



# AMERICAN FORAGE & GRASSLAND COUNCIL

---

## **2024 National Forage Week Memo – Extension**

*\*For internal use only within Extension – for modification/distribution within states*

Extension provides a crucial role in disseminating knowledge and resources to support agricultural producers and landowners in our communities. With National Forage Week approaching, it's an excellent opportunity for us to share about the importance of forage systems and their role in society.

National Forage Week is a time to raise awareness about the benefits forages provide to our environment, economy, and food security. As Extension agents, we can play a vital role in educating our stakeholders about the significance of forages and connecting them with valuable resources to support their forage management practices.

One valuable resource available to Extension agents and agricultural professionals is the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC). The AFGC is a national organization dedicated to advancing the science and practice of forage and grassland management. Through education, research, and outreach, the AFGC provides valuable resources and support to help Extension agents and producers optimize their forage systems for productivity, sustainability, and resilience.

Here are some key resources and initiatives offered by the American Forage and Grassland Council:

- **Educational Events:** The AFGC organizes conferences, workshops, and webinars focused on forage production, management, and utilization. These events provide Extension agents and producers with access to the latest research, best practices, and industry trends in forage and grassland management.
- **Publications and Resources:** The AFGC produces a variety of publications, fact sheets, and technical resources on topics such as forage species selection, grazing management, hay production, and soil health. These resources serve as valuable educational tools for Extension agents and producers seeking to enhance their forage management practices.
- **Networking Opportunities:** The AFGC facilitates networking and collaboration among Extension agents, researchers, industry professionals, and producers involved in forage and grassland management. Through networking events and online forums, Extension agents can connect with peers and experts to share knowledge, experiences, and solutions to common challenges.
- **Grants and Scholarships:** The AFGC offers grants and scholarships to support research, education, and professional development in the field of forage and grassland management. Extension agents and agricultural professionals can apply for funding to

support innovative projects and initiatives that advance the goals of sustainable forage production and conservation.

- **Advocacy and Outreach:** The AFGC advocates for policies and initiatives that promote the interests of forage producers and grassland managers at the local, state, and national levels. Extension agents can engage with AFGC to stay informed about relevant policy developments and to advocate for resources and support for forage producers in their communities.

During National Forage Week, we encourage Extension professional to share social media posts and educational resources through the [National Forage Week webpage](#) with AFGC to create awareness about the importance of forages for society.

To learn more about the American Forage and Grassland Council and their resources for Extension agents, visit their website at [www.afgc.org](http://www.afgc.org).

### **About the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC):**

The American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) is a national organization dedicated to advancing the science and practice of forage and grassland management. Through education, research, outreach, and advocacy, the AFGC promotes sustainable forage production, utilization, and conservation to enhance the productivity, profitability, and environmental sustainability of forage-based agriculture.