

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

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 10:00 am till 2:30 or 3 pm Central time



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

Where: field next to 8954 Old Hartsville Rd, Adolphus, Ky 42120. **Phone:** 615-351-2533

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 and we will meet in the field just past the second house.

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 and we will meet in the field just past the second house.

Goal: A 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 in 9 years however this year 90 tons of chicken litter was applied on 60 acres with hopes of taking forage production to a new plateau; also easy keeping livestock; higher infiltration and less runoff resulting in less impact from dry weather

New this year: Johnsongrass-Ryegrass rotation for forage and weed control. 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: 200 sheep, 110 cattle on 220 acres of pasture. 128AU on 220 ac = 0.58AU/Ac or 1.71 ac/AU.

Topics: Adaptive Multi-paddock Grazing: 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:** 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 sheep, cattle, and goat grazers/browsers and specialist. Plans are to not have any one stop last over 20 minutes.

RSVP: so we know how to prepare: gregbrann5@gmail.com

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