

Forage Industry Stakeholder Forum

'Working Together for the Future of the Forage Industry'

The Willows Golf & Country Club – Saskatoon, SK

Thursday, November 20, 2008

1:30 pm - 2:00pm Registration

2:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

Leam Craig – President, Saskatchewan Forage Council

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm Minister's Address

Honourable Bob Bjornerud - Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture

2:10 pm – 2:25 pm Project Overview

Scott Wright – Executive Director, Feeds Innovation Institute

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm Keynote Address

Agricultural Land Uses and Ecosystems Services in the Canadian Prairies

Dr. Ben Rashford – Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Networking Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm Forage Industry Diagram

Meeting Facilitators will work with stakeholders to define direct economic effects of the industry.

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm Economics 101 – How to Measure Direct Value

Dr. Ken Belcher – Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, University of Saskatchewan

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm Industry Contacts and Information Sources

Meeting Facilitators will work with stakeholders to identify sources of information and industry contacts.



Friday, November 21, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:00 am Economics 101 – How to Measure Indirect Value

Dr. Ben Rashford – Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming

9:00 am – 9:45 am Forage Industry Diagram

Stakeholders will define indirect effects from the industry and compare with direct effects.

9:45 am – 10:00am Networking Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am Industry Opportunities and Threats

Facilitators and stakeholders will develop an inventory of opportunities and threats to the industry.

11:00 am – 11:15 am Wrap up and Next Steps

Leanne Thompson – Lead Project Consultant



Please note agenda subject to change

Meet our Speakers...

Dr Benjamin Rashford - *Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming*



Dr. Benjamin Rashford is an assistant professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wyoming. His research spans several areas, including agricultural production, land-use modeling, resource conservation and wildlife management. His objective is to conduct applied natural resource and environmental economics research that is motivated by and informs public policy. Since most public policy issues require an interdisciplinary approach, he strives to collaborate with other disciplines to bridge gaps and deliver policy relevant research.

Dr. Rashford's recent research has included the examination of agricultural land use change in the Prairie Pothole Region and its impacts on waterfowl conservation, the design of cost-effective wildlife habitat management plans for working agricultural lands, and the economic impact of climate change on agricultural production and wildlife habitat. Dr. Rashford received his B.S. and M.S. in economics at the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics at Oregon State University.

Dr Ken Belcher – *Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, University of Saskatchewan*



Dr. Ken Belcher is a professor of Environmental and Ecological Economics in the department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Belcher's areas of research include, land use policy, beneficial management practices (BMPs), greenhouse gas emissions, ecological goods and services and agri-environmental policy and policy targeting. Recent research includes the development of a prairie wetland carbon model and management of agricultural landscapes with wetland and riparian zones looking at both economic and greenhouse gas implications. Dr. Belcher received his BSA and MNRM from the University of Manitoba and his PhD from the University of Saskatchewan.

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