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June pasture walk features a rotational grazing discussion

Ames, Iowa, 6/15/09 – What do managed intensive grazing, pasture rental rates, calf marketing, proper carcass disposal and ag credit for cow-calf operations have in common?

These are topics to be featured at a pasture walk on June 30, 2009, at the Larry Knaack farm, near Correctionville, IA. The pasture walk will be from 6 p.m., beginning with a light supper, until 9 p.m.

Participants will see how Larry rotationally grazes cow-calf and yearling stocker cattle through a 60-paddock system, consisting of 1¼ acres per paddock. His cattle primarily graze an alfalfa-brome grass mix, but he also has 20 acres of canary grass. He pumps water from a deep well to the paddocks through above-ground, plastic tubing.

Other current issues featured at the pasture walk include how to determine pasture rental rates, developing a marketing plan that can adjust to changes in pasture carrying capacity, proper disposal of cattle carcasses, and the availability of ag credit for cow-calf producers.

The pasture walk is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension, the Iowa Beef Center, Woodbury County Soil and Water Conservation District, Woodbury County Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Credit Services of America, Woodbury County Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council.

To register, participants are asked to please respond with a phone call to Beth Doran, ISU Extension beef field specialist, at 712-737-4230, by June 26. Registration will be \$5/person, which includes the light meal.

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