

# West Tennessee Grazing Conference Scheduled For March 19

**JACKSON, TENN.**

**P**roducers who are looking for additional ways to make their cattle operations more profitable should take a closer look at their forage production and management. Attention to the details of your forage offers the greatest opportunity to cut costs and improve cattle performance, says University of Tennessee Extension forage specialist Gary Bates.

Dr. Bates recommends that those interested in learning the latest information on forages for livestock production make plans to attend the West Tennessee Grazing Conference on March 19, 2012. The conference offers producers an opportunity to learn from and interact with several well-known forage experts, including Dr. Don Ball, internationally-known forage specialist and co-author of the book "Southern Forages" as well as Mr. Raymond Cooper, cattle

producer known across the state as "No-hay Ray."

Dr. Ball will present sessions on stocker cattle performance and pasture costs as well as opportunities to profit using tall fescue. Dr. Bates will discuss new forage species for use on Tennessee pastures.

The conference, which will be held at the UT's West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson, is sponsored by the Tennessee Forage and Grassland Council and UT Extension. Registration for the meeting is \$20 and includes dinner and a membership in the TFGC. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. CT, with the program beginning at 4 p.m.

For more information concerning this program, contact your local Extension agent or Dr. Gary Bates (gbates@utk.edu or 865-974-7208).

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