

Webinar – WLFW

NATIVE WARM-SEASON GRASS FORAGES AND GRAZING MANAGEMENT FOR BOBWHITES

DATES: December 1 and 2, 2021 / TIME: 2:00 – 3:40 PM EST (both days)



COURSE AGENDA

DAY 1: Wednesday December 1, 2021 TIME: 2:00 – 3:40 PM EST

Business Case for NWSG Forages – Keyser (30 min)

- Improved forage base through better:
 - ⇒ drought resilience
 - ⇒ soil health
 - ⇒ summer forage production
 - ⇒ animal health and productivity (reduced exposure to fescue toxicity)
 - ⇒ alignment with ecological balance of C₄ and C₃ forages
 - ⇒ yields and animal performance
 - ⇒ grazing season length
 - ⇒ bottom line

Q&A/Discussion – 20 min.

Break – 10 min.

Busting the Establishment Myth – Keyser (20 min)

- Agronomy 101 – establishing natives similar to any other perennial grass establishment
- Some challenges based on the biology of native grasses
- Competition control – THE big issue
- Don't forget the rain...
- Timing and seeding rates
- What does a successful stand look like?

Q&A/Discussion – 20 min.

DAY 2: Thursday December 2, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 – 3:40 PM EST

NWSG Forage Management Made Easy – Keyser (20 min)

- Agronomy 101 – managing natives similar to any other perennial grass management
- Keep it between the ditches – not too short, not too mature
- Rotational grazing
- Season-long grazing
- Patch-burn grazing
- You ain't gonna break 'em! – Natives are more resilient than you think
- Hay harvest

Q&A/Discussion – 20 min.

Break – 10 min.

Beef, grass, and bobwhites – Hodges (30 min)

- Habitat potential of eastern grazing lands
- Grazing during the primary nesting season
- Best management practice for grazing approach
- Landscape context – optimizing potential bobwhite response

Q&A/Discussion – 20 min.

Additional Information

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Landscape Partnership Learning Network

<https://learn.landscapepartnership.org/>

This webinar is being presented in support of the Working Lands for Wildlife – Northern Bobwhite project. Presenters: Center for Native Grasslands Management at University of TN and National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative at Clemson University (put NBCI second as UT is giving most of the talks)

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