Shepherding Skills Workshop Series

Preparing Ewes for Breeding

Saturday, September 1, 2012
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Oak Hill Ranch
9970 Mt. Vernon Road
Auburn, CA 95603
Co-Sponsored by:
Flying Mule Farm
UC Cooperative Extension
USDA Risk Management Agency

Agenda

I. Welcome and Self-Introductions – Dan Macon, Flying Mule Farm

II. Overview of Three-Tier Breeding System – Dan Macon

III. Culling Policies – Dan Macon
   a. EZ Care Scoring System
   b. Productivity
   c. Feet
   d. Wool
   e. Teeth and Udders

IV. Flushing – Roger Ingram, UC Cooperative Extension
   a. Body Condition Scoring
   b. Ewe Nutrition

V. Ram Management and Ram Effect – Dan Macon
   a. Pre-breeding nutrition
   b. Ram housing
   c. Ram Effect
   d. Ram-to-Ewe Ratio

VI. Questions and Answers

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Multi-Species Academy

About the California Multi-Species Grazing/Browsing Academy

This Academy is a unique and exciting program emphasizing the practical application of controlled grazing/browsing principles to improve the environment and increase ranch profit. This challenging course consists of a minimum of lecture and a maximum of hands-on experience. Participants learn by actually applying the principles taught in the range and pasture with live animals.

Instructors

- Roger Ingram, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor Placer and Nevada Counties
- An Peischel, Small Ruminant Specialist, Tennessee State University

Who Should Attend

Ranchers, land managers and agency personnel who manage livestock on privately owned or public pasture and rangeland.

After Completing the Academy, course participants will be able to:

- Assess the condition of the four basic ecological processes that determine ranch productivity.
- Apply principles of time and stock density to improve pasture productivity and stock performance.
- Estimate carrying capacity.
- Determine the supplementation needs of grazing/browsing sheep and goats.
- Design a layout to efficiently use resources and apply controlled grazing principles that will immediately improve grazing management on your own ranch.
- Identify target plants to be grazed to determine best time of the year to graze/browse.
- Apply principles of time control, animal impact, and stock density to reduce fuel loads and control invasive species.
- Monitor results of grazing/browsing by using the indicators of rangeland health to determine whether grazing/browsing strategies are meeting desired goals and if any change is needed.
- Understand how to get started in contract grazing.
- Predator control using guard dogs.
- Marketing options, including strategies for different classes of goats and sheep stock.
- Develop a herd health and breeding program.
- Apply principles of animal behavior to reduce handling stress.

Event Information and Registration

Date: September 14-16, 2012
Location: Auburn, CA
Cost: $160 includes meals, and course materials

NO walk-in registrations due to set-up needed for hands-on activities
NO REFUNDS - Your payment guarantees your space

Register: On-Line Registration Form 2012 Multi-Species Grazing/Browsing Academy
OR
Mail In 2012 CA Multi-Species Grazing Academy Reservation Form Ver 1

We still have a few spots available!
Date: September 14—September 16, 2012 - Registration closes August 31, 2012

Cost: $160.00 (includes meals, and course materials)
No walk-in registrations due to set-up needed for hands-on activities

Register: Complete this form, mail with your check payable to University of California-Regents, to:
Roger Ingram
California Multi-Species Grazing Academy
11477 E Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603
OR, visit our website: http://ceplacernevada.ucdavis.edu and follow the links.

Location: Auburn, CA

First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________
Address: ___________________________
City ___________________________ State/Zip __________________________
Email: ___________________________ Phone Number: __________________________

What types of animals do you graze or manage?

________________________________________________________________________________________
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How many head: __________________________ On how many acres: __________________________

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STOCKMANSHIP: LOW-STRESS LIVESTOCK HANDLING

A 2-Day Workshop in Santa Cruz County
Thursday and Friday October 4 & 5, 2012
8:00 am - 5:00 pm each day
Cal Poly’s Swanton Pacific Ranch in Davenport, California

This is an introductory workshop where participants will learn Stockmanship basics with participatory learning. Join instructors Richard McConnell, Tina Williams, and Kent Reeves to learn the Economic, Social, and Environmental benefits of implementing Stockmanship. Workshop includes classroom and fieldwork.

Topics covered are:

- The Important Parts of Working Animals
- Pressure & Release
- Communicating with Livestock
- Human & Animal Instincts
- Positioning
- Herd Training & Management
- Sorting, Loading, Receiving & Weaning
- Knowing Why Animals are Never Wrong
- Economic & Safety Benefits
- Managing Livestock to Benefit Water Quality & Biodiversity

Cost of the workshop is $375.00 by Friday September 21, 2012 and $400.00 after September 21. Cost includes overnight lodging at Swanton Pacific Ranch, meals catered by Auten Boys BBQ, and course materials. Enrollment is limited to 20 Students. Society for Range Management CEU’s pending.

To Register go to www.cowhowconservation.com, or contact Kent Reeves, The Whole Picture Consulting, LLC
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