



2018 Grazing School

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

**Class size is limited, with priority given
to the first 25 producers to register!**

April 24 & 25, 2018

Shenandoah Valley Agricultural
Research & Extension Center
*McCormick Farm
Raphine, VA*

3599 Indian Oak Road
Crewe, VA 23930



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Participant Profile - Complete and Return with Registration

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____ Locality and State: _____

How many years have you been farming? _____ How much pastureland _____ (ac.) and hayland _____ (ac.) do you manage?

How much of the following types of livestock do you manage?

Brood cows _____ Stockers/Yearlings _____ Bulls _____ Replacement Heifers _____ Sheep _____ Goats _____

Horses _____ Other _____
Describe your current grazing management (Circle One) 1. Continuous Grazing 2. Rotational Grazing 3. Management Intensive Grazing

What markets do you typically target to sell your livestock/ products (Circle all that apply)

- 1. Traditional livestock market
- 2. Co-mingled graded auction sales
- 3. Wholesale
- 4. Direct retail on-farm store
- 5. Retail farmers markets

DIRECTIONS AND MEETING LOCATION

Virginia Tech, - 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)

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2018 VFGC Grazing School

| Tuesday, April 24 | | Wednesday, April 25 | |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| 7:30-8:00 | Registration | 8:00-8:45 | Grazing Economics |
| 8:00 - 9:15 | Introduction | 8:45-9:30 | Matching Forage Quality w/ Livestock Needs |
| 9:15-9:45 | Basic Soils and Fertility | 9:30-9:45 | Break |
| 9:45-10:00 | Break | 9:45-10:45 | Developing a Grazing System |
| 10:00-10:45 | Forage Species for Grazing Systems | 10:45-11:30 | Managing Stocking Rate, Forage Supply, & Livestock Demand |
| 10:45-11:30 | Plant Growth & Grazing Management | 11:30-12:30 | Lunch |
| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch | 12:30-1:30 | Pasture Condition Scoring (in field) |
| 12:30 - 1:30 | Electric Fencing (in field) | 1:30 - 2:30 | Pasture Allocation Exercise (in field) |
| 1:30-2:00 | Review activities | 2:30-4:30 Grazing Plan Workshop Herd Health 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> | |
| 2:00-2:45 | Grazing Arithmetic | | |
| 3:00-4:00 | Pasture Allocation Exercise w/ Livestock (in field) | | |
| 5:00-8:00 | Dinner | 4:30-5:00 | Closing remarks & Adjourn |

Program Registration

No refunds for cancellation after April 16

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Before April 9

\$125.00 early registration per attendee

After April 9

\$150.00 late registration per attendee

Registration includes

2 lunches, 1 dinner, & course materials

Early registration **must** be received by
April 9

Make Check Payable to:

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Mail Check and Registration to:

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Margaret Kenny
 3599 Indian Oak Road
 Crewe, VA 23930

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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