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Kansas Graziers' Association Annual Winter Conference Set for January 17 12/22/08

Assaria, Kans.—The Kansas Graziers' Association (KGA) Annual Winter Grazing Conference will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009 in Assaria, Kansas from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The featured speaker for the day is Terry Gompert, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Grazing Educator.

In addition to being a long-time grazing educator, Gompert manages his own herd in northeast Nebraska. Gompert is an advocate of extending the grazing season, as well as reducing input costs within a herd. Currently, Gompert is helping coordinate a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant to analyze input costs and overall profits for three types of beef production: organic grain-fed, organic grass-fed and grass-fed beef.

The topics that Gompert will address include: "The Functional Cow—picking the right cow for your system" and "Extending the grazing season—planning forages to reduce hay needs".

Additional conference sessions "Ideas that make money for the beef producer" and "Lessons learned from beef producers" are followed by an interactive session facilitated by Kansas Rural Center's Dale Kirkham and grazier Dale Strickler.

"Graziers are invited to bring ideas to share during this time. Producers benefit from sharing lessons learned on their farm or ranch," Mary Howell, KGA secretary and KRC field organizer, said.

The conference will be held at the Assaria Lutheran Church, 124 West First Street. Lunch will be served. Registration is \$25 per person, and will start at 8:30 a.m. Registration deadline is January 12. Contact Mary Howell at 785-292-4955 or e-mail her at: marshallcofair@networksplus.net