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## **2026 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2026**

**Ruidoso Convention Center  
Ruidoso, New Mexico**

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**To Register Online Visit:**  
**<http://www.nmhay.com/>**

# 2026 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference

## Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**9 am - 4 pm** - Exhibit Setup

**1 pm - 5 pm** - Equipment Move-In

**5:30 pm** - NMHA Board of Directors

Meeting, MCM Elegante Hotel Lobby

**6:30 pm** - Premier Sponsor

Appreciation/Board of Directors Dinner,

Texas Club Steakhouse - Sponsored by:



**Ruidoso Convention Center**

## Thursday Morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**8:00 am** - Trade Show Floor Opens -

Coffee and Pastries available

**8:30 am** - Registration Opens

**9:45 am** - **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Joel Klein, NMHA President

Mark Marsalis, NMSU Extension

Ravae Leonard, NMHA Sec/Treasurer

**10:00 am** - **Common Traits of Highly**

**Successful Farm Transitions -**

Mike Downey, Manager,

UnCommon Farms

**10:45 am** - **Gopher & Prairie Dog**

**Control** - Sam Smallidge, NMSU

Extension

**11:30 am** - **Dairy Industry**

**Update/Outlook** - Robert

Hagevoort, NMSU Extension

**12:00 noon** - **Buffet Lunch**

**Catered by K-Bob's**

## Thursday Afternoon, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**1:00 pm** - **Spouses' Interest Session -**  
**'Painting with Peggy Krantz'**

Main Session:

**1:00 pm** - **Western Water**

**Issues/Policy Outlook -**

Samantha Barncastle, Family

Farm Alliance

**1:30 pm** - **Drones for Spraying:**

**Custom Application & Producer**

**Perspective** - TX-Air Drone &

Janet Jarratt

**2:15 pm** - **Industry Updates**

**2:35 pm** - **Coffee Break / Booth Visits**

**3:30 pm** - **Corn Leafhopper: An**

**Emerging Pest in Corn** - Tyler

Gilreath, Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension

**4:15 pm** - **Alfalfa-Nut Tree**

**Intercropping & Pecan Cover**

**Cropping** - Lauren Hale, USDA

**4:45** - **Double Small Baler** - Lane

Spradlin, AGCO

**5:15 pm** - **NMHA Annual Business**

**Meeting / Booth Visitation**

**5:20 pm** - **Social Hour, Sponsored by:**



**6:00 pm** - **Dinner, Catered by: K-**

**Bob's; Sponsored by:**



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**\*\* 7:00-10:00 pm** - **Ace-in-the-Hole**

**Casino Fundraiser \*\***

## Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00 am** - Trade Show Floor Opens -

Coffee and Donuts Available

**8:30 am** - Registration Re-opens

**8:30 am** - **Small Grain Forage Quality**

**& Prussic Acid Free Sorghum**

**Update** - Calvin Trostle, Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension & Mark

Marsalis, NMSU Extension

**9:00 am** - **Alfalfa-Grass Mixes** - Rajan

Ghimire, NMSU-Clovis

**9:30 am** - **Coffee Break / Booth**

**Visitation**

**10:15 am** - **Winter Weed Control -**

Leslie Beck, NMSU Extension

Weed Specialist

**11:00 am** - **Pesticide Laws/Regs**

**Update** - Steve Baca, NMDA

**11:45 am** - **Adjourn / CEUs Awarded**

**12:00 pm** - **NMHA Annual Business**

**Meeting Reconvenes** - Joel Klein, Ravae

Leonard, and Officers

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**5 NM Pesticide Applicator CEUs are**

**approved for this meeting; Texas,**

**Arizona, and Certified Crop Advisor**

**CEUs have been requested.**

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You must attend the ENTIRE conference to receive your CEU's. You will receive your certificate after the last presentation.