

## **Speaker Bio: Will Bowling**

Will Bowling, with his dad Ronnie Bowling and his family operate Old Homeplace Farm, a 5th generation farm located at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Kentucky River in Clay County. The property consists of 185 acres; 90 acres is in pasture, with the balance in woods.



They graze cattle and goats on cool season perennial grasses plus clovers. The Bowlings converted 10 acres to native warm season grasses (big bluestem and Indiangrass) in 2016, and began grazing it in summer 2018. The warm season acreage permitted the resting and stockpiling of tall fescue, extending their grazing well into February 2019.

They currently maintain about 25 cattle, 30 hair sheep ewes, and 15 meat goat does under a rotational/multi-species grazing strategy. The cattle graze the fertile river bottoms while the small ruminants stock the steeper (and more erosion-prone) slopes. The Bowlings periodically flash graze the small ruminants through the bottomland pastures to utilize forage species the cattle find less desirable. This grazing strategy has been practiced for the past 12 years, and has allowed them to reduce their three year average of “days on hay” to 65 days/year.

Many of their animals are marketed as USDA-inspected grass fed meat through our online store, local farmer’s markets, and restaurant sales. Some are sold as breeding stock and through traditional commodity outlets.

The Bowlings have also hosted numerous grazing and forage events over the past several years. Groups taking part in these opportunities have included the UK cooperative extension, NRCS, Clay County Cattleman’s Association, and local school groups.

## Speaker Bio: Debby Dulworth

Debby Dulworth has farmed with her husband Toby in Ballard County since 1977. Together they have been building their herd of forage-oriented seedstock Hereford cattle since 1964. Over the years, they have implemented innovative grazing techniques, so the herd is raised entirely on pasture. At their Dogwood Farm, Debby uses an innovative grazing operation that has implemented rotational stocking, uses novel forages for both summer and winter months and has selected animals that perform well in their all-forage environment.



This multi-generational farm has developed a natural grass-finished beef business using Hereford cattle selected for producing high quality meat. The Dulworth's have direct marketed their local, grass-finished beef since 2003, and it is now the farm's major enterprise.

In addition, Debby has published forage articles and photographs in various publications such as Progressive Farmer, The Stockman Grass Farmer, and Kentucky's Cow Country News.

She was the recipient of the 2018 KFGC Producer Award.

Debby and Toby Dulworth's Farm is in Ballard County.