

# PASTURE WALK ON BIG SPRING (GREG BRANN'S) FARM, MULTI-SPECIES GRAZING

Friday, October 19, 2018, 10:00 am till 3 pm Central time



Adaptive Multi-Paddock (AMP) Grazing, Weed Management, Sacrifice paddock Management, Planting and managing different forages,

**New this year:** cropland conversion to annuals, Walk through flytrap, Etc.

**Where:** 8954 Old Hartsville Rd, Adolphus, KY 42120. **Phone:** 615-351-2533 parking will be a half-mile north of this address

From Gallatin, TN take 31E North through Westmoreland, at top of the first hill take a right on Pleasant Grove Road (rd name sometimes changes to poplar grove on gps) travel to T across concrete bridge turn left, pass two houses on right, parking will be on left in the bottomland near a big tobacco and hay barn.

From Bowling Green, Ky take 231 to Scottsville, stay on 231/31E South, turn left on Carter Church Rd, at T right on Macedonia Rd, at T left on Pleasant grove rd, at T left on Old Hartsville Rd, pass 2 houses on right, parking will be on left in bottomland near a big tobacco and hay barn.

**Goal:** A healthy, low stress, low cost grazing operation that improves the environment, production, and life while being consistently profitable.

**Accomplishments:** Good forage production with no commercial fertilizer on some fields for 10 years, a ton and a half of chicken litter was applied to some fields last year. Easy keeping livestock; functioning soils, working with nature reducing stress, cost and improving life.

**New this year:** Cropland conversion in annuals. Walk through fly trap, **Other:** Sacrifice areas established in bermudagrass/ryegrass; Stockpiling one acre of grass/AU, Silvo-pasture with tree tubes; management and inputs to convert broomsedge plant community to productive grass.

**Stocking Rate:** This year: 350 sheep, 120 cattle on 200 acres of pasture. 140 AU on 200 ac = 1.42 ac/AU. CAUTION: Don't try this at home without balanced fertility and a good rotation.

**Topics: Adaptive Multi-paddock Grazing:** Managing summer and winter annuals, Multi-species grazing, Boom or Bust grazing, Top third grazing (weed issues), Drought management, Grazing and Recovery periods, Stockpiling forage, Feeding Hay in fall, Sacrifice areas, Livestock selection, Effect of stock density; **Forage Options:** Warm and cool season annual cocktail mixes, johnsongrass/ryegrass forage sequencing for weed control, tall fescue, orchardgrass, bermudagrass, clovers, chicory, turnips, lespedeza, **Other potential topics and stops:** Corrals; Water & Fencing options; Mowing cost, timing and benefits; etc Let me know if you want to see anything particular.

**Intent:** an interactive discussion, with professional cattle, sheep, and goat grazers/browsers and specialist. Plans are to not have any one talk last over 10 minutes.

**RSVP:** so we know how to prepare: [gregbrann5@gmail.com](mailto:gregbrann5@gmail.com)

**Cost:** \$20.00 to be paid prior to lunch (beef and lamb for lunch)