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EASTERN KANSAS GRAZING SCHOOL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2011 IN HOLTON

Whiting, Ks.- Farmers and ranchers are invited to participate in the second annual Eastern Kansas Grazing School at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Holton on September 7 & 8. The two-day management intensive grazing (MIG) school will be a hands-on learning experience preparing participants to start their own rotational grazing system with forages adapted to eastern Kansas.

Topics to be covered include the science behind grazing, graziers arithmetic, matching livestock and forage needs, pasture layout and design, grazing economics, and fencing and watering designs. Hands-on field exercises and two farm tours will be included. Speakers will include experts from Kansas NRCS, Missouri NRCS and Extension, and Kansas State University. This school is appropriate for both beginner and experienced graziers.

The school will begin at 8 AM and end at 5 PM both days at the Jackson County Fairgrounds located at 5th and Dakota in Holton, KS. A Cattle Body Condition Score Workshop will be held the evening of September 7 at the sale barn in Holton, which will be open to the public and include a free dinner.

The grazing school is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, NRCS, and the Kansas Rural Center. The two-day school is supported in part by a grant to the Kansas Rural Center from USDA Risk Management Agency.

There is a \$50 registration fee to cover meals and materials, and the school will be limited to the first 35 farms to register. Registration for the school is due by August 15. For more information and to receive a schedule and registration form, contact Jody Holthaus with the Meadowlark District Extension Office (785)364-4125.

To receive a flyer for the school, email Jason Schmidt with the Kansas Rural Center at jason_schmidt20@hotmail.com, or go to the Kansas Rural Center website at www.kansasruralcenter.org.