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Jim Gerrish Grazing Workshops Set for Topeka and Hays in August

Jim Gerrish, well-known Idaho rancher, researcher, grazing educator, author and co-founder of the Missouri Grazing School, will deliver two 2-day workshops in Topeka and Hays, Kansas in August. Each workshop will be tailored for the grasses, forages, rainfall, growing conditions and grazing potential in that area of the state.

The workshops will be held:

Monday-Tuesday, August 13-14, 2012, at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th St. (Lower Level Meeting Rooms) Topeka, Kansas

Wednesday-Thursday August 15-16

Whiskey Creek Restaurant West Meeting Room, 3203 Vine St. Hays, Ks.

The workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. each day.

The workshops are made available by a grant award to the Kansas Rural Center from the USDA Risk Management Agency. Kansas Farmers Union, Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, and Kansas SARE are joining KRC as co-sponsors

Registration fees, which include lunch and beverages, are \$80 per individual for each workshop; and \$50 per workshop for students (high school or college). Please register for food count by August 8.

You are responsible for your own hotel or motel reservations. The Topeka meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th, and you can opt to stay there by calling 785-234-5400 for room reservations. Hays has many options; select your favorite.

Registration Options

1) For a print and mail in form, click [Here](http://www.kansasruralcenter.org/publications/Gerrish2012RegForm.pdf)
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Then just print out the registration form and mail it, plus a check, to the:

Kansas Rural Center Gerrish Workshop at P.O. Box 133, Whiting, Ks. 66552

2) OR register online by clicking on your preferred workshop location and date below:

Monday-Tuesday, August 13-14, 2012 Topeka, Ramada Inn

Wednesday-Thursday August 15-16, 2012, Hays, Whiskey Creek Restaurant

Please register for food count by August 8!

If you register online, you can pay by PayPal account, or credit card.

Gerrish has over twenty years of beef-forage systems research and outreach while he was on the faculty of the University of Missouri and twenty years of commercial cattle and sheep production on his farm. In addition to workshops and seminars, he provides an on-farm consulting service which helps farmers and ranchers more effectively manage their grazing lands for economic and environmental sustainability. He is author of two books, *Management Intensive Grazing: The Grassroots of Grass Farming*, published in 2004, and *Kick the Hay Habit: A Practical Guide to Year Around Grazing*, published in 2010. Gerrish also writes for *Stockman Grass Farmer* magazine and is a contributing editor to *Beef Magazine*.

Gerrish is back in Kansas at the request of graziers, who attended a series of successful one-day workshops last summer. This year he will go into more depth on a range of topics including: getting the most from your pastures, kicking the hay habit, grazing system design, stocking rates, carrying capacity, planning for year-around grazing, balance forage supply and animal demand, and more. Ranchers and graziers will learn information and management skills that will improve production and profitability.

For more information contact Mary Howell, KRC workshop coordinator, at 785-562-8726 or kfu.mary@gmail.com; or contact KRC at 785-873-3431, or ksrc@rainbowtel.net.

You can also register by going to the Kansas Rural Center website and clicking onto the home page button: [Jim Gerrish Grazing Workshops in August](#)