

Grazing Risk Management Workshop

Cassoday Community Center – Cassoday, KS. – Tuesday – March 14, 2017

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Availability of forage and the risk of drought are always in the back of producers' minds as they consider their grazing and forage plans for the coming year. With 18 million acres devoted to pasture and perennial forages across Kansas, livestock producers take plenty of risks as they aim for both profitability and for maintaining the long-term productivity of their grazing and haying lands.

In preparation for the 2017 grazing season, K-State Research and Extension is providing a series of workshops across Kansas to discuss range management concepts and risk management strategies. These events are supported through grant funding provided by USDA's Risk Management Agency and its Risk Management Education Partnerships Program.

One of these workshops will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2016 at the Cassoday Community Center, 133 S. Washington (177 Hwy), Cassoday, KS. starting at 1:30 p.m. The program should run about 2 ½ hours.

Speaking at the program will be:

Walt Fick

Dr. Walt Fick grew up on a cattle/hay ranch in Holt County, Nebraska, in the northeast part of the Sandhills region of that state. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in range science. He earned his Ph.D. degree at Texas Tech University, also in range science. Dr. Fick first joined the Agronomy faculty at K-State in 1978. He currently has a joint extension/teaching/ research appointment. His work focuses primarily on control of brush and invasive species in rangeland, prescribed burning methods, grazing management, and range improvement practices.

Monte Vandever

Dr. Monte Vandever joined the KSU Farm Management team in February 2016 as an extension agricultural economist based at K-State's Southwest Research and Extension Center in Garden City. He grew up on a farm in south-central Kansas with wheat and cow-calf enterprises. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in ag economics from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. in ag economics from Purdue University. Besides working for K-State Research and Extension, he also has experience working with the Economic Research Service (USDA), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Extension Service, and volunteer service in Vietnam. He has a special interest in risk management, particularly crop insurance.

Pre-registration is requested to guarantee materials for everyone attending. There is no charge to attend the program. **Pre-register by calling one of the Extension offices listed, no later than Wednesday, March 8, 2017.** Hosted by: Butler County Extension Office, 316-321-9660 / Greenwood County Extension Office, 620-583-7455 / Lyon County Extension Office, 620-341-3220 and Flint Hills Extension District, Cottonwood Falls, 620-273-6491

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