

“Foraging for Knowledge” Resource List

Access this list from our website: <http://ingham.org/ce/ag/home.htm>

MSU Forage Information Systems: variety trials, current research, current topics: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/fis/>

MSU Extension Bulletins: <http://www.msue.msu.edu> click on ‘publications,’ search by keywords ‘forage’ or ‘pasture’

- E2288: Controlled Grazing: Balancing Forages, Livestock and Management
- E2880: Steps to Successful No-till Establishment of Forages

Forage Utilization for Pasture-Based Livestock Production (\$27):

<http://www.nraes.org/> type ‘forage’ in the search box at the top

Missouri Grazing Manual (\$17): <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/manuals/m00157.htm>

Watering Systems for Grazing Livestock: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1604.pdf>

ATTRA (Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas): <http://attra.ncat.org/>

Forage Information Resources from Other Local Land-Grant Universities:

- University of Wisconsin: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/forage/>
 - Resource list: <http://iowa.uwex.edu/ag/documents/UsefulGrazingResourcesrev508.pdf>
- Ohio State University: <http://forages.osu.edu/>
- University of Minnesota: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/forages/>
- University of Illinois: <http://www.livestocktrail.uiuc.edu/pasturenet/>
- Iowa State University: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/crops/forages/>
- University of Missouri: <http://aes.missouri.edu/fsrc/>
- University of Kentucky: <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/>
- Penn State University: <http://www.forages.psu.edu/>
- Cornell University: <http://www.css.cornell.edu/forage/forage.html>
- Purdue: <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/forages/>

Trade Magazines

GRAZE Magazine: www.grazeonline.com/ 608-455-3311 • graze@grazeonline.com;

Stockman Grass Farmer: <http://www.stockmangrassfarmer.net/>; 1-800-748-9808

The book **Modern Corral Design** can be purchased at:

http://www.mwps.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=c_Products.viewProduct&catID=736&productID=6372&skunumber=OKE-938

The book **Forage Utilization for Pasture-Based Livestock Production** can be purchased at:

http://www.nraes.org/nra_order.taf?function=detail&pr_id=161&UserReference=72CA2C288B5D993A47DAB9

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You can view the results from the **MSU Forage Variety Trials** and find timely information on forage-related topics at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/fis/>

The book **Watering Systems for Grazing Lands** (\$3) is only available through Ben Bartlett: bartle18@msu.edu, 906-439-5880

At the meeting last night, there was significant interest in the USDA Web Soil Survey website. This service can help you get started planning for fence installation. You can outline an area of interest (AOI) and it will tell you how many of acres of which soil types are contained in that area. A tool is also available to trace out fields to determine perimeter distances. You can access this free service at: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx> If you have trouble using it, please contact me or your local USDA-NRCS office.

For those of you who are in the process of developing your farm from the business side, and could benefit from some guidance, the book **Building a Sustainable Business: A Guide to Developing a Business Plan for Farms and Rural Businesses** is available free online (or a hard copy can be purchased) at: <http://www.misa.umn.edu/vd/bizplan.html> I strongly encourage you to peruse this document. A good business plan can help us all to avoid tragic mistakes and to capitalize on ripe opportunities.

Finally, for those of you who are interested in direct-marketing, **Marketing Your Beef** can be downloaded (free) or purchased from <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/thisweek/2006/020806/susag32.html>. This publication focuses on marketing beef, but because it talks a lot about the bigger topic of direct-marketing strategies, there is much to be learned no matter what you are selling.