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The Walton Cattlemen Association



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News and reminders:

- ♦ Renew your Georgia Cattlemen's Association Membership!
- ♦ Sign up to Sponsor a meeting or advertise in the newsletter. Contact Jared Carithers for more information.
- ♦ **Stay updated on events and news by signing up to receive the newsletter by email.**
- ♦ Property Tax Incentives for the Georgia Landowner

The 2020 Guide is now available to be download:

www.ugacfb.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-Jun_GA_Property_Tax_Incentives.pdf

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Upcoming Meeting

October 20, 2020

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Forage Programming and Updates

Grassmaster's - Highly Recommended
Cost \$25.00

Register by October 21 Begins November 2nd

The GrassMasters program is a 7-week long series of educational workshops that focus on forage production. Workshops will be held virtually every Monday beginning November 2nd. This program is an INTRODUCTION to forage production systems and is highly recommended for new producers.

[https://georgiaforages.caes.uga.edu/calendar/event.html?eventid=1678&event=GrassMasters-Virtual-Series-\(1-educational-workshop-per-week-for-7-weeks\)](https://georgiaforages.caes.uga.edu/calendar/event.html?eventid=1678&event=GrassMasters-Virtual-Series-(1-educational-workshop-per-week-for-7-weeks))

Weekly video release on forage management

Thursday's 7:00

Thursday night at 7:00 on the Georgia Forages Facebook page to see the premiere of a new video on forage management. The videos are short (5-10 minutes each) and cover hot topics, research updates, and popular demos from our field days. Follow Georgia Forages on facebook and watch/search for the watch party post in your news feed each week just before 7:00 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaForages/>

New Georgia Forages YouTube Page

We have a variety of short videos (previously posted on Facebook) on hot topics in forage management. New videos will be added weekly after the watch party. Subscribe to the channel to receive notifications when new videos are posted.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6DgfaB8V2DRnGxzEBxU3w>

Stay tuned for more exciting events this fall! We are currently working Corteva to plan a virtual pasture weeds field day and Kubota for (possibly) an in-person hay demo event.

Alfalfa in the South Survey

Please see the attached press release for an alfalfa production survey.

The survey link is: https://auburn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3l80yJOIXUhQzDT

Hay Feeding Survey

Extension forage specialists in the southeast U.S. are gathering information on hay feeding methods and time required for feeding hay to help develop more effective forage educational programs. Click the link to access the survey: https://uaex.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_40Ky5pojC71TZsh

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Winter Feeding Strategy Check List

1. **What cattle are you working with?**
 - a. When is the calving season? Fall, Spring, year-round
 - b. What stage of production will the cow herd be during winter feeding? Early Gestation, Late Gestation, Early Lactation, or Late Lactation
 - c. Are weaned calves considered?
 - d. Are replacement heifers being developed?
 - e. What is the body condition of cattle? (1-9)
 - f. Total number of cattle in each group/stage of production?
 - g. The nutrient requirements of cattle at different ages/stages of production is listed at ugabeef.com/tools
2. **What is the forage inventory?**
 - a. Winter grazing?
 - i. Type (rye, oats, ryegrass, clover, mixture)?
 - ii. Acres planted
 - b. Conserved forage (hay, balage, silage)?
 - i. How many bales?
 - ii. How much do they weigh?
 - iii. What is the nutritive value? If a forage analysis has not been performed, strongly recommend that they do so.
 - iv. How long does it need to last?
3. **What feed handling capability?**
 - a. How can they store feed? Feed bins, commodity bays, ton totes, or 50 lb bags
 - b. Can they be creative to store ~2+ tons to allow bulk loads?
 - c. Are tanks/troughs available for feeding dry feed or liquid feeds?
 - d. What is the form of feed delivery? Mixer wagon, gravity flow, 5-gallon buckets, etc.
4. **What feedstuff are available?**
 - a. Check with local or regional feed commodity sources for current prices and availability. A listing of some providers is available at ugabeef.com/tools.
 - b. Do they deliver?
 - c. Are liquid feeds available/practical?
 - d. Calculate price per pound of protein and energy. The UGA Basic Balancer can aid in these calculations and is available at ugabeef.com/tools

Once this information is collected, the county agent can develop a nutritional plan to help the producer efficiently meet the nutrient requirements of the herd and maximize production. For further assistance developing a winter feeding plan, contact one of the state Extension Beef Specialist.



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Meeting Agenda

- Dinner at 7:00
- Meeting 7:30
- Opening comments
- Reading of minutes from last meeting
- Treasurer report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Speaker
- Q and A

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