

DIRECTIONS AND MEETING LOCATION

McCormick Farm,
 128 McCormick Farm Circle,
 Raphine, VA 24472

Take Exit 205 off of I-81 between Staunton and Lexington. Turn east on Rt. 606 (Raphine Road) for about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Rt. 937 (McCormick Farm Circle).



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 Remit with membership application to:*

Ms. Margaret J. Kenny
VFGC
3599 Indian Oak Road
Crewe, VA 23930

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Margaret Kenny 434-292-5331 ext 240 during business hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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2016 Grazing School

Hosted by

**Virginia Forage and Grassland Council
 Virginia Cooperative Extension and
 Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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Sign-up now for this intensive, 2-day grazing school.

Class size is limited to the first 30 producer participants to register!

May 2 & 3, 2016

Shenandoah Valley Agricultural
 Research & Extension Center

McCormick Farm
Raphine, VA

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2016 VFGC Grazing School

Monday, May 2		Tuesday, May 3	
8:00-8:15	Registration	8:15-8:30	Review of Day 1
8:15-8:45	Introductions and Program Overview - J.B. Daniel	8:30-9:30	Grazing Economics – Dr. Gordon Groover
8:45-9:30	Basic Soils and Fertility - Matt Booher	9:30-10:15	Grazing Math: Managing Stocking Rates, Forage Supply and Livestock Demand – J.B. Daniel
9:30-9:45	Break	10:15-10:30	Break
9:45-10:45	Plant Growth and Grazing Management , Jerry Swisher	10:30-11:00	Forage Quality and Livestock Needs – Matt Booher
10:45-11:30	Forage Species for Grazing Systems - Mike Philips	11:00-12:00	Fencing and Water Options for Improved Grazing Management – David Fiske and Bobby Drumheller
11:30-12:30	Lunch	12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:30-2:30	Plant Identification, Pasture Condition Scoring, Estimating/ Measuring Standing Forage - Dr. John Fike and Bill Patterson	1:00-3:00	Grazing Plan Workshop Sit down one-on-one with our instructors to begin developing a customized grazing plan for your farm. <i>Come prepared with maps, soil sample results, etc. for your farm.</i>
2:30-3:30	Considerations for Developing a Grazing System - David Fiske		
3:30-4:30	Pasture Allocation Exercise with Livestock - David Fiske		
4:00-4:30			Closing remarks & Adjourn
5:00-6:30	Dinner and Guest Speaker – Mike Philips, Valley View Farm		

Program Registration

No refunds for cancellation after April 27

Name _____

Name _____

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Address _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Before April 18

\$75.00 early registration per attendee

After April 18

\$100.00 late registration per attendee

Registration includes

2 lunches, 1 dinner, & course materials

Early registration **must** be received by
April 18

Make Check Payable to:

VFGC

Mail Check and Registration to:

2016 Grazing School
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Designed with beginning and experienced producers in mind, this 2-day, intensive course will teach you everything you need to know to better manage grazing on your farm.

- Basic pasture management
- Grazing management
- Designing a rotational grazing system
- Fencing and watering options
- Strategies to extend the grazing season
- Matching forage quality & animal needs
- Creating a forage budget

You will have hands-on opportunities to work with grazing tools, try out fencing materials, and practice allocating pasture to livestock.

Finally, put it all together for your farm. The last day of the school features a workshop where you can sit down with our instructors to begin developing a custom grazing plan.



Questions about the school?

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