



## **2019 Forage Symposium Request for Proposals**

The Wisconsin Custom Operators education committee is looking for relevant, innovative and timely topics and speakers for sessions at the 2019 Forage Symposium.

### **WHO CAN APPLY?**

WCO is accepting proposals for breakout and general sessions. This request is open to the following:

- 1) WCO Platinum or Gold level corporate sponsors
- 2) University, nonprofit or government agency professionals with ties to WCO
- 3) WCO members

Individuals, companies, universities, organizations and government agencies may submit proposals.

### **HOW TO APPLY/APPLICATION FORMAT**

Proposals should be submitted using the [online proposal submission form](#) by Sept. 1, 2018. Proposals should address the topic's relevance to the custom farming community.

### **SEMINAR SELECTION TIMELINE:**

- **July. 15, 2018** – Release and distribution of "Request for Proposals"
- **Sept. 1, 2018** – Deadline to submit proposal
- **Nov. 1, 2018** – Topics selected, notifications sent

### **ABOUT FORAGE SYMPOSIUM**

The Forage Symposium is a joint partnership between the Midwest Forage Association (MFA) and the Wisconsin Custom Operators (WCO). The event is scheduled for February 18-20, 2019 at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

More than 400 farmers, custom operators, farm and operator employees and ag professionals attend the two and half day conference. MFA and WCO host breakout sessions that are open to all attendees regardless of membership. There are also general sessions that are presented in a large-group format.

New for 2019, WCO is accepting proposals for breakout sessions. Applications from the pool of proposals will also be considered for general sessions. See "who can apply" above for application criteria.

### **TYPES OF PROPOSALS:**

**Breakout Sessions (60 or 90 minutes):** Offered Tues. Feb 19 and Wed. Feb 20.

Each breakout room comfortably accommodates 75-100+ people. Traditional AV equipment is available – screen & projector with a HDMI plug-in. Speakers may bring presentations on a memory drive or on their own



computer to plug into the system. Presentations are requested in early Feb. for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

#### **SPONSORSHIPS COSTS**

All corporate presenters must be gold or platinum level WCO sponsors to be considered. There is no fee to sponsor the session other than the yearly WCO sponsorship fee. Speaker fees and expenses (if any) must be included in the proposal.

#### **Questions?**

If you have questions or comments, please contact Maria Woldt, executive director at [execdir@wiscustomoperators.org](mailto:execdir@wiscustomoperators.org) or (608) 577-4345. Proposals are accepted using the [online proposal submission form](#) and are due by Sept. 1, 2018.