

## Wray profitable grass management workshop dates announced in June

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Yuma County Conservation District invites everyone who has grass for grazing, cows that like to eat grass or both to attend a two-part Managing Grass Profitably Workshop.

The workshop will be Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. It is not necessary to attend both days; however it will increase understanding of the concepts. Registrations are needed for meal counts by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 5. There is no fee.

Part 1: "Laying the Foundation" will be on Friday, June 12 at the Roundhouse/City Hall building in Wray. Registration and refreshments will begin at 3 p.m. The program will run from 3:30-8 p.m. Supper will be served.

Participants will learn why and how grass management pays financially. They'll talk about the critical features of grass growth and how to use livestock to manage plants. Why monitoring is important and how to monitor without a Ph.D., or even a pencil, will also be discussed.

Part 2: "Putting the Principles to Work" will be in the field. Participants will meet Saturday, June 13 at Chris and Shannon Stults' place, northwest of Wray. Turn west at the feedlot about seven miles north of Wray on Highway 385 and follow the signs.

Registration, coffee and rolls will begin at 8 a.m. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and will include lunch.

Talking about the principles of grass management is one thing. It is an entirely different matter to use those principles on a daily basis. How can a person tell if the grass is growing? Or, how fast it's growing? How do you know when to move the cattle?

To answer these questions, the workshop will look at several pastures with various time periods since the last grazing event. The group will discuss what to look at and what should be ignored. They'll also decide if it's time to move the cattle or not. They'll get to the root of the matter of deciding how many cattle to run and for how long.

The presenters have many years of grazing experience all over the west. Floyd Reed, retired range conservationist from U.S. Forest Service and Roy Roath, CSU range extension specialist, make a great teaching pair.

To save a lunch, contact the Yuma County Conservation District in Wray by Friday, June 5. Call 970-332-3173 ext.3 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Reservations can also be faxed to 970-332-4425 or email [Julie.Elliott@co.usda.gov](mailto:Julie.Elliott@co.usda.gov). There is no registration fee.

A lunch fee will be charged on Saturday if the morning session is not attended. Late registrations and walk-ins are welcome, but will not be guaranteed lunch.

This workshop is being sponsored by Yuma County Conservation District with support from Colorado Grazing Land Coalition Initiative (GLCI).