

**REGISTER** early to take advantage of the **early bird price of \$35 postmarked before by December 31, 2018.** Any registration received after that date is \$50. We hope to see you there!

Please visit the VFGC web site (<http://vaforages.org>) for additional



**United States Department of Agriculture**  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Locations**

**WYTHEVILLE MEETING CENTER**  
333 Community Blvd, Wytheville, VA 24382

**SOUTHERN PIEDMONT RESEARCH STATION**  
2375 Darvills Road, Blackstone, VA 23824

**BRANDY STATION FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
19601 Church Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714

**WEYERS CAVE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave, VA 24486



**VFGC Membership or Renewal Application**

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Individual Member - \$25 for 1-year membership	
Individual Member - \$65 for 3-year membership	
Farm Member - \$40 – includes 2 people for 1-year membership	
Farm Member - \$100 – includes 2 people for 3-year membership	
Corporate Member - \$250 minimum	

*Please make check payable to VFGC.  
Remit with membership application to:*

**Ms. Margaret J. Kenny**  
**VFGC**  
**3599 Indian Oak Road**  
**Crewe, VA 23930**

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**2019 Winter Forage Conferences**

*Hosted by*  
**Virginia Forage and Grassland Council,**  
**Virginia Cooperative Extension, and USDA**  
**Natural Resources Conservation Service**



**January 15**

Wytheville Meeting Center,  
Wytheville

**January 16**

Southern Piedmont Research Station  
Blackstone

**January 17**

Brandy Station Fire Department  
Brandy Station

**January 18**

Weyers Cave Community Center,  
Weyers Cave

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# 2019 Winter Forage Conferences

Wytheville, Wytheville Meeting Center 1/15/19  
 Blackstone, Southern Piedmont Research Center 1/16/19  
 Brandy Station, Brandy Station Fire Department 1/17/19  
 Weyers Cave, Weyers Cave Community Center 1/18/19

## Alternative Forages for Grazing Systems: Unlocking Your Farms Production Potential

8:00 to 8:30	Registration
8:30 to 8:35	Welcome by VFGC President
8:35 to 8:50	Why consider Alternative Forages? <i>JB Daniel, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>
8:50 to 9:40	Using Annual Forages: When and Where they Make Sense <i>Dr. Matt Poore, North Carolina State University</i>
9:40 to 10:10	Break and Visit with Sponsors
10:10 to 11:00	Are Native Summer Forages a Practical Alternative, <i>Dr. Pat Keyser, University of Tennessee</i>
11:00 to 11:30	Business Meeting and Forage Producer of the Year
11:30 to 12:30	Lunch and Visit with Sponsors
12:30 to 1:00	Local producer speaker: How I use alternative forages.
1:00 to 1:30	Native Forage Establishment: What does it take to be successful? <i>Dr. Pat Keyser</i>
1:30 to 1:50	Break with Sponsors
1:50 to 2:10	The Cost & Returns of Annual and Perennial Alternative Forages. <i>Dr. Matt Poore and Dr. Pat Keyser</i>
2:10 to 3:00	A Panel Discussion: Do alternative forages make sense? <i>Dr. Matt Poore, Dr. Pat Keyser, and local producer speaker</i>
3:00	Adjourn and Collect Surveys

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### Questions about the program?

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## Program Registration

**No refunds for cancellation after December 31, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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County \_\_\_\_\_

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### Check which meeting you will attend:

- Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville
- Southern Piedmont Research Center, Blackstone
- Brandy Station Fire Dep., Brandy Station+
- Weyers Cave Community Center, Weyers Cave

**\$35.00** early registration per attendee

### After December 31, 2018

**\$50.00** late registration per attendee

*Student Registration \$15.00 per student*

### Harlan White Scholarship Fund

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Early registration must be post marked before December 31, 2018**

**Make Check Payable to:**

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**2019 Winter Forage Conference**

**Margaret Kenny**

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## Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Pat Keyser** is a Professor and Director for the Center for Native Grasslands Management. In that role, Dr. Keyser provides regional and national leadership in the development and implementation of comprehensive research and outreach programs focused on a broad range of issues pertinent to the management of native grasslands. This includes work on use of native grasses in forage production systems for livestock, biofuels production, the integration of forage and biofuels, answering specific management questions for native grasses, restoration of natural grassland communities such as woodlands and savannahs, and wildlife responses to native grasslands management.

**Dr. Matt Poore** has devoted his career to pasture-based agriculture in the Southern USA. His training in forage utilization in mixed diets by beef and dairy cattle at the University of Arizona stimulated his interest in the complex interactions of the ruminant animal and the forages they depend on. During his career at NCSU Dr. Poore has done research on a wide variety of forage topics including; improving the understanding of forages as receiving crops for confinement animal waste nutrients, the impact of grazing cattle on stream water quality, the utilization of tall fescue in stockpiling systems, local niche meat systems, and how alternative supplements, forages and forage management techniques fit in beef production systems. The impactful extension program he directs "Amazing Grazing" teaches ecological principles relevant to the effective management of pasture-based production systems to diverse audiences including producers, extension agents, veterinarians, and conservationists. Currently Dr. Poore continues with his own programming while providing leadership to the NC Cooperative Extension Animal Agriculture Program Team. While much of his energy has been invested in these professional programs, he also is engaged in production and continues to manage his family's farm at Virgilina, VA, where they raise 110 brood cows and finish most of the steer calves on pasture for the local beef market.