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Grazing consultant brings expertise to Chariton in March

Ames, Iowa, 2/9/09 – Livestock graziers are invited to attend an Iowa State Extension meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pin Oak Lodge near Chariton for a presentation and discussion with Greg Judy, grazing consultant.

Greg Judy runs a grazing operation on 1400 acres of leased land made up of ten farms near Columbia, Missouri. Judy has given many presentations and conducted numerous grazing schools across the United States. Judy's grazing systems have resulted in more wildlife, better soils, increased stocking rates, and eliminating costly inputs.

The discussion on March 4 will center on the mutual benefits of grazing and wildlife (quail) habitat; however, the topics discussed can apply to a variety of livestock grazing operations.

Topics will include the following:

- Experiences in grazing leased lands
- Building relationship with land owners and livestock graziers
- Handling fencing and water issues
- Liability issues for landowners and graziers
- What to include in a workable pasture lease
- What is Holistic High Density Grazing
- What is MOB grazing

“Greg has written two books - *No Risk Ranching*, *Custom Grazing On Leased Land* in 2001 and *Comeback Farms, Rejuvenating soils, Pastures and Profits in Livestock Grazing Management*,” said Joe Sellers, Iowa State Extension livestock specialist. “Greg is a very creative and innovative manager that can help us look at new and different ways to graze cattle in Southern Iowa.”

For more information on the upcoming meeting, contact Sellers at 641-203 1270 or Carl Neifert at 515-250-8802.

Funding for Greg Judy's presentations is provided by the Practical Farmer of Iowa, as well as Iowa State University's Iowa Beef Center and Leopold Center.

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, was established in 1996 with the goal of supporting the growth and vitality of the state's beef cattle industry. It serves as the university's extension program to cattle producers and is comprised of faculty and staff from ISU Extension and the colleges of agriculture and life sciences and veterinary medicine. Together, the Iowa Beef Center's members work to develop and deliver the latest in research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information about the Iowa Beef Center, visit www.iowabeefcenter.org.

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