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Eastern Kansas Grazing School

Few livestock operations that would say they have an abundance of available forage – or that they couldn't use more! Since they aren't making any more land, however, that means we have to fine tune our management to get the most out of what we have available to us. That's the purpose of the Eastern Kansas Grazing School to be held at Perry on September 20-21, 2016.

Whether you are a beginning or experienced grazier, information on how to get the most out of your forages is a key to profitability in your operation. This year's school will again include presentations from K-State Research & Extension and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) specialists on the art and science of grazing and grazing arithmetic as well as a pasture allocation exercise and grazing operation tour. Missouri NRCS District Conservationist Mark Green will be back to share information on watering systems, fencing, and layout and design of management intensive grazing systems. University of Missouri Extension Ag Economist Dr. Wesley Tucker will discuss the economics of these systems.

Limited space is available for the school on a first registered basis. Registration is \$50 for the first person from a farm (includes lunches, snacks, and handouts). Additional members from the same farm are \$25. Contact the Holton Office of the Meadowlark Extension District at (785) 364-4125 or e-mail myself or Jody Holthaus, jholthau@ksu.edu for further information.

Time to Cut Back Peonies

How do your peonies look? If they're like mine, summer heat, grass competition, and even some leaf disease pressure have resulted in a pretty tough looking plants!

Fortunately, you don't have to look at them any longer! Because they are essentially dormant this time of year (even if leaves are still green!), peonies can be cut back with no problem. To do so, cut leaves off close to the ground. Compost or discard – and look forward to a deep green, ready to grow plant come next spring!