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The cost to participants is \$50 for all five modules. This includes all educational materials at each workshop, a resource notebook, and a light dinner. Each workshop will begin promptly at 4:00 PM and conclude by 9:00 PM.

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

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

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- Benton County Extension office at 319-472-4739

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Grassroots Grazing is 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.

We hope you will be able to join us for this series. If you have questions, or to register to attend, contact me at 319-721-9624.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Schwab

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ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist



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2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 14 – Nick & Ted Smith farm near 23043 Hamlet Rd, Littleport

In the Field – Converting CRP to pasture, getting started on design, stepping into rotational grazing

In the Classroom – Elkport Comm Center

- Denise Schwab, Why manage forages?
- Brian Lang, Basics of soils and fertility
- Michelle German, Pasture condition scoring
- Pat Schaefer, Converting CRP

June 28 – Gene Tinker farm, adjacent to 34068 Littleport Rd, Edgewood

In the Field – Weed & brush management, plant identification

In the Classroom – Elkport Comm Center

- Scott Flynn, Managing weeds & brush
- Erika Lundy, Planning for cover crops
- Dave Mack, Cost share opportunities
- Denise Schwab, Forage species

August 29 – Elkport Comm Center

In the Classroom

- Dan Morrical, Animal health, grazing behavior & mineral supplementation
- Gordon Shelangoski, Fencing

In the Field – **Scott Cherne farm, 32825 Osterdock Rd, Guttenberg**

- Fencing demonstration
- Animal movement

September 13 – Cam Schulte farm, 35146 Wayman Rd, Garber

In the Field – Watering systems, cover crops, soil health

In the Classroom –

- Greg Brenneman, Watering systems
- Joe Sellers, Grazing agreement options
- Tina Cibula, Soil Health under grass

November 15 – Mark Glawe farm, 36354 Colesburg Rd, Garber

In the Field – Grazing cover crops

- Winter grazing

In the Classroom –

- Denise Schwab, Winter feeding and grazing
- Producer Panel, Personal experiences in winter grazing, cover crops & stover
- Participant plans for 2018 grazing

**A minimum of 12 participants must register to hold the series

**Producers may attend single sessions for \$20, but will not receive the full resource notebook.

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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

\$50 Registration payable to Benton County Extension office

Mail registration by June 1, 2017 to:
Benton County Extension Office
501 1st Ave,
Vinton, IA 52349



The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the Agriculture Extension Program

