Winter Forage Conference
Margaret Kenny
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Keynote Speakers

Kevin Yon. Yon Family Farms of Ridge Spring, SC is a family-owned operation consisting of Kevin and Lydia Yon and their three children, who all work full-time on the farm. The Yons started their own Angus operation in 1996 with 100 head of Angus females. They've since grown to 1,200 head of registered brood cows and 590 commercial cows, utilizing over 4,000 acres of pasture and harvested forages. The Yons host spring and fall production sales where they sell around 400 registered bulls and 200 females each year. The Yons also retain ownership on commercial steers and heifers each year in a KS feedlot, where the cattle are sold on a value-based grid. The Yons stress the importance of utilizing all the tools available. Their operation is forage-based and focuses on producing cattle for a customer base of mainly commercial cattlemen.



The Yons have been honored with a 2008 NCF Environmental Stewardship award and 2018 Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the year.

Dr. Dan Undersander is professor emeritus at University of Wisconsin. He is widely known as a definitive expert on a variety of forage topics:

- Making quality baleage & silage
- Management of intensively grazed pastures
- Alfalfa management
- Hay making and hay equipment
- Harvest management of small grain forages

Dr. Undersander has spent over 40 years focused on intensively managed beef and dairy operations in the mid-west and across the nation. Join us for this rare opportunity to learn from one of the best in the forage world.

Check out Dan's videos on YouTube. Search "Dan Undersander".

