NOVEL TALL FESCUE RENOVATION WORKSHOP

Blackstone, Virginia
Monday, March 11, 2019
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Toxic tall fescue reduces livestock weight gains and lowers reproductive performance. This one day workshop will give you the tools and information needed to remove the toxic tall fescue and replace it with novel tall fescue varieties. Speakers include local producers, company representatives, and researchers from across the country.

Topics include:

- Fescue Toxicosis: Symptoms and Causes
- Economics
- Establishment and First Year Management
- Seed and Endophyte Testing
- Long-Term Pasture Management
- Company Products
- Incentives
- Producer Panel

Register at www.vafortages.org/events/
Before March 1 - $70/person or $100/couple from same farm| After March 1 - $85/person or $120/couple
Includes lunch, refreshments, & proceedings
Workshop & Plot tours – Southern Piedmont Agricultural Research & Extension Center
2375 Darvills Road, Blackstone, VA 23824

Cattle grazing on toxic tall fescue (left) and cattle grazing on novel tall fescue (right) Photos: Matt Poore

Alliance Partners and Collaborators:
AgResearch USA
Agrimotics
Barenbrug USA
Clemson University
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Corteva AgriSciences
Forage and Grassland Foundation
Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council
MFGC/GLCI
Mountain View Seeds
Noble Research Institute, LLC
North Carolina State University
Pennington Seed
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Missouri
USDA NRCS
Virginia Tech
Agenda

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 Welcome  
*Gabriel Pent, Virginia Tech*

9:10 Tall Fescue Toxicosis: Symptoms and Causes  
*John Fike, Virginia Tech*

9:35 Animal Economics  
*Matt Poore, North Carolina State University*

10:00 Break and Demo: Endophytes under Microscope  
*Carolyn Young, Noble Research Institute*

10:15 Establishment & First Year Management  
*John Andrae, Clemson University*

11:10 Demo: Calibrating a Seed Drill  
*Lindy Tucker, Virginia Cooperative Extension*

11:40 Seed Quality and Endophyte Testing  
*Nick Hill, Agrinostics, Chris Agee, Pennington Seed*

12:00 PM Lunch and Microscope Demo

12:45 Transition Management: Toxic to Novel Pastures  
*Craig Roberts, University of Missouri*

2:00 Demo: Tour Plots at Southern Piedmont Center

3:00 Producer Economics (Video)  
*Darrel Franson, Producer*

3:30 Company Products  
*Barenbrug USA, DLF, Mountain View Seed, Pennington Seed*

4:05 Financial Assistance Related to Fescue Conversion  
*J. B. Daniel, USDA NRCS*

4:15 Producer Panel: On-Farm Success with Novel Tall Fescue

5:00 Adjourn

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