

MEETING LOCATION

Virginia State University,
Randolph Farm
4415 River Rd.,
Petersburg, VA 23803



Natural Resources Conservation Service



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Participant Profile - Complete and Return with Registration

Name: _____ Employer: _____ Locality: _____

What is your current position there? _____

How many years have you been at your current position? _____

How would you describe your farming background/experience? Raised-on/worked on a farm _____ Work(ed) in a supporting industry (e.g. Farmer's Co-op, Conservation services) _____ limited _____ experience _____ Other _____

What are specific hay/pasture, forage, or grazing related topics you would like to learn more about?



**2023
Ag Professionals' Grazing
School**

Hosted by
Virginia Forage and Grassland Council
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Natural Resources Conservation Service

in partnership with
Virginia State University



Limited to 30 students!

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

Oct 3-4, 2023

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2023 VFGC Grazing School

What will I need to bring to the school?

Clothing/gear/footwear for all types of weather. Much of the school will be outside, rain or shine!

Do I need to make plans for meals and lodging?

We start at 8 am each morning. Morning snacks and lunches will be provided for both days, but breakfast is on your own. We finish around 4 pm each day so you can grab dinner on your way home after class. There are many hotels and other lodging options in Petersburg.

What approach or method of grazing does this school teach?

We partner with experts from Virginia Cooperative Extension/Virginia Tech/Virginia State University, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, partner organizations, and experienced producers to provide instruction for this school. Our focus is on teaching the fundamentals of plant growth and grazing management, soils management, and flexible grazing system design to enable you to work with each client's individual farm and grazing style. Additionally, we teach the integration of soil, water, and wildlife conservation as an important component of the grazing system.



Program Registration

No refunds for cancellation after Oct 1

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip

County _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

\$50.00 registration per attendee

Registration includes lunches & course materials

Make Check Payable to:
VFGC

Mail Check and Registration to:

2023 Ag Professionals' Grazing School
Margaret Kenny
3599 Indian Oak Road
Crewe, VA 23930

OR
Register Online
at
vaforages.org/events



Designed with early- to mid-career ag professionals in mind, this 2-day, intensive course will teach you everything you need to know to better serve your clientele.

- Basic pasture and forage management
- Soil fertility & nutrient management
- Fundamentals of grazing management
- Designing a rotational grazing system
- Weed control
- Strategies to extend the grazing season
- Matching forage quality & animal needs
- Pasture renovation

You will have opportunities in the field to identify forage and weed species, evaluate pasture, and learn the critical points of designing a grazing system.

Finally, put it all together : the last day of the school features a site visit followed by a workshop where you'll work in teams to generate recommendations and present elements of a grazing plan.



Questions about the school?

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