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## **Grow Native! Workshop in Albany, MO, June 21, 2019: Native Plants for Row Crop Agriculture, Pollinator Enhancement & Livestock Production**

*Workshop host and partner is MU's Hundley-Whaley Research Center. Workshop made possible with funding from NRCS.*

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Jefferson City, MO (April 19, 2019)—Native plants provide many benefits to agricultural producers and recreational landowners alike. Native plants provide pollinator habitat, curb erosion, protect water quality, and produce nutritious livestock forage.

The upcoming Grow Native! **Native Plants for Row Crop Agriculture, Pollinator Enhancement & Livestock Production** workshop in Albany, MO on June 21, 2019 is intended for row crop farmers, livestock producers, recreational landowners, and anyone else interested in the many benefits that native plants offer to farms and recreational land. During the workshop, five experts will present information on how native plants provide benefits to farm revenues, livestock health, pollinators, wildlife, water quality, and more. The day-long event will also feature information on specific NRCS cost-share programs to which attendees may apply to help offset the cost of incorporating natives into their agricultural or land management practices, and a session on invasive plant control.

In addition, this workshop offers five Certified Crop Advisor CEUs: Soil & Water Management: 1; Integrated Pest Management: 1; Crop Management: 2; Professional Development: 1.

"We're fortunate to have the Grow Native! program bring this exceptional learning opportunity to Albany," said Betty Grace, of Grace Native Seed in Albany, and a Grow Native! Committee member. "Five excellent speakers will provide information useful to all landowners."

Speakers include **Dr. Lisa Schulte Moore** from Iowa State University, on integrating prairie strips in row crops for erosion control, soil control, and pollinator habitat; **Jim Grace** of Grace Native Seed, on establishing and maintaining native forage for livestock; **Sarah Nizzi**, Farm Bill Pollinator Conservation Planner and NRCS Partner Biologist with the Xerces Society, on enhancing pollinators on farms with native plants; **Matt Arndt**, Consulting Forester, Arborist, and owner of Matt's Healthy

Woods & Wildlife, on invasive plant control; and **Jake Swafford**, Coordinating Wildlife Biologist for Quail Forever/Pheasants Forever in northwestern Missouri, on cost-share programs to put native plantings in place.

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. The Hundley-Whaley Research Center, at 707 S. Birch Street in Albany, MO is the workshop host and partner. Registration is \$15 per person for Missouri Prairie Foundation members, and \$18 per person for non-members. Registration includes morning coffee and cinnamon rolls and a hot lunch. Afternoon desert sponsored by Hy-Vee. Register online at [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org), by calling 888-843-6739, or by mailing a check, payable to the Missouri Prairie Foundation, and sending it to: Missouri Prairie Foundation, P.O. Box 200, Columbia, MO 65205. Registration deadline: June 17, 2019.

*Grow Native! is the 19-year-old native plant marketing and education program serving the lower Midwest, run by the nonprofit Missouri Prairie Foundation. For more information about the Grow Native! program or the Missouri Prairie Foundation, visit [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org), [www.moprairie.org](http://www.moprairie.org), call 888-843-6739 or send a message to [grownative@moprairie.org](mailto:grownative@moprairie.org).*

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