Welcome to the
2010 Idaho Alfalfa & Forage Conference
Burley, Idaho, 16-17 February 2010

On behalf of the planning committee, we welcome you to this gathering of the state’s leaders in alfalfa and forage production. This conference will start with an emphasis on marketing and legal issues, and continue with a panel about how to better secure getting paid. During lunch the Idaho Hay and Forage Association will conduct a short business meeting and give an update on legislative issues. Four topics about weed and pest management for forages will be presented and will provide 2 credits for the Idaho Pesticide Recertification. A new approach to fertility management by tissue testing will be presented and as well as a look into the future of low lignin alfalfa and the status of Roundup Ready™ alfalfa. The last day of the conference will cover forage crop management and conclude with discussing corn silage topics. Our objectives are to:
1) extend research information; 2) provide continuing education; 3) learn from producers and consumers about effective ways of producing and using forages; 4) give an opportunity to the forage-related industries to provide information about equipment, products, and services they can provide; and 5) provide opportunity for the Idaho Hay & Forage Association to inform everyone about regulatory, political, and business issues affecting agriculture.

We express our appreciation to the speakers who provide this excellent program and proceedings. These people have generously taken the time to share their knowledge with you. We are also thankful to the many sponsors and exhibitors of the conference. Their contributions have made it possible to keep registration fees low and provide a quality program!

This is truly a cooperative effort between the Idaho Hay & Forage Association and the University of Idaho Extension System. Welcome to the 2010 Idaho Alfalfa and Forage Conference!

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