

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The cost of Greenhorn Grazing is being largely offset by grants from the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, the Iowa Beef Center at ISU, the Southern Iowa Forage and Livestock Committee, and Dow AgroSciences.

Participants who sign up for the whole program will receive a reduced rate of \$75 for all five modules. This includes a meal and all educational materials at each workshop. Each workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Participants are urged to attend all sessions, but fees for individual sessions are available. Register by May 21 by contacting the Adair County Extension Office at 641-743-8412, or e-mail Joe Sellers at sellers@iastate.edu.

JOIN US FOR GREENHORN GRAZING!



For more information about Greenhorn Grazing 2012 or to register, please contact:

- Joe Sellers, ISU Extension Livestock Program Specialist at sellers@iastate.edu
- Adair County Extension office at 641-743-8412

If you need accommodation, please notify Rick Sprague by May 21 by calling 641-782-4218.

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Sharpen your grazing management skills with the 2012 series



An introduction to management intensive and rotational grazing for producers who want to optimize forage and livestock production, increase market access, and conserve natural resources.

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WHAT IS GREENHORN GRAZING?

This series was developed by ISU Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and industry staff to deliver timely materials and hands-on workshops for producers interested in improving their forage management system and moving to a more controlled, management intensive grazing plan.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Greenhorn Grazing will cover concepts relevant to all producers of grass-based livestock, whether you are into beef, dairy, sheep, or otherwise.

All that's required is the desire to optimize the production, marketing, and stewardship aspects of your grazing operation.

WHERE WILL THE PROGRAM OCCUR?

Greenhorn Grazing 2012 will be in Greenfield at the Adair County Extension office and at local farm sites. The hall is located at 154 Public Square.

Greenhorn Grazing

2012 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Module 1

Thursday, May 24

In the Classroom

- Why is forage management important?
- Planning your grazing system
- Animal and plant productivity

In the Field

- Tour pasture at local farm
- Discuss locations for fencing, water, etc
- Body condition scoring

Module 2

Thursday, June 14

In the Classroom

- Basics of grass growth and management
- Value added, grass fed and natural beef marketing opportunities
- Supplementation strategies

In the Field

- Pasture walk, grass height discussion
- Pasture condition scoring
- Managing fescue

Module 3

Thursday, August 23

In the Classroom

- Fencing and watering systems
- Minerals and animal health
- Planning for fall and winter: early weaning, pasture weaning, stockpiling grass

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All sessions run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In the Field

- Electric fence demo
- Solar watering unit
- Managing limited access to ponds

Module 4

Thursday, September 13

In the Classroom

- Weed and brush management
- Iowa fence law and pasture leases
- Grazing fees, rental rates, and contracts

In the Field

- Tour local farm managing grazing to improve habitat
- Weed and brush control demo
- Impact of grazing on plant diversity

Module 5

Tuesday, November 15

In the Classroom

- Winter feeding plans – stored feed, stockpiled grass, and cornstalks
- Cull cow marketing/replacement heifer strategies
- Cow and calf rations

In the Field

- Tour stockpiled grass pastures at local producer farm
- Stockpiled grazing discussion
- Risk management with winter grazing

