



## CEMA 216 Soil Test Training - Alexandria, LA

### CEMA 216 SOIL TEST TRAINING

*"Dig In" to the CEMA 216 soil test with a hands-on training*



CEMA 216 soil testing is required for farmers & ranchers participating in the new NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program, and can only be done by people with certain requirements, or someone working under those people.

**Learn how to complete a CEMA 216 soil test so you can offer this service to others.** More info on [LouisianaGLCI.org/blog](https://LouisianaGLCI.org/blog)

#### Topics Covered:

- Intro to RPP and CEMA 216
- Who is a Qualified Individual?
- Hand-on soil testing procedure
- GPS points
- Paperwork required
- Documentation process
- Approved soil labs



#### Details:

**When:** June 8, 2026

**Time:** 8:30-3:00

**Where:** 300 Grady Britt Dr, Alexandria, LA

**Cost:** \$50/person

**Register:** [LouisianaGLCI.org/events](https://LouisianaGLCI.org/events)

**Pre-registration required. Limited seats.**

**Spots are limited for this training - RSVP today to reserve your spot!**

CEMA 216 Soil Tests are required for producers participating in the NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program. These tests [can only be performed by Qualified Individuals](#).

A Qualified Individual (QI) is anyone who **meets at least one** of these requirements:

1. Certified Crop Advisor
2. Technical Service Provider
3. Someone with an associate degree (or higher) in agriculture and at least two years of experience collecting soil for lab analysis
4. Someone working under another approved QI

This training is designed for anyone who meets any of the requirements listed above and would like to understand the steps and technical aspects of the CEMA 216 soil test. We will walk through the entire process start-to-finish, so that you can confidently offer this testing service to others. [More info on the CEMA 216 soil test can be found on our blog](#).

**This will be an interactive workshop, where you'll learn by doing, in both a classroom and field setting.**

## Upcoming LGLCI Events

**June 5 and 6:** "Boots in Pastures" Grazing-focused farm tours & education for veterans and producers | Hosted by Farmer Veteran Coalition | Bossier City, LA

**June 8:** CEMA 216 Soil Test Training | Alexandria, LA | 8:30-3:00

**Dec 4:** Louisiana Forage Conference | Alexandria, LA | 8:00-3:00

More info and registration for all events at [LouisianaGLCI.org/Events](https://LouisianaGLCI.org/Events)

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*\*Sponsorships available for all events*

### BOOTS IN PASTURES: SERVICE TO GRAZING EXPERIENCE



Hosted by **Farmer Veteran Coalition**  
Connect • Learn • Grow  
Supporting Veterans in Agriculture

#### Who Should Attend

- Military Veterans
- Active-Duty Service Members
- Beginning & Experienced Farmers
- Military Families interested in Agriculture
- Civilian Farmers, Ranchers, and Producers

#### Event Highlights

- Farm Tour & Demonstrations
- Meet Veteran-Focused Agricultural Organizations
- Learn about USDA & Conservation Programs
- Cost Sharing and Grant Opportunities
- Livestock, Specialty Crops, and Bees
- Networking with Farmers and Agricultural Professionals



#### Event Timeline:

##### Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

0830-0845 Welcome  
0900-1145 Farm Tour  
1200-1300 Lunch  
1300-1400 Resource Info  
1400-1500 Networking

##### Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

0930-0945 Welcome  
1000-1100 Bee Keeping  
1100-1115 Break  
1115-1200 Resource Info  
1200-1300 Lunch  
1300-1400 Networking

**Location:** Red River Research Station 262 Research Station Drive, Bossier City, LA 71112

**Cost:** \$15 per ticket (Service Members and Veterans will be reimbursed at the event.)

✓ Lunch will be provided on both days.

#### Scan QR Code to Register



Contact: Richard Creppel  
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## Event Recaps: Fencing Workshop & Pasture Walk

Our first event of the year was our [Beginner Fencing Workshop](#) at Baker 4 Farm in Jena. This was a very successful workshop where participants got hands-on experience building a net wire fence. Brandon Streetman (Triple S Fencing) was the instructor for this workshop. He gave lots of details behind the "why" of his instruction. He also taught everyone how to read the net wire labels and how to choose the best materials, and explained some alternative building methods/supplies that were not used as part of the workshop. While that workshop was focused on net wire fencing, we're planning to host an electric fencing workshop later this year. Stay tuned for that announcement.



On May 8, we hosted a Pasture Walk at Brookshire Farm in Abbeville. Over 40 attendees gathered to learn and network (thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come!). Our host, Bob Blanchet discussed his rotational grazing plan, fencing set up, his water systems set up, and more. We also had conversations about things that haven't worked for him - sometimes the best tips come from hearing what not to do.



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## **We want your input: SURVEY**

As we plan events and programs, we want to provide you with the most relevant, practical, and helpful information. **Please take 3-5 minutes to fill out this survey to let us know how LGLCI can best serve you.**

[Survey](#)

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## **External Events of Interest:**

- May 27: Dupont Cattle Field Day | Bell City, LA | RSVP - [khan@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:khan@agcenter.lsu.edu)
- June 5-6: Farmer Veteran Coalition Resource Farm Tour | Bossier City, LA
- June 11: LSU AgCenter Hay Day | Coushatta, LA | RSVP - [jsalley@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:jsalley@agcenter.lsu.edu)
- August 21: LSU AgCenter & LGLCI Beginner Farmer Workshop | Clinton, LA
- September 10: [LSU AgCenter Beef & Forage Field Day](#) | Alexandria, LA
- September 12-13: Farmer Veteran Coalition Resource Farm Tour | Belle Chasse, LA
- September 17: [LSU AgCenter Beef & Forage Field Day](#) | Mangham, LA
- September 23-24: [NatGLC Grazing the Heartland Bus Tour](#) | Sioux Falls, SD



**News and helpful articles we've noticed this month:**

**Video:**

Curious to know more about the new [USDA Regenerative Pilot Program](#)? [This video explains a lot](#). Notice that grazing management is a piece of this.

**Article:**

[Article about grazing for weed control from WSU Extension](#): "In grazing to control weeds, we have to consider the three primary mechanisms involved in shifting plant composition toward desirable plants: increasing competitiveness of desirable plants, inhibiting seed production of annual weeds, and reducing plant vigor or killing the weeds."

— Tara Morris, Education Director, Louisiana GLCI

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

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