Master Grazer Educational Program

Kentucky Grazing School

- 32 participants, representing 23 Kentucky counties attended the spring grazing school on April 10-11, 2012 in Princeton, KY.
- The fall grazing school is scheduled for September 11-12, 2012 in Woodford County.

Advanced Grazing School

- The first advanced grazing school will be held on July 10, 2012 at the C. Oran Little Research Center. This one-day course is designed for those who have participated in a previous grazing program and is meant to be used as a refresher course and to go more in-depth on important forage and animal topics.
- Topics and demonstrations include: strip grazing and livestock management, health considerations for the grazing ruminant, summer annual forage options, grazing corn and bermudagrass, benefits of new tall fescue varieties, management tools for tall fescue, benefits and limitations of herbicide use in pastures, and ultra-high density grazing.

Grazing Networks

- The Western KY network has held 2 successful pasture walks this season. A group of around 30 producers representing 3 counties attended. The next pasture walk will be held on September 26.
- The Northern KY network has held 3, in a series of 5, pasture walks this grazing season. Pasture walks have been held on April 24, May 22, and June 19 and have rotated through the surrounding counties with an average of 31 participants attending each. Upcoming pasture walks are scheduled for July 24 and August 21. There is interest in a possible fall field day to wrap up the series.
- The Kentucky River network, which was initiated in 2012, held their first pasture walk on February 27, 2012. They plan to hold a second pasture walk in the fall.

Grazing News Newsletter

- 7 monthly newsletters, which contain timely articles with information and ideas to help Kentucky producers improve their grazing systems, have been published thus far in 2012.
- A listserv has been set up for those who wish to receive a digital copy and a sign-up for this listserv has been added to the Master Grazer website.
- The newsletter is sent to all county ANR agents and articles have been included in the “Progressive Forage Grower” publication.

Master Grazer Website

- The Master Grazer website contains all individual newsletter articles, the pdf form of each newsletter, a listserv sign-up, upcoming events and programs, and links to other useful websites.