

**Welcome
to the
2009 Idaho Alfalfa & Forage Conference
Burley, Idaho, 3-4 February 2009**

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 alfalfa and forage crop management and conclude on the second day discussing corn and other forages. Our objectives are 1) to extend research information; 2) provide continuing education on forage irrigation, export markets; forage pests, weeds, and diseases; new markets and genetics, organic forage production, and corn grasses, and silage issues; 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.

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