

2015 Missouri Livestock Symposium horse session features Stacy Westfall

Learn from one of the most popular and sought-after clinicians in the horse industry, Stacy Westfall. Westfall's great insight and effective teaching style have made her one of the most popular and sought-after clinicians in the horse industry. Her famous bareback and bridleless championship ride has been seen by millions on the Internet. Stacy Westfall is also the only woman to win the Road to the Horse colt starting competition.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held December 4 and 5 at the William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville, MO. The event begins on Friday, December 4 with an agricultural trade show at 4 p.m., a free supper at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. our evening program begins in the auditorium. During our evening program we will honor Larry Wiggins, DVM of Memphis, MO as the 2015 Missouri Livestock Person of the Year, Al Kennett, retired MU Extension livestock specialist as the 2015 Agriculture Educator of the Year and announce our Classic Tractor Contest winners. Mike Adams of the syndicated agriculture talk show *AgriTalk* will be the keynote speaker. His topic will be *The customer may not always be right, but...* On Saturday, December 5, our trade show opens at 8 a.m. with educational programming beginning at 9 a.m. There will also be a complimentary Governor's Style Luncheon supported by Missouri agricultural commodity groups and the Missouri Livestock Symposium committee. There is no cost to attend any part of the Missouri Livestock Symposium program. Just show up and enjoy the day.

As part of the Missouri Livestock Symposium, we are pleased to announce that Stacy Westfall will present two horse demonstrations on Friday, December 4 at the Truman State University Farm in Kirksville, MO. The 3 p.m. session is on making trips away from home a success. Stacy will discuss the keys to developing a relaxed, confident and willing horse both at home and when hauled to new locations. At 4 p.m. Stacy will speak on bridleless riding: why and how. In this session Stacy demonstrates and explains the cues for bridleless riding, as well as when it is safe and how it can improve your communication with your horse.

There is no cost to attend these demonstrations, but you must register. Call 660-665-9866 or register on our webpage at missourilivestock.com. There is limited seating. Please DO NOT bring horses to any of these sessions.

On Saturday, December 5, Stacy returns with three topics at the Missouri Livestock Symposium in the horse sessions: Reading a horse's body language, trailer loading, and developing a training schedule.

With a long history of teaching, research, equine medicine and outreach excellence, Texas A&M University has been a vital contributor to the equine industry for generations. That's why we were so excited when Dr. Jim Heird, executive professor and coordinator of the Equine Initiative at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas, agreed to speak for us. Dr. Heird will provide three very important topics to horsemen everywhere. His topics include how horses learn, equine industry issues and selection and judging: form to function.

Although the Symposium features a superb equine experience, it also has nationally known authorities who will speak on beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, stock dogs, farm and ranch succession, and more. For additional program details go to missourilivestock.com or call the Adair County Extension Center at 660-665-9866.

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