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Livestock Water and Fencing Workshop

Mark Green, NRCS Specialist, from Missouri will return to Kansas to offer his popular workshop on electric fencing and livestock watering options September 8, 2015 in Salina, KS. The workshop will be held at the Salina Ambassador Hotel, 1616 W. Crawford Street. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and program lasts until 4:00 p.m..

Water availability is the number one limiting factor for grazing possibilities. The addition of electric fencing will increase grazing options that can in turn benefit range health, the soil, as well as improve production and profitability.

At the September 8 workshop, Mark Green will demonstrate the latest in electric fence products, the pros and cons of various materials used in electric fence construction and installation techniques. Green will also cover livestock watering topics: water distribution for improved grazing distribution, permanent and portable tanks, above and below ground pipeline, and water sources-wells, streams, springs and ponds.

Producers always enjoy his cowboy humor and expertise from years of experience. Mark states "I believe that folks in my line of work should gather information that works and pass it on to the ranchers I work with. What makes me different is that I am not selling anything; I am sharing the ideas I have seen visiting many ranches. Even little things can make a big difference. I will relay what works; as well as things to avoid in water and fencing."

Mark Green has been with USDA NRCS since 1981. He currently is an instructor and regional coordinator for the SW Missouri Regional Management Intensive Grazing Schools, and has worked with grazing management in SW Missouri for 34 years. He is a member of the American Forage and Grassland Council and is a board member for Missouri Forage and Grassland Council.

Cost for the workshop is \$50.00, \$40.00 before September 2, and includes lunch and publications on fencing and water development.

Register online at: AmazingGrazingKansas.com or for questions contact Mary Howell at kfu.mary@gmail.com or call 785-562-8726.

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