



AFGC Forage Spokesperson Contest Rules

Program Description

The Forage Spokesperson Contest is typically one of the most popular and informative sessions at the annual AFGC conference. Individual producers are nominated by state affiliate councils to present at the national conference. Each producer is asked to develop a 15-minute presentation which gives an overview of their farming operation. **Emphasis is typically placed upon how forage management contributes to the overall farm objectives and marketing.** A diverse panel of judges comprised of producers, industry representatives and government agency employees score the producers on criteria including innovativeness, practical application of sound principles, communication skill and enthusiasm. We request that no video be used in the presentation as this impedes our ability to record the presentation.

Registration

All participants must register to attend the conference. AFGC does not provide financial support; however, most state councils support their candidate if possible.

Judging Categories

- Innovativeness, profitability, ecological soundness of forage production/use (30 points)
- Farming practices; sensible, practical application of sound principles (20 points)
- Effective communication with/to audience (15 points)
- Appropriateness for audience (15 points)
- Enthusiasm (10 points)
- Adherence to time limit (10 points)

If a participant goes over the allotted time by more than 4 minutes then they will be disqualified from the competition.

Presentation Information

The presentations will be held in the general session room for the annual conference. The room will include an LCD projector, pc based laptop, advancer, lectern, handheld mic, and a lavalier mic. The presentations will be included and posted on the AFGC YouTube page.

Each competitor must check in no later than 1pm on the day of the competition to the AFGC Registration desk and provide a USB drive with their presentation*. The presentation will be downloaded and tested on the session laptop to ensure compatibility.

*All Microsoft PowerPoints should use Standard (4:3) slide size.