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Please pass on this workshop information to anyone that may be interested. Thank you.

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Jefferson City, MO (October 7, 2019)—Native plants provide many benefits to hobby farmers, gardeners, agricultural producers, and recreational landowners alike, including pollinator habitat, protection of soil and water quality, and nutritious livestock forage.

The upcoming Grow Native! **Native Plants for Pollinator Enhancement, Livestock Production, & Prairie Strips within Row Crops** workshop will be held in Columbia, MO at the University of Missouri's Bradford Research Center on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. This day-long workshop is intended for bee keepers, gardeners, 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.

"This event is a great opportunity to hear five excellent speakers present in Columbia on these critically important topics," said Carol Davit, Executive Director of the Missouri Prairie Foundation and its Grow Native! program. "They will provide practical 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 **Ryan Lueckenhoff**, Private Land Conservationist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, 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 University of Missouri's Bradford Research Center, at 4968 Rangeline Road, Columbia, MO is the workshop host. Registration is \$14 per person for Missouri Prairie Foundation members, and \$17 per person for non-members. Registration includes morning coffee and lunch. Register online at 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 is **November 5**, 2019. This workshop is supported by funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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, www.moprairie.org, call 888-843-6739 or send a message to grownative@moprairie.org.

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