

SAVE THE DATES!

Jim Gerrish - Iowa Grazing Series (tentative schedule)

August 18 -

10:30 am - McNay Farm, Chariton – annual forage plots tour, lunch, meeting with Gerrish

5:00 pm - Jeff Lutz farm, Powersville, MO – tour and BBQ

August 19 -

10:00 am - Dan Hostetler farm, Grand River- pasture walk

12:00 pm – Clarke County Fairgrounds, Osceola – lunch, meeting with Gerrish

5:00 pm – Justin Rowe farm, evening pasture walk, BBQ

August 20 –

1:00 pm – Meeting with Gerrish, Maxwell Community Center

4:30 pm – Bruce Carney farm, Maxwell – pasture walk and evening BBQ

August 21 –

9:00 am – John Schulte farm, Norway – pasture walk

1:00 pm – Meeting with Gerrish, Monticello, Jones County Extension office

5:00 pm - Dave Lubben, Monticello, IA – pasture walk and evening BBQ

August 22 –

1:00 pm – Meeting with Gerrish, Donnellson - Lee County Extension office

4:30 pm - Mark Hulsebus farm, Donnellson – pasture walk and evening BBQ

Iowa Grazing Workshops with Jim Gerrish Planned for August

Workshops featuring grazing consultant Jim Gerrish will be held in different locations across Iowa August 18-22. Each day will include classroom discussions and pasture walks at local farms. Topics will include maintaining plan diversity to increase production and environmental benefits, using annual and perennial forage crops in your grazing system, and reducing cow costs with extended grazing.

Each local meeting also will include brief updates from Iowa Beef Center, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Practical Farmers of Iowa, and Iowa Cattlemen's Association staff on current Iowa forage and beef production topics.

Jim's experience includes over 20 years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while on the faculty of the University of Missouri, as well as 20 years of commercial cattle and sheep production on their family farm in northern Missouri. The University of Missouri - Forage Systems Research Center rose to national prominence as a result of his research leadership. His research encompassed many aspects of plant-soil-animal interactions and provides foundation for many of the basic principles of Management-intensive Grazing.

Jim was co-founder of the very popular 3-day grazing management workshop program at FSRC. These schools were attended by over 3000 producers and educators from 39 states and 4 Canadian provinces from their inception in 1990 through 2003 when Jim left MU. At least sixteen other states have conducted grazing workshops based on the Missouri model and Jim has taught in twelve of these states.

Sponsors of this series include the Iowa Beef Center of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the North Central SARE program, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Practical Farmers of Iowa, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, the Iowa Forage and Grasslands Council, the Southern Iowa Forage and Livestock Committee.

For more information contact Joe Sellers at 641-203-1270 (sellers@iastate.edu).

Locations are listed on attached page.

Registration fees (payable to Lucas County Extension prior to August 15, or to local site coordinator); or call Joe Sellers at 641-203-1270

Registration fee - \$40 public, \$20 for past Certified Grazer graduates, IFGC, ICA or PFI members

Add \$10 per person per day if not pre-registered and paying at the door

Gerrish grazing class is included in the 2014 Greenhorn Grazing and Certified Grazer registration fees (no added cost for registered participants in those courses).