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K-State to Host Southeast Kansas Grazing School

Grass is our cheapest commodity to raise cattle or other grazing livestock. By extending the grazing season, producers can decrease expenses and increase profitability. Most producers feed hay 120 to 180 days out of the year, if hay is fed from November to April. Feeding hay is more expensive and time consuming than having the animals grazing. If producers can increase their grazing duration and limit the amount of hay being fed, a tremendous cost savings and improved profitability would be seen.

Saturday, Sept. 28th, K-State Research and Extension will host the Southeast Kansas Grazing School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. just south of Fort Scott, Kansas at ReproLogix. We will cover a variety of topics and have the chance to tour different facilities.

Some of the topics we will discuss include: Extending the grazing season with cover crops and crop residue. Cover crops can mean turnips, oats, wheat, etc. in corn stubble, but it also means planting a cool season forage in some of our warm season grasses. We will explore rotational grazing, strip grazing and stockpiling of forages. Pasture fertility and weed control will be discussed as well as winter feeding sites. The day will wrap up with the featured speaker Wesley Tucker from the University of Missouri discussing the economics of grazing. Wesley is not just an economist; he is also a producer himself that practices what he teaches. He is entertaining and very knowledgeable. Other speakers will include Jaymelynn Farney, KSU area beef specialist, Wendie Powell, Wildcat District Livestock Production Agent, and Dale Helwig, Cherokee County Agricultural Agent.

Cost for the event is \$10 per person and lunch will be provided. Contact Southwind, Wildcat or Cherokee County Extension Service to register for the event. Registration will be payable at the door. Sponsors for the event include Kansas Forage and Grassland Council, ReproLogix, Landmark National Bank, and K-State Research and Extension.

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