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2026 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference

**January 21st, 22nd, & 23rd
2026**

**Ruidoso Convention Center
Ruidoso, New Mexico**

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2026 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference - Tentative

Wednesday, January 21st

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 22nd

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 - **Catered Buffet Lunch**

Thursday Afternoon, January 22nd

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** - Parallel Ag

5:15 pm - **NMHA Annual Business Meeting / Booth Visitation**

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



6:00 pm - **Catered Dinner, Sponsored by:**  American AgCredit

**** 7:00-10:00 pm** - **Ace-in-the-Hole Casino Fundraiser ****

Friday, January 23rd

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

5 NM Pesticide Applicator CEUs are approved for this meeting; Texas, Arizona, and Certified Crop Advisor CEUs have been requested.

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