Soil Health Range and Irrigated Pasture Workshop

WHEN: Tuesday, August 25, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
WHERE: Robinson’s Indian Springs Ranch, Penn Valley, CA
       Corner of Spenceville Rd and Indian Springs Rd
COST: $5 for Farm Bureau members and $10 for non-members
REGISTER AT: http://nevadacountyfarmbureau.com/events.html

Soils form the foundation for growing forage and raising livestock. This workshop will help you gain knowledge about life in the soil and how grazing management can enhance the productivity of your soil.

Agenda

• Introductions and Soil Health Overview

• Getting Your Hands Dirty with both Irrigated Pasture and Range Soils
  • Learn how to determine Soil Texture and Structure
  • Learn to Estimate Soil Moisture by Feel and Appearance
  • Learn about soil microbes and their role in soil health
  • Dung beetle trapping

• Grazing Management Principles to Enhance Soil Health
  • Estimating plant basal cover and bare soil
  • Understanding the importance of healthy roots in creating and maintaining healthy soils

Two fun facts about soils:
• Up to one billion soil microbes in a gram of soil (one teaspoon).
• A one percent increase in soil organic matter in the top six inches of soil would hold approximately 27,000 gallons of water per acre or 8.4 gallons per square yard

Should you need additional information contact Roger Ingram at rsingram@ucanr.edu or 530-889-7385

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2015 California Multi-Species Grazing/Browsing Academy

WHEN: September 11 - 13, 2015
WHERE: UCCE Placer
       11477 E Avenue
       Auburn, CA 95603
COST: $170.00
      (includes meals and course materials)

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

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.

You will learn the following at the Academy: Grazing principles, range and brush ecology, nutrition, guard dogs, reproduction, health, grazing planning, and monitoring.

Speakers

- Roger Ingram, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor Placer & 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.

How to Register

Register online at: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14959

OR

Print out and mail-in your payment and application: http://ucanr.edu/sites/Roger_Livestock/files/207699.pdf

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Getting Started in Beef Cattle

WHEN:  Saturday, September 26, 2015
TIME:  9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
WHERE:  Beard Ranch  4845 Bell Road, Auburn, CA
COST:  FREE

AGENDA

- Identifying your goal for raising cattle
- Inventory of needed infrastructure for raising cattle
- Understanding your forage resource – annual range and irrigated pasture
- Understanding cattle enterprises
  - Cow-calf
  - Stocker
  - Raising a calf for meat
  - Grass-finishing and direct marketing of meat
- Buying and selling cattle
- Nutrition and supplementation
- Health
- Reproduction
  - Breeding
  - Calving
- Animal handling
- Demonstration of TCA weedwiper

Participants should wear clothes appropriate for outdoor work.

How to Register
Register on line at:  http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15963

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