



Register NOW for the 2026 Louisiana Forage Conference!

Join us in Alexandria on December 4 for the annual Louisiana Forage Conference. Network and learn from each other, with presentation topics including:

- **Grazing management tips:** *AR State Grazing Specialist Jeremy Huff*
 - **Effects of 15+ years of regenerative grazing:** *Cooper Hurst*
 - **Using virtual fence to manage grazing:** *Producer panel*

We'll also have vendor tables, a grass & weed ID contest, and plenty of time for visiting with other attendees. **Pre-registration is required for this event. Tickets are \$25 (includes lunch).** Click the link below to view the full agenda:

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forage conference

Join us in Alexandria for a full day of learning from experts and networking with farmers from all over Louisiana!

DECEMBER 4 | 8:00-3:00

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- Using **virtual fence to manage grazing**
- **Grazing management tips:** *AR State Grazing Specialist Jeremy Huff*
- **Effects of 15+ years of regenerative grazing:** *Cooper Hurst*
- Smart tech for grazing, weed + grass ID contest, networking, interactive booths, & more!

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Upcoming LGLCI Events

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

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

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Forage Highlights: Big & Little Bluestem, Indiangrass

Is there a forage you'd like us to feature? Something you need help to ID? Respond to this email and let us know!

Big Bluestem VS. Little Bluestem

- 3 finger-like seed stalks each 2-4" long (*shaped somewhat like a "turkey foot" - one other common name is turkeyfoot*)
- Tolerates moist growing conditions better than little bluestem
- Can reach up to 9.8 feet tall
- Native to Louisiana



3 seed stalks

Little Bluestem

- Seed stalks are solitary, on slender stems
- Tolerates dry growing conditions better than big bluestem
- Can reach up to 6.8 feet tall
- Native to Louisiana



Solitary seed stalk



Grazing Indiangrass

It's recommended to wait to graze Indiangrass until it reaches a height of 14-16 inches.

Because it's a very palatable grass, it's easy to overgraze Indiangrass. Leaving 6-8 inches behind at the end of each grazing period should help this.

Indiangrass is the latest maturing of the warm-season prairie grasses and provides excellent late-season forage.

Recommendations from USDA-NRCS.

All three of these forages are warm season native prairie grasses, and can be found across Louisiana. They also make excellent highly nutritious and palatable forages for livestock.



LOUISIANA GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

New Roots in the Boot Episode: Silvopasture, Summer Forages, & Hay Storage, with Tom and Joan Lester

In this episode Executive & Education Director Tara Morris sat down with Tom & Joan Lester to discuss how they're managing their cattle operation in DeRidder, LA.

Tom and Joan shared insights into how they got started with cattle, benefits they've seen from silvopasture, how they manage for winter and summer forages, their experience with sunnhemp, and hay storage tips (and mistakes they've made).

This episode is available now on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [YouTube](#).

Article: Diversified forages boost animal, soil, & economic health

"We know that diversity is a ticket to success in grazing. We are coming into our third year of this ryegrass seed diversity, and are happy with the longer growing season we are getting with our ryegrass. For two years, we’ve drilled oats and some clover into the mix. This year, we plan to add some cereal rye, white, and red (not crimson) clovers, bringing our mix up to a 7-way mix. I’m sure as we learn more, we will add more varieties.

In my travels to other farms across the Southeast US, I have noticed that **many of the fattest and healthiest low-to-no input cows are rotationally grazed on the most diverse, shaggy, somewhat “weedy” pastures.** There seems to be a direct observable relationship between diversity and animal health."

Read More





Helpful Resources:

Southern SARE Producer Grants

The goal of the grant program is for farmers/ranchers to conduct projects to solve challenges and problems they face, and develop information on what works and doesn't work so that other farmers and ranchers facing those same problems can benefit from the results of the funded project. **Calls for Proposals open in September** and grants are awarded February the following year. Project duration is for 2 years. [**Learn more >>>**](#)

C-GRIP

The Coastal Grassland Restoration Incentive Program (C-GRIP) provides financial incentives to private landowners for conducting habitat treatments that improve suitability of grassland bird habitat on their property. [**Learn more >>**](#)

Growing GRASS

The Growing GRASS project aims to get farmers, ranchers, and herders of regeneratively raised beef and bison more overall value out of their livestock. It is a USDA-funded "Advancing Markets for Producers" (AMP) project; all support for producers comes from this USDA grant. [**Learn more >>**](#)

Enter the 2026 Photo Contest!

Submit your best photo (or photos) from your farm!

We would love to feature photos from Louisiana's grazing lands, forages, hay fields, and more. **Amateurs, pros, and in-between are welcome!**

The submission form will be open until 11:59 pm on October 31. Winning photos will be printed on posters to display at the Louisiana Forage Conference on Dec. 4th, 2026.



Submit Your Photos!

External Events of Interest:

- October 10: Miller Homestead Fair | Eros, LA | 8:30-5:00
- October 12: Where Do I Begin?: Conservation 101 for Landowners | Lafayette, LA | 6:00
- October 17: Conservation Workshop for Landowners | Iowa and Lake Charles, LA
- October 16-17: Louisiana Homesteader Conference & Expo | Bossier City, LA
- January 8-10: Louisiana Cattlemen's Association Membership Convention | Marksville, LA



News and helpful articles we've noticed this month:

Videos:

- [TWILA: Virtual Fencing Offers a New Way to Manage Cattle](#)
- [LDAF: Good Lands - Rotational Grazing](#). Featuring Ted Miller, Delta Dairy

Podcast:

- [Greener Pastures: The Art of Bale Grazing](#)

Articles:

- [SARE: Turning Woodlots into Revenue Streams with Silvopasture](#). A success story from the northeast that may be applicable to many in Louisiana who would like to make better use of wooded areas.
- [Noble: Don't forget your horses when making regenerative grazing plans](#). Has a great idea for portable water!
- [Greg Brann: Timely Tips, September Newsletter](#). He shared some great thoughts on mowing and silvopasture.

— Tara Morris, Executive & Education Director, Louisiana GLCI

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

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