

2023 Eastern Kansas Grazing Schools

Kansas State Research and Extension, in partnership with the Kansas Forage and Grassland Council and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, will be hosting two locations of the 2023 Eastern Kansas Grazing Schools. The Marais des Cygnes District will host the 1st school, April 21-22 near Wellsville, Kansas. The Southwind Extension District will host the 2nd school in Bronson, Kansas on May 5-6.

The 2023 Eastern Kansas Grazing Schools are a two-day workshop for beginning and experienced grazers, focusing on management-intensive grazing (MiG). MiG is a flexible approach to using a rotational grazing system, where paddock size, stocking density, and grazing timing is adjusted based on available forage. Attendees will learn how MiG could benefit their operation, and how to implement MiG to their farm.

- Day 1 topics will focus on agronomic principles to maintain healthy pastures using MiG. Attendees will learn how to correctly calculate stocking rates, how to match animal needs to available forages, and how to properly manage their grass pastures.
- Day 2 topics will focus on using modern technology to build the infrastructure needed to practice MiG. Attendees will learn how to build and use electric fence, how to implement and manage water resources, and will see a glimpse of new grazing technologies that are becoming available to cattle producers.

The 2023 Eastern Kansas Grazing Schools will focus on sound grazing practices that can be implemented into any grazing operation, regardless if rotational grazing is being practiced. The program will focus on grazing cattle, but practices can be easily adjusted for any grazing animal.

Register now! The 2023 Eastern Kansas Grazing Schools limits registration to 35 farms/location. Registration cost is \$50 which helps cover meals, snacks and handouts. A farm registration covers 2 people, any additional persons will cost another \$20. Registration for the Wellsville location is due April 19th. To register, contact the Marais des Cygnes Extension District – Paola Extension office at 913-294-4306 or the Southwind Extension District – Fort Scott Extension office at 620-223-3720.

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