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Estate Planning, marketing, fences are topics at Kirksville Symposium

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., -- Farmers face tough questions every day. They will find answers for marketing and estate planning at the Kirksville Livestock Symposium, Nov. 30 and Dec 1.

The Symposium farm management sessions give cutting-edge help, says Garry L. Mathes, event chair.

Leading off Saturday sessions will be estate planning with speaker Connie Haden of Haden and Associates Law Firm, Columbia. Keeping the family farm in the family is something nearly every operation struggles. Haden will be available to answer questions.

Dr. Scott Brown, Ag Economist University of Missouri, will give a 2019 Economic outlook for farmers struggling in 2018 with low yields and commodity prices.

Brown will join economist Dr. David Kohl, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech on Friday Nov. 30 for Ag Lenders and Producers Seminar. Kohl delivers the keynote address Friday evening. He talks on "Agriculture Today: It is what it is...what we should do about it?"

For more information on the Ag lenders and producers seminar, interested participants should contact the Adair County Extension office for more information.

Joe Koenen, MU Extension Ag Business Specialist joins the Saturday farm management lineup with two talks to help farmers understand Missouri's complex fence laws. His second session answers farm tax issues. Koenen says livestock producers forced to sell livestock in 2018 drought should consider tax liabilities moving into 2019.

Farm management joins at full lineup of speakers on beef cattle, horses, sheep, meat goats, stock dogs, backyard poultry and beekeeping. Concurrent sessions run all day Saturday.

At the same time, a free trade show stays open.

The Symposium offers two free meals—a beef supper at 6 p.m. Friday and a Governor's Style Lunch, Saturday.

The Symposium runs from 4 to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30. It runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. All is in the William Matthew Middle School, 1515 S. Cottage Grove, Kirksville.

No pre-registration needed, nor any cost to attend. "If there is a better deal anywhere I want to know about it," Mathes said.



Agenda details about speakers, topics, lodging, meals, trade show and more can be found on the internet: www.missourilivestock.com. Or call Mathes at 660-341-6625 or the Adair County MU Extension Center, 660-665-9866. You can also email Zac Erwin, MU Extension, at erwinz@missouri.edu. Put MLS in the subject line.

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