

2008 Georgia Grazing School

Bulloch County Center for Agriculture
Bulloch County Extension
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
The University of Georgia
Statesboro, GA

Wednesday, August 20th, 2008

- 8:30 Registration. Coffee and pastries.
- 8:45 Welcome and Introduction
Wes Harris, Bulloch County Extension Coordinator
Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA
- 8:50 Forage yield, distribution, and quality.
Dr. Charlie Brummer, UGA
- 9:30 Soil fertility and nutrient cycling in grazing systems.
Dr. Glen Harris, UGA
- 10:00 Herbicides for weed management in grazed pastures.
Dr. Mike Marshall, Clemson
- 10:45 Managing and utilizing legumes
Ray Hicks, Screven CEC and UGA Forage Team
- 11:10 Will it pay? Economics of improved grazing systems.
Dr. Curt Lacy, UGA
- 12:00 Lunch Break

- 12:30 Managing surplus forage: Producing hay and baled silage.
Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA
- 1:00 Manipulating forage growth and grazing behavior: The essence of rational grazing.
Dr. Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia
- 1:30 Grazing systems and methods.
Dr. Charlie Brummer, UGA
- 2:00 Practical issues in designing a grazing system.
Dr. Dennis Chessman, NRCS
- 2:20 Grazing arithmetic
Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA
- 2:40 Fencing options for your grazing system.
Dr. John Worley, UGA
- 3:20 Break – Visit exhibits
- 3:30 Providing water in grazing systems.
Dr. John Worley, UGA
- 3:50 Management considerations for grazing dairy cattle
Dr. John Bernard, UGA
- 4:30 Pasture-based nutrition considerations for beef cattle.
Dr. Lawton Stewart, UGA
- 5:00 Herd assignment and homework assignment.
Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA
- 5:30 Wrap-up and Instructions for Supper
- 6:30 Supper. "Grazing Systems: New Zealand vs. Georgia"
– Dr. Richard Watson, New Zealand Dairy Management Group, Girard, GA

Thursday, August 21st, 2008

8:30 Vans and other vehicles leave Bulloch County Center for Agriculture headed to C.M. "Bubba" Crosby's Farm (Coffee, pastries, and other refreshments available for the road)

(~12 p.m. Lunch)

1:00 p.m. Depart for Dr. Watson's farm (Girard, GA).

Field Activities that will occur at the Crosby and/or Watson Farm
(not necessarily in order)

- Review homework exercise
- Plan and fence off a grazing strip for your assigned herd
- Measure paddock size and check for accuracy
- Pasture Condition Score exercise
- Body Condition Score exercise
- Discussion of reproductive efficiency in grazing animals
- A comparison of the methods for estimating available forage

Instructors

Dennis Hancock, UGA
Carole Brannen, UGA
Ray Hicks, Screven CEC and UGA Forage Team
Greg Durham, UGA
and Others

3:30 Discussion, Evaluation, and Return to Statesboro.

Thank You to:

Ray Hicks, Screven County Extension Coordinator

Wes Harris, Bulloch County Extension Coordinator

Peyton Sapp, Burke County Extension Coordinator

UGA Forage Extension Team

Greg Durham, Senior Forage Research Tech

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