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### **JIM GERRISH FEATURED SPEAKER AT AUGUST GRAZING WORKSHOP**

*Holton, Kansas*—Jim Gerrish, a grazing expert from May, Idaho, will conduct a one day workshop on grazing management from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, August 15 at the Evangel United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, 227 Pennsylvania Street, Holton, Kansas. A field tour at William and Henry Hill's Jackson County farm follows the workshop.

Farmers and ranchers seeking to improve pastures; eliminate or reduce winter hay usage, and reduce input costs by extending the grazing season should plan to attend. Gerrish's topics include Solar Energy, Water and Mineral Needs for Management Intensive Grazing; Why You Should Be Out of the Hay Business; Creating and Creating Quality Pastures, and Extending the Grazing Season.

Along with his wife Dawn, Gerrish owns and operates American Grazing Lands Services out of May, Idaho. Gerrish's experience includes over 20 years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while on the faculty of the University of Missouri and the University's Forage Systems Research Center. His research encompasses many aspects of plant-soil-animal interactions and provided the foundation for many basic principles of Management Intensive Grazing. Gerrish's research and outreach work have been recognized with awards from the American Forage and Grassland Council; Missouri Forage and Grassland Council; National Center for Appropriate Technology; USDA-NRCS; the Soil and Water Conservation Society, and Progressive Farmer.

Following Gerrish's portion of the workshop, a field tour at the Hill's farm features the utilization of cover crops in a no-till operation and the use of a wet well as an alternate livestock water supply.

Registration for the event is \$20 per person which includes lunch. Registration is due by August 7 to the Jackson County Conservation District, 307 Montana, Holton, Kansas 66436. Make checks payable to the Jackson County Conservation District. For more information call Roberta Spencer at 785-364-4638 Ext. 136.

Sponsors include Jackson County Conservation District, Kansas Rural Center, Middle Kansas and Delaware River WRAPS, Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, NRCS, Four Seasons Grazing Cluster, Meadowlark Extension District, and KDHE.

An informal gathering with Gerrish is planned for 2 pm on Sunday, August 16 at the Pottawatomie County Extension's Sunflower Room in Westmoreland. For more information on the gathering, please contact Mary Howell with the Kansas Rural Center at 785-292-4955 or email her at [marshallcofair@networksplus.net](mailto:marshallcofair@networksplus.net).

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