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Last Call!

It's last call for those wanting to register for the Grazing School in Perry on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We've toured the farms we will be visiting, and you won't want to miss this! You can call or email me to register, the event flyer and registration info is on our website; [www.meadowlark.ksu.edu](http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu). As usual we have the grazing expert from Missouri, Mark Green. He's been doing rotational grazing for 25+ years, professionally and personally. He's partnering with Wesley Tucker, an Ag Economist from Missouri, then we've called in our Kansas experts, David Kraft, Doug Spencer and Dusty Schwandt. We have only the best presenting this school!

It's about last call for the goat project. Just when I think, that I've got the goats going, we hit some cloudy days and my solar energy quits me. I get that remedied, and the batteries went out on the collars and Clifford and George are at the patio door wanting in the house! Maybe I should give up on all the electronics and go old school. Barb Mattox tells me there was an article in the Sunday paper about a lady that will bring her herd of goats, two dogs and trailer and camp out in your pasture to rid it of brush and weeds. I'm not sure what she charges, but she might be on to something!

It seems that the pasture season is on its last call. We have been blessed with rain to keep the grass going. I was told the other day, from now until traditional weaning time, the cows are losing  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a body condition score, every two weeks. It sure makes a case for early weaning. Even though, corn and other feed stuffs are cheaper, it is still easier to keep that weight on, then try to get it back this winter.

If you are pricing your winter feed supplement, remember that we have the BRANDS program to help you balance rations. This helps figure a least cost ration, which hay or feeds to use first and generally the feed inventory you need. There is no charge for this service. If you are interested in having some rations done, give me a call. The program works for most classes of cattle, growing, finishing, cows, replacements and bulls. The only weakness is for very light weight calves, under 300 pounds.