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## **Hardin County Extension News Release**

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### **Forage Seeding and Harvesting**

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*Hardin County* – Forages will be the topic of Dr. Mark Sulc, Professor and Extension Forage Specialist from The Ohio State University on Tuesday, March 10 at the Hardin County Dairy Service Unit annual meeting. The meeting will begin with a meal at 6:30 pm, where guests are asked to bring their favorite salad or dessert to share. Ham sandwiches, chips, cheeses, drinks and table service will be provided. The guest speaker will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by a business meeting of the Dairy Service Unit. The location will be the Hardin County OSU Extension office, 1021 W Lima Street, Kenton. Livestock producers with an interest in learning more about forages are encouraged to attend. No RSVP is necessary to attend this meeting.

Dr. Sulc will speak on being ready to plant forages this spring and rotation requirements of alfalfa. He will discuss the problem associated with reseeding new alfalfa into old alfalfa, forage harvest schedules and their effect on quality and yield, as well as speeding up the wilting and harvesting of forages with the ever shortening of forage harvest windows due to weather. He plans to talk on the highlights but will be able to answer producers' forage questions at the end of his presentation.

Dr. Sulc's area of responsibility includes applied research and extension programming on forage management systems. His extension and research programs are focused on helping producers utilize forages efficiently and profitably while protecting our natural resources and environment. He co-leads the OSU Extension Integrated Forage Management Team whose activities include training workshops, field days, short courses, newsletters, magazine articles, factsheets, bulletins, and on-farm research.

Dr. Sulc's research is field-based and focuses on forage management issues, extending the grazing season, integrated crop-livestock systems, integrated pest management in alfalfa, and performance of forage species and varieties under Ohio conditions. He collaborates with animal nutritionists, entomologists, plant pathologists, farm management specialists, and soil scientists to address practical questions faced by forage producers.