Indian Forage Council
Annual Meeting & Seminar Presentation
Thursday, February 16, 2006

Location:
Cornerstone Hall, Salem, IN
For directions see reverse side.

Schedule (EST):
4:00 p.m. - Annual meeting for members and interested individuals
6:00 p.m. - Buffet meal ($7 for Forage Council member and $10 per person for non-member)
7:00 p.m. - Producer panel and feature speaker Cliff Schuette from Breese, IL

Attendance at the 4 p.m. annual meeting is not a requirement for participation in the rest of the evening. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 8 to Lisa Metts, lmetts1@purdue.edu or 765-494-4783.

Money-Making Annual Forages, Cliff Schuette

Schuette Farms has spring- and fall-calving cowherds. Cattle graze on different types of forages that can grow or be stockpiled all year. Main pastures are Kentucky 31 tall fescue with clovers added to help dilute the toxic effect of the fescue. Since 2000, endophyte-friendly tall fescue was seeded to some new pastures that were previously row crop. Since 1998 oats, turnips, rye, red clover, pearl millet, BMR sorghum-sudangrass, annual ryegrass, corn residues, and crabgrass have been used to graze year round.

These forages all have a place in the system. By learning to match each forage crop to a time of the year and utilizing these forages through a Management-intensive Grazing system, the grazing season has the potential to be year round. Cow feed costs in the last eight years range from $58 to $150 per cow. With these numbers a profit has been guaranteed every year even with low cattle prices.

Finished cattle are marketed through Cliff’s cousins’ five grocery stores. By doing this there is a $50-$100 premium, plus carcass data and consumer feed back. If you put all of this together beef cattle production is profitable, fun, and sustainable.

Producer Panel
Paul Hirt
Decatur County
Roger Dale Robinson
Orange County
Norbert Schaefer
Jefferson County
Directions to Cornerstone Hall
Salem, IN

Cornerstone Hall is off SR56 on Jim Day Road in the J.F. Helsel Industrial Park.

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