

# Management-Intensive Grazing School

## What is a Management Intensive Grazing System?

Also known as rotational grazing management. A system where grazing is managed for both the benefit of the livestock and forage. Livestock graze in each pasture long enough to harvest the forage, but removed before too much leaf area is consumed. A basic system may have four or five pastures, while a more management intensive system will have eight to ten pastures

## How do you sign up?

Contact the person in charge of the school of your choice or contact your local NRCS or Soil & Water Conservation District. If you plan on attending, you need to hurry and get your name on the list because seating is limited and the schools fill up fast.

*Note: This listing of school covers schools from Marshfield, Missouri south to the Arkansas line and west to the Kansas line. Other schools are planned to the north and east of this region.*

## 2011 Grazing School Schedule:

**Halfway, MO** – April 26, 29, May 3, 6 (evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm) and April 30 (Saturday, all day). Limited to 25 attendees.  
Contact Dallas Co SWCD, 417-345-2312, ext 3

**Mt Vernon, MO** – May 24, 25, 26 (daytime), MU Southwest Research Center. Limited to 40 attendees.  
Contact Lawrence County SWCD  
417-466-7682, ext 3

**Neosho, MO** – June 14, 15, 16 (daytime), Crowder College. Limited to 30 attendees.  
Contact McDonald/Newton Co SWCD,  
417-451-1007, ext. 3.

**Marshfield, MO** – September 13, 14, 15 (daytime). Limited to 30 attendees.  
Contact Webster County SWCD,  
417-468-4176, ext.3.

**Forsyth, MO** – September 19, 20, 21 (daytime). Limited to 20 attendees.  
Contact Taney Co SWCD, 417-546-2089

**Bois D'Arc, MO** – October 18, 19, 20 (daytime), MDC Dalton Shooting Range, NW of Springfield. Limited to 40 attendees. Contact Greene Co SWCD, 417-831-5246, ext. 3.

**If you would like information about other schools around the state visit the Missouri Forage and Grassland Council website at:**

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/mfgc/>

*All Sessions are part of the grazing school and must be attended as a whole. Times and dates are subject to change without notice.*

## Topics Covered at the Grazing Schools:

- Inventorying Farm Resources
- Soils and Topography
- Plant Growth and Species
- Grazing Basics
- Livestock Water
- Extending the Grazing System
- Fencing
- Forage Quality Discussion
- Cost Share Programs
- Economics of Grazing
- Layout and Design of a MIG System
- Meeting the Nutritional needs of Livestock with Pasture
- Pasture Fertility
- Farm visit covering Forage Estimates, Grazing Heights, System Layout
- Matching Livestock with Forage Resources

## Why should you attend one of these schools?

The single most important management factor in determining the profitability of a livestock operation is keeping feed cost low. So why buy it when you can grow high quality feed yourself through a Management-Intensive grazing (MIG) system?

Cost control, not the amount of production, separates profitable from unprofitable operations. Through a MIG system you can keep your cost down and production in most cases will increase, all while helping out the environment.

In addition to the profits to your pocket book and the environment you may be eligible to receive cost share to help establish your MIG system. Attendance at a grazing school is one requirement to be eligible for state cost share programs.

So come to a Management Intensive Grazing School where you can learn about the fundamentals of a MIG systems so you can improve your profitability and the environment.

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