

Attendees test the strength of a bale consisting of several smaller ones gathered by a machine.



Second annual forage field day focused on alfalfa

Producers at last year's forage field day requested information about alfalfa production and management, and extension educators delivered.

Specialists from the University of Wyoming Extension and the James C. Hageman Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension Center (SAREC) June 27 discussed current research about alfalfa production in Wyoming and hosted a variety of sessions targeted to producer requests. SAREC hosted the event.

"Based on last year's positive feedback, we introduced alfalfa production and management and the producer panel this year," said Anowar Islam, extension forage specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Plant Sciences.

The open house focused on areas such as nutritional advantages of alfalfa and irrigation practices while the

panel focused on personal experiences of local producers. Specialists also highlighted other areas of interest during the day-long event. Associate Professor Robin Goose, a plant breeder in the Department of Plant Sciences, discussed cultivation of forage peas in the Wyoming climate, and local equipment dealers demonstrated precision production equipment.

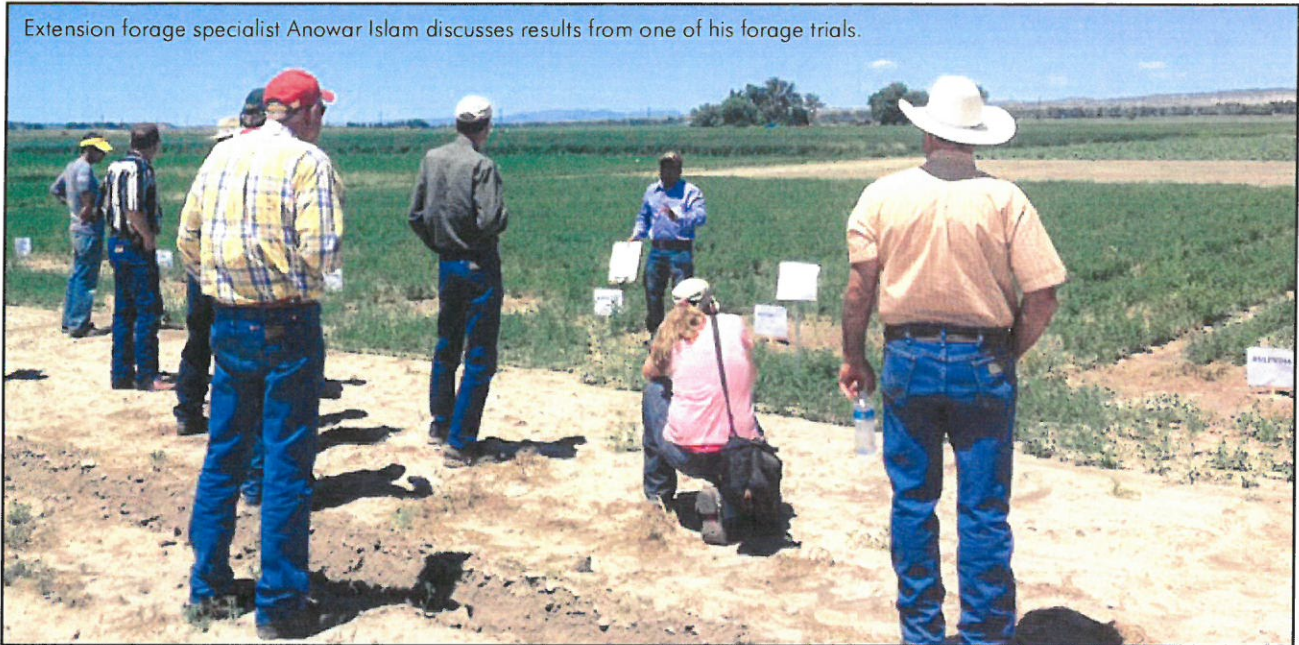
Similar to the annual field days at each of the research and extension centers across the state, forage field days seek to gather local concerns to target future university research and alert the public to ongoing research.

"Next year's program will be based on this year's feedback, and forage days will become regular and successful," Islam adds.

Producer Monte Lerwick of Albin was one of the attendees.



Extension forage specialist Anowar Islam discusses results from one of his forage trials.



Associate Professor Robin Goose shows information about growing peas in the Wyoming climate.



A machine featured at the forage day picks up smaller bales and combines them into one.

Proposals Submitted

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Andersen, Matthew: \$235,949 to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) for "Optimal Investment in Public Agricultural Research and Development in the United States."

Beck, Jeffrey: \$10,000 to Samson Resources for "Factors Influencing Pronghorn Survival and Reproduction."

Beck, Jeffrey, Anna Chalfoun, Stan Harter, and Sue Oberlie: \$99,841 to Wyoming Game and Fish for "Response of Greater Sage-Grouse to Treatments in Wyoming Big Sagebrush."

Crawford, Warren, and Kimberly Reaman: \$187,460 to Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for "American Youth Leadership Program with Samoa: Enhancing Global Perspectives."

Ehmke, Cole, Anowar Islam, Mike Moore, Brian Lee, Jason Fearneyhough, Ted Craig, Julie Cook, and Mary Randolph: \$60,307 to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for "Evaluating Production, Certification and Marketing of Gluten-free Grains for Wyoming Producers."

Ehmke, Mariah: \$24,000 to State of Wyoming for "Wyoming Beekeeper Industry Assessment and Income Diversification."

Ehmke, Mariah, Cole Ehmke, Chian Jones-Ritten, and Linda Thunstrom: \$134,983 to USDA AMS for "Increasing Pollination Revenue and Guaranteeing Unadulterated Honey from Wyoming."

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