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Ontario Forage Council

PROFITABLE PASTURES

Conference & Trade Show

Sharing Techniques to Improve Grazing Profitability



Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Mount Forest & District Community Centre
850 Princess St., Mount Forest

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
March 9th

Profitable Pastures Agenda

9:00 Registration & Trade Show

9:45-10:00 Welcome

10:00-10:30 James Byrne
"The Irish Grazing Experience"

10:30-11:00 Mike Swidersky
"Grazing Management Techniques"

11:00-12:00 Clayton Robins
"A Systems Approach to Grazing"

Noon Lunch and Trade Show Exhibits

1:00-1:30 2018 Mapleseed Beef Pasture Award Recipient - Tim Lehrbass

1:30-2:30 Clayton Robins
"Energy-dense Forages: A Canadian Opportunity"

2:30-3:00 2017 Mapleseed Sheep Pasture Award Recipient - Markus Wand

3:00-3:30 Speaker Grazing Panel
Your chance to ask the experts!

3:30 Adjourn, Drive Safely!!





To Register

Phone 1-877-892-8663

(payment by Visa or Mastercard available by phone)

Conference cost: \$40

Includes hot roast beef dinner

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Registrations will be accepted at the door, but

MAY NOT include the hot meal.



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MOUNT FOREST

**Mount Forest & District
Community Centre
Community Room
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9am - 3:30pm**

In order to survive in today's
demanding livestock industry
more strategies need to be
implemented which focus on
chiseling the cost of production
and maximizing profits.

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Keynote Speaker



Clayton Robins
Executive Director,
Manitoba 4-H
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Clayton runs a mixed family farm in Rivers, Manitoba whose main focus is cow/calf, backgrounding and custom grazing operations. He graduated with a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1989 and worked for 22 years as a beef and forage researcher with Agriculture and Agri-food Canada in Brandon before leaving the Research Centre in 2011 to accept the position of Executive Director of the Manitoba 4-H Council. Clayton also currently sits on the Executive of the Canadian Society of Animal Science. In 2012 he was awarded a Nuffield scholarship, which afforded him the opportunity to meet with over 200 experts in 11 countries in order to investigate the potential impact of using energy-dense forages in the Canadian production environment. Although initially dedicated to elevated plant sugar content the study was directed toward a much broader approach to forage quality, as well as digestive and environmental benefits; after meetings with leading international experts. The evolution of Clayton's investigation into what he terms "energy-dense" forages turned to gains ranging from enhanced soil carbon sequestration to improved digestive efficiency to efficiencies in energy inputs. The overarching advantages to incorporating energy-dense forages into the production model developed during Clayton's study demonstrate very compelling evidence as to their inclusion in our cropping and grazing strategies; including long-term benefits to perennial forage pastures and rangeland. Mimicking the increasingly popular use of cover crops in replacement of fallow or bare ground the model utilizes specific species and varieties within species to optimize green cover on soil, while providing exceptional forage quality. The choice of species that are outlined in Clayton's report have been demonstrated to deliver significant benefits to ruminant digestive efficiency and proven increases in meat, milk and fat production. From discussions with leading international experts Clayton hypothesizes that, under this model, targeted grazing at key points in a livestock production cycle can induce marbling in suckling calves and positively impact the deposition of healthy lipids in finishing calves and lambs.