

2012 Southwest Pennsylvania Project Grass Conference



October 11-12, 2012
Indiana, Pennsylvania

Events at the Kovalchick Complex
and the Indiana Fairgrounds

**Thursday,
October 11, 2012
Kovalchick Complex**

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Registration and Vendor Exhibits

9:45-10:00 a.m.

Welcome

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Breakout Session #1 with Q&A

1. Diversifying the Grazing Operation
John Hopkins
2. Grass Finishing and Meat Palatability
and Composition, Susan Duckett
3. Parasite Control in Livestock
Dr. Robert Van Suan
4. Transitioning to Organic Farming
Lee Rinehart, PCO
5. Integrating Poultry in a Grazing
Operation, Peter Burns
6. Keeping Horses Healthy on Pasture
Dr. William Wise, V.M.D.
7. Wildlife and Grazing
Tammy Colt

11:30-12:30 p.m.

Dr. Temple Grandin

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch and Vendor Exhibits

2:00-3:00 p.m.

**International Grazing
Dr. Ben Bartlett, D.V.M.**

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Beverage Break

3:15-4:15 p.m.

**Breakout session #2 with Q&A
Same sessions as breakout #1**

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Vendor Exhibits

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dinner

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Keynote Address, Dr. Temple Grandin

8:00-9:00 p.m.

**Optional Q&A with breakout session
speakers and preview of Friday's tours**

**Friday
October 12, 2012
Indiana Fairgrounds**

7:00 a.m.

Light Refreshments

Group One

7:30 a.m.

Tour Buses Leave

11:45 a.m.

Return to Fairgrounds

Box lunch provided

12:15-3:45 p.m.

Programs at Fairgrounds

1. Cattle Handling Demonstration
Dr. Ben Bartlett, D.V.M.
2. Pasture Management
Kevin Ogles will explore how grazing
methods affect soil moisture content
3. Herding Dogs Demonstration
Kuykendall Working Border Collies

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Group Two

8:00-11:30 a.m.

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For more information on our speakers and
presenters, visit www.swprojectgrass.com

***Nutrient management and conservation
planning credits available.***

Planning Committee

Indiana County Conservation District
Armstrong Conservation District
Greene County Conservation District
Washington County Conservation District
State Conservation Commission
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Penn State Cooperative Extension
Local Farmers



Tour Options

Cogeneration Tour

Reclamation of abandoned mine tailings piles has done much to improve water quality and return some of these waste areas into potential pasture. The GenOn Seward Generating Station facility is a state-of-the-art plant that burns five million tons of mine tailings per year, producing electricity and an ash product that has been used by farms to stabilize alleyways and feeding areas.

Farm Energy

Brookside Dairy's manure digester has produced over two million kilowatt hours of electricity since 2005, while providing bedding for their cows and a low odor fertilizer that has increased forage yields. Fabin Brothers Farms' soybean processing plant provides oil for the biodiesel industry and a soymeal feed high in energy. Solar powered water pumps provide water for their beef grazing operation.

Grazing Systems

Two grazing farms will be visited. The first is the Overdorff Angus Operation where 95 acres of cropland were converted in 2010 to an Angus rotational grazing system. The second, Blossom Hollow Dairy Farm, is a rotational grazing system implemented in 2007 from cropland and pasture. Both farms have a variety of grazing practices utilizing the USDA EQIP and CREP programs.

Windgate Vineyards and Winery

Windgate began as a vineyard, then expanded to become a producer of fine, estate-grown wines. The vineyard's microclimate is nearly perfect for growing wine grapes. The elevation, western slope exposure, and persistent air drainage provide warming in the winter and cooling in the summer. The Enersons opened Windgate as a winery in 1987. It has since grown to become the largest estate winery in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

About our Keynote Speaker



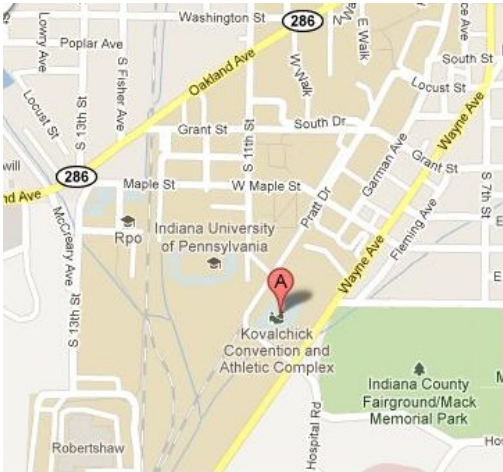
Dr. Temple Grandin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Temple's achievements are remarkable because she was an autistic child. At age two she had no speech and all the signs of severe autism. Fortunately, her mother defied the advice of the doctors and kept her out of an institution. Many hours of speech therapy, and intensive teaching enabled Temple to learn speech. As a teenager, life was hard with constant teasing. Mentoring by her high school science teacher and her aunt on her ranch in Arizona motivated Temple to study and pursue a career as a scientist and livestock equipment designer.

Dr. Grandin obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College in 1970. In 1974 she was employed as Livestock Editor for the Arizona Farmer Ranchman and also worked for Corral Industries on equipment design. In 1975 she earned her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes. Dr. Grandin was awarded her Ph.D in Animal Science from the University of Illinois in 1989 and is currently a Professor at Colorado State University.

A limited block of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels until September 11:
Comfort Inn: 724-465-7000
Super 8: 724-349-4600
Hampton Inn (Indiana): 724-349-7700
Hampton Inn at Chestnut Ridge: 724-459-5920
Quality Inn: 724-349-9620
Holiday Inn: 724-463-3561

The Kovalchick Complex
711 Pratt Drive
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15705

Directions to the complex can be found at
www.kovalchickcomplex.com/parking-directions



The Indiana Fairgrounds are located across the street from the Kovalchick Complex.

For more information contact:
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Registration Form
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Early registration deadline September 7.
Final deadline October 4.

Register on-line at
www.swprojectgrass.com

___ Early registration, two-day conference, \$95. No single-day rate available. Includes all conference event meals and keynote speaker.

___ Late registration after September 7 \$130.

October 12 tour registration. See descriptions under tour options. Time allows for one tour. Please indicate 1st and 2nd choices.

- ___ Cogeneration Plant
- ___ Farm Energy
- ___ Grazing Systems
- ___ Winery

We cannot guarantee availability. Tour time will be assigned by conference organizers.

___ Check if requesting vegetarian meals
We cannot guarantee availability

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Make Checks Payable to:
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