

# Indiana Forage Council

Annual Meeting & Seminar

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

## What Makes Quality Forage?

*Gary Zimmer*

A ration that utilizes quality forage promotes rumen health and optimum milk and meat production. Growing high quality forages begins with caring for the soil. When it comes to livestock health and productivity, high quality forages fortified with necessary supplements results in fewer problems, and puts the fun and profit back into farming.

## What the Experts Say We Should Do

*Andrew Brown*

If we read and listen to forage information presented by universities and the ag industry, we all know what we SHOULD do when it comes to putting up a quality hay crop. Sometimes though, the reality of weather, or machinery limitations, or off farm employment, get in the way of good intentions. Don't give up hope though; look for one or two things you can change in your operation for the upcoming season.

### Location:

Gasthof Amish Village  
Montgomery, IN

*(See reverse side for a map.)*

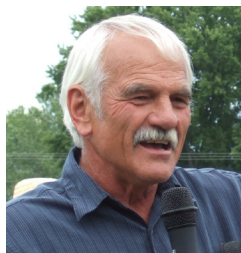
### Schedule (EDST):

4:30 p.m. - Annual meeting for members and interested individuals

6:00 p.m. - Meal (No cost for Forage Council member and \$5 per person for non-member)

7:00 p.m. - Guest speakers will be Gary Zimmer with Midwestern Bio-Ag and Andrew Brown, 2011 Indiana Forage Council Spokesperson. Mr. Zimmer's topic is "What Makes Quality Forage?" and Mr. Brown will share his personal observations about being a forage farmer.

**Attendance at the 4:30 p.m. annual meeting is not a requirement for participation in the rest of the evening. Please RSVP by January 27 to Lisa Green, [lgreen06@purdue.edu](mailto:lgreen06@purdue.edu) or 765-494-4783.**



**Gary Zimmer**, Madison, WI, is a farmer, author, agri-businessman and educator dedicated to biological agriculture. Raised on a Wisconsin dairy farm, Gary studied dairy nutrition, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree from the University of Hawaii. For over

35 years, Gary has been evaluating farming practices as a consultant, on his family's farm, and as president of Midwestern Bio-Ag, a biological farming consulting company located in Blue Mounds, WI. The Zimmer family's organic farming operation utilizes the ideas Gary has gleaned studying agriculture. His focus remains on the soil as the source of nutrients; how healthy soils produce healthy plants for healthy livestock and healthy humans.



**Andrew Brown**, Tangier, Indiana (Parke County) raises Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale draft horses, and Shropshire sheep on a fifth-generation farm in West Central Indiana. In his spare time, he works for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as a District Conservationist.

The forage operation consists of 150 acres of permanent pasture and 60 acres of hay, with another 50 acres devoted to row crops. Andrew is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Animal Sciences. Before starting his career in Soil Conservation in 1987, he served as a Feed Sales Representative for Moorman Manufacturing Company.

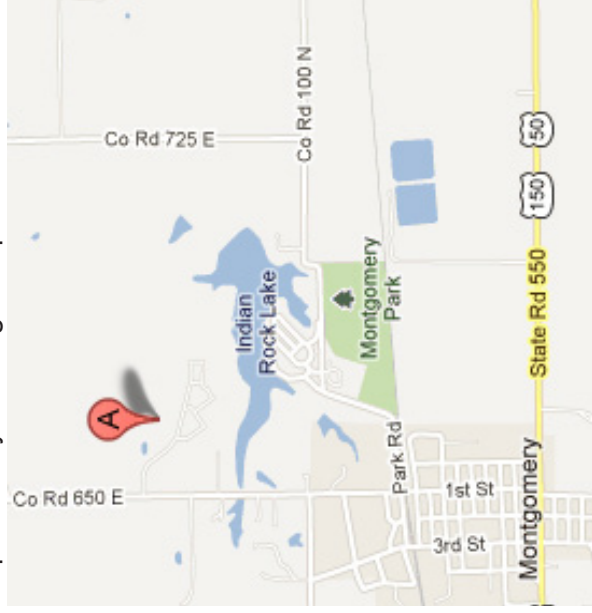
*\*This forage session is the evening before the Southern Indiana Grazing Conference which is being held just up the road at Odon. More information can be found at: [http://daviesscoswcd.org/main/page\\_sigc.html](http://daviesscoswcd.org/main/page_sigc.html).*

## Directions to Gasthof Amish Village

6747 E. Gasthof Village Rd.  
Montgomery, IN 47558

The Gasthof Amish Village is located one mile north of U. S. 50 in Montgomery, Indiana. Montgomery is located in Daviess County. Look for the big Gasthof Amish Village sign and turn north at the sign onto County Road 650E.

Map courtesy of Google Maps.



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