



# ILLINOIS FORAGE EXPO

Friday, July 31, 2009 9 AM to 4 PM

Meier Farms, 205 N Dakota Road, Ridott, IL  
Stephenson County

Food Available  
on Site

Meier Farms is a family operated 300 head dairy  
confinement operation with 345 acres of alfalfa  
*All Expo activities will be held in the field*

## Equipment Field Demonstrations

*times subject to change*

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| 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM  | Mowing & Tedding |
| 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM | Raking           |
| 10:30 AM            | Baleage          |
| 11:00 AM — Noon     | Chopping         |
| 1:00 PM             | Chopping         |
| 2:00 PM — 4:00 PM   | Baling           |

## Quality Hay & Haylage Contest

- Producers may enter one 2009 harvested bale/haylage per class. Entries are only accepted from 9 to 10 AM. Compressed or re-baled bales are not eligible.
- Bales weighing more than 100 pounds need an official scale weigh ticket.
- Four hay classes: alfalfa—grass—alfalfa/grass mix—other
- One haylage class
- \$25 gift certificate presented to class winners courtesy of Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County FS

## Educational Presentations

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| 10:00 AM | Autosteer in Forage Systems<br><i>Jay Solomon, U of I Extension</i>                  |
| 10:20 AM | Dollars & Cents of Alfalfa Production<br><i>Jim Endress, U of I Extension</i>        |
| 10:40 AM | Managing Risk with Hay Insurance<br><i>Dave Niepert, USDA Risk Management Agency</i> |
| 11:00 AM | Nutrient Management Planning & How EQIP Can Help<br><i>USDA NRCS Staff</i>           |
| 11:20 AM | Forages & Today's Milk Price<br><i>Dr. Mike Hutjens, U of I Extension</i>            |

## Industry and Equipment Exhibits

### Directions

**From the West:** Exit US Rt 20 at RT 75 (Freeport/Dakota) exit. Go south (right) 3/4 mile on Route 75. Go east (left) 2 miles on River Road, turn right on Dakota Road 1/2 mile.

**From the East:** Go west on US Rt 20 to Rock City Road, go north on Rock City Road 2 miles, then west on River Road 3 miles, then south 1/2 mile on Dakota Road.

## Watch for Expo Signs

**Commercial Exhibits:** To display a commercial exhibit, contact Nikki Keltner, University of Illinois Extension, Stephenson County, phone 815-235-4125. For more details about 2009 Forage Expo visit <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/stephenson/index.html>

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Illinois Grassland Conservation Initiative  
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