



January brought some unusual winter weather to Louisiana, but thankfully it seems like the temps are returning back to normal in February. As you're continuing to plan for the year, we've put together some helpful resources for grazing management, pond water management, and upcoming events.

Grazing Management Webinar Recording Available

A promotional graphic for a webinar recording. It features a dark green background. At the top, there are three small white circles. Below them, there are two side-by-side images: on the left, a "Producer Q&A Webinar" recording thumbnail showing three people in a field; on the right, a "Roots in the Boot Podcast" thumbnail featuring a map of Louisiana with a cow and various agricultural products. Below these images, the text reads: "THE PRODUCER Q&A WEBINAR RECORDING IS NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE & SPOTIFY/APPLE PODCASTS". At the bottom, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text "Youtube.com/@LouisianaGLCI" and "LouisianaGLCI.org/Podcast" with a magnifying glass icon to the right.

The recording from our Grazing Management Producer Panel webinar is available for you as both a [YouTube video](#) and a [podcast episode](#).

Our three producer panelists discussed their **fencing set-ups, how they use grazing to help manage cattle health, and why/how/when they consider grazing native species.**

[YouTube Video](#)

[Podcast Episode](#)

Upcoming LGLCI Events

Date TBD: Beginners' Fencing Workshop

Dec 4, 2026: LGLCI/LFGC Annual Forage Conference | Alexandria

More info and registration for all events at LouisianaGLCI.org/Events

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**Sponsorships available for all events*

Cypress Prairie Farms, Making Intensive Grazing Work in Southwest Louisiana



Check out one of the new videos on our YouTube channel!

In the middle of crawfish and rice country in Southwest Louisiana, Molly and Hayden LeJune own and operate Cypress Prairie Farms, where they have developed an intensive grazing management strategy that works for them. Cypress Prairie Farms is a regenerative, grass-fed beef operation based in Church Point, LA.

This video contains information on their automatic polywire lifter, homemade mobile shade structure, and their intensive grazing management system.

[Watch the Video](#)

Join the LGLCI Team: We're Hiring!

Louisiana GLCI seeks to hire a part time Executive Director to add to our staff. This person will be the primary person to represent the organization to the public, build relationships with stakeholders, build financial sustainability, advocate for and execute the organization's mission and programs, and oversee all the organization's grants, fundraising, and a small staff of 2-3.

Please feel free to share this job opening with anyone you know who may be interested!
See the full description and application form on [our website](#).

Description & Application

Upcoming External Events:

- [LSU AgCenter Soil Health & Cover Crop Field Day](#) | Bossier City, LA | Feb. 27 | 8:30am
- [LA Native Plant Society Annual Conference](#) | Eunice, LA | March 6-8
- [LSU AgCenter Beef & Forage Field Day](#) | Jeanerette, LA | April 16
- [LSU Ag Center Wheat & Oat Field Day](#) | Winnsboro, LA | April 22
- [LSU AgCenter NW Beef & Forage Field Day](#) | Homer, LA | April 30
- [Coastal Prairie Farm](#) - Pasture monitoring using existing and novel tech. | Eunice, LA | May 19
- [LSU AgCenter Hay Day](#) | Coushatta, LA | June 11



When the weather is warm, ponds seem like a great place for cattle. But when the cold weather hits, ponds can be a dangerous place, especially for older cattle.

How many have lost a cow in a pond? We once had two get stuck in the same pond, and nicknamed it the “pond of death.” Ponds don’t have to be a dangerous pit. There are methods to excluding cattle from destroying ponds that you’ll see on the videos and pictures below.

And, just a side note- having fresh water in troughs has been said to increase cattle gains. *“One study conducted in Saskatchewan identified a 9-10% increase in weight gain of steers and calves drinking from water pumped into a trough versus those that drank from a pond.”* Troughs certainly can be a good place to water without the damage to other wildlife and pond silting.

Soon, we’ll be releasing a how-to video on details of setting up gravity-fed, solar water pumps from ponds. Until then, enjoy these links of the pros and cons of pond water systems.

- Article from Drovers: **[Water Quality Matters for Cattle on Pasture](#)**
- Article from Illinois Extension: **[The pros and cons of using natural water sources for cattle on pasture](#)**
- Article from Noble Research Institute: **[Pond Fencing](#)**
- Our previous webinar: **[Water Systems](#)**
- Greg Judy YouTube video: **[Greg Judy talks about method of excluding cattle from ponds](#)**
- YouTube short: **[How to keep cows out of your pond](#)**

P.S. Although you may see a [job opening](#) for an Executive Director listed, rest assured that I am not leaving the organization. My schedule only allows so much time, and I will be leaning back into only the Education Director position, instead of being a dual role. We are [adding a staff member](#) to help with the growth we have been experiencing. Looking forward to many more events together!

— Tara Morris, Executive and Education Director, Louisiana GLCI

Examples of pond water exclusions in Arkansas:





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We are a producer-led and producer-focused 501(c)(3) non-profit that promotes, inspires, and teaches conservation-focused and profitable grazing practices across Louisiana through farmer-to-farmer education and networking.

You can become involved by being a financial supporter or event sponsor, an education provider, a volunteer, or just spreading the word about our events and education.

See more at the [Get involved](#) section on the website.

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If you ever find good resources to share, feel free to send them our way!

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