

NAFA'S 2018 ALFALFA INTENSIVE TRAINING SEMINAR FILLED TO CAPACITY

More than 40 participants attended NAFA's sold out Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar (AITS), considered to be the most comprehensive and successful alfalfa training and education seminar available. Held at Land O'Lakes Headquarters in Arden Hills, MN, on November 13-14, AITS featured many of the nation's leading experts in the fields of alfalfa production and management. This year's seminar attracted participants from as far away as California, Texas, and Georgia.

In addition to receiving virtually all of NAFA's printed alfalfa publications, participants also received a newly revised AITS training manual which included not only comprehensive information on each of 19 different alfalfa topics, but copies of presentation slides as well. Topic areas included *Alfalfa: Past, Present & Future*; *Role of Alfalfa in Ruminant Diets*; *Alfalfa Pests & Pest Management*; *Mowing & Field Drying*; *Hay Preservation*; *Establishment*; *Alfalfa Seed and Seed Production*; and *Growth and Development* just to name a few.

AITS participants were fortunate to hear from some of the leading experts in fields of alfalfa production and management from across the country including: Kim Cassida, Michigan State University; Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia; Emily Meccage, Montana State University; Jim Salfer, University of Minnesota; Craig Sheaffer, University of Minnesota; Joe Waldo, Forage Genetics International; and Nick Wiering, University of Minnesota. NAFA would like to specially thank these AITS instructors who selflessly offered their time, talent, and unique expertise to AITS participants. Without the hard work and commitment of these talented folks this year's AITS would not have been possible.

NAFA would also like to specially thank all the great folks at Land O'Lakes for the use of their facility in graciously hosting this year's event.