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What's on the mind?

Blue/Green Algae- The recent rains, may help eliminate the problem for a while. If you suspect you are having this problem, do the at home jar test. If the results are positive, consider fencing off the scummy part of your pond. I would try and roll a weedy bale of hay into the scummy part of the pond, it can't hurt! Lily pads in ponds, seem to be more of a problem this year? I know the lily pads at the lake are sure showing up more this year. I'm not sure why one year would be better over another year, since they grow in water. I'm still researching this, stay tuned.

Eastern Kansas Grazing School

We are lucky enough to host the Eastern Kansas Grazing school on September 13-14th and even luckier to have Mark Green from Missouri coming. Mark Green is a seasoned NRCS Conservationist and has years of experience setting up grazing systems for clients as well as for his personal use. Mark has an extensive collection of fencing materials that he can talk about for hours! Then he also has a lot of experience with portable watering systems. His expertise is invaluable! We will also be touring some local producers and doing some field exercises that past participants have found extremely helpful. Dr Walt Fick KSU Range Management Specialist is on the program, as well as homegrown expert Doug Spencer. Wesley Tucker, MSU Ag Economist will discuss the Dollars and Sense of grazing and David Hallauer and I will have some short presentations, and rounding out the program is our Range Conservationist Dustin Schwandt. **The two day event will be held at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex** (fairgrounds) registration information can be found at our webpage: www.meadowlark.ksu.edu. Please register soon.