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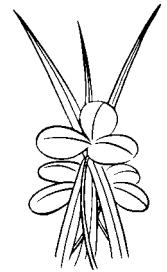
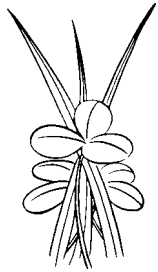
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FORAGE NEWS



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FALL GRAZING SCHOOL IS ON FOR OCTOBER 16-18 IN PRINCETON

The Kentucky Grazing School has set the dates and location for the fall 2000 3-day school. This class will be Monday October 16 through Wednesday October 18 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton. Contact Jimmy Henning (859-257-3144 or jhenning@ca.uky.edu) or Ken Johnson (270-487-6589 or kjohnson@kystate.ky.nrcs.usda.gov) for registration information. The registration fee is \$85 which is \$40 less than the usual amount, thanks to a USDA grant.

As usual, this school will be a combination of classroom and hands-on field training on designing, managing, constructing, and working with intensive grazing systems. All participants will receive a full grazing manual, a searchable CD of all UK forage, beef, and related publications, Southern Forages, a Forage Pocket Guide, a full color Forage Identification and Use Guide, and other related publications.

Spaces are limited. You can find the full program information posted on the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council web page (www.kfgc.org).

KFGC AWARDS

Each year, the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council presents awards to Kentuckians who have made significant contributions toward promoting the use of forages. This year the awards will be presented at the Grazing Conference on November 28 in Bowling Green. The award categories are:

The Grassroots Award honors farmers who do an excellent job of producing forages on their own farm and are active in promoting forages at the county level or beyond.

The Industry Award is presented to an individual who works in the forage industry and actively promotes forages throughout the state or beyond.

The Public Service - County Award honors individuals who work in public sector jobs at the county level such as Extension Agents, NRCS

District Conservationists, Vo. Ag. Instructors, etc.

The Public Service - State Award is for individuals working in state-level public service jobs and who actively promote forages at the state and national level.

You can help us by nominating people for these awards. It doesn't take a lot of time or work and will help make us aware of who is promoting forages in Kentucky. If you'd like to nominate someone or get more information, contact me at: 270/365-7541, Ext. 206 or write Monroe Rasnake, P.O. Box 469, Princeton, KY 42445. (*Monroe Rasnake*)

STATEWIDE GRAZING CONFERENCE SET FOR BOWLING GREEN

The first STATEWIDE conference devoted strictly to GRAZING will be held NOVEMBER 28, 2000 at the Western Kentucky University Exposition Center in Bowling Green. This conference has been in the planning for several months and excitement is building for a most interesting, educational event. The conference is being sponsored by the Kentucky Forage & Grassland Council in conjunction with the University of Kentucky and several other groups and organizations.

Leading speakers from Kentucky will present the latest information on "grazing". A farmer panel will share their insights and experiences. In addition, two nationally known speakers will keynote the conference. Mr. Jim Gerrish, world renowned authority on grazing and founder of the Missouri Grazing School will address the topic, "How Far Can We Go With Grazing?" Dr. Gary Bates, Extension Forage Specialist from the University of Tennessee will speak on the topic "Summer Grazing Options".

We are expecting a full "Exhibit Area". Exhibitors will be present representing seed, chemical, fencing, water, fertilizer, animal health along with other supplies and services of interest to graziers. Commodity group and educational displays will also be featured. A silent auction will offer a variety of supplies, services, books, publications along with other practical, useful items.

The registration fee will be \$15.00 and will cover refreshments, lunch, conference proceedings and other publications. Listed below is the agenda for the conference. We look forward to seeing you in Bowling Green November 28.

- 8:00 Refreshments, Registration, Visit Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 8:45 Welcome
- 9:00 New and Improved Forages for Grazing - *Dr. Jimmy Henning*
- 9:20 Summer Grazing Options - *Dr. Gary Bates*
- 9:40 Extending the Grazing Season - *Dr. Garry Lacefield*
- 10:00 Break, Visit Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 10:30 How Far Can We Go With Grazing? - *Mr. Jim Gerrish*
- 11:30 Making Grazing Work Down on the Farm - *Mr. Ken Johnson*
- 12:00 Lunch, Visit Exhibits, Silent Auction
- 1:00 Breakout Sessions
- 2:00 Break, Visit Exhibits
- 2:30 Repeat Breakout Sessions
- 3:30 Adjourn

Breakout Sessions

1. Fencing and Watering Systems

Moderator - Ken Johnson

Temporary Watering Systems - *Charlie McIntire*

Selecting Fence Chargers - *John Shipp*

Fencing Systems - *Kevin Laurent*

2. Meeting Animal Needs on Pastures

Moderator - Dr. Monroe Rasnake

Where Do Pastures Fall Short - *Dr. Roy Burris*

Minerals - *Dr. John Johns*

Reducing Animal Problems on Pastures - *Dr. Patty Scharko*

3. How We Make Grazing Work on the Farm

Moderators - Dr. Garry Lacefield & Dr. Jimmy Henning

Gary Blades, Dairy Producer, Metcalfe Co.

Debby Dulworth, Beef Producer, Ballard Co.

Russell Hackley, Beef Producer, Grayson Co.

Dr. Nevil Speer, Grazing Systems at W.K.U.

SOUTHERN FORAGES NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

A new service introduced by the Potash and Phosphate Institute (PPI) will facilitate online ordering of publications and other information materials from the organization. The "PPI Store" will enable individuals to select publications such as *Southern Forages*, *Forage Crop Pocket Guide*, *Soil Fertility Manual* and other items. It then provides delivery instructions and how to pay by credit card.

"Many of the audiences we serve through PPI programs have encouraged this new arrangement," explained Dr. B.C. Darst, PPI Executive Vice President. "While we continue to offer traditional methods of handling orders for publications, videos, CDs, and other items, many individuals prefer the convenience of online shopping. The PPI Catalog of materials for the year 2000

was distributed to individuals in industry, schools, agencies, and other clientele where agronomic information is needed."

While the "PPI Store" does not currently offer all the information items available from the Institute, many of the frequently purchased items are featured. Future additions and developments are expected.

The online site uses the "shopping cart" concept to accommodate selection of multiple items. Visitors can browse through various categories of information by simply "clicking" on topics of interest.

For a limited time, no shipping/handling charges will be added to orders received via the "PPI Store" site on the Internet. The special offers on packaged items and waiver of shipping charges are not available on orders received by fax, phone, or mail.

For more explanation, contact the PPI Circulation Department at (770) 825-8082 or 8084, or e-mail to: circulation@ppi-far.org

The "PPI Store" online can be reached through a link on PPI's home page found at www.ppi-far.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 6 Southern Beef Day, Somerset
- OCT 16-18 Kentucky Grazing School, UKREC, Princeton
- OCT 24-26 Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar, Wooster, OH
- NOV 5-9 American Society of Agronomy, Minneapolis, MN
- NOV 11 BEEF: Evaluation of Opportunities, North American Livestock Exposition, Louisville
- NOV 28 Kentucky Grazing Conference, Bowling Green
- DEC 4 Forage Commodity Conference, Farm Bureau Convention, Louisville
- 2001**
- JAN 19 Forages at KCA, KCA Convention, Louisville
- FEB 10-21 International Grassland Congress, Brazil
- MAR 1 21st Kentucky Alfalfa Conference, Cave City

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