



Event Recap: CEMA 216 Soil Test Training

Earlier this month, 27 attendees gathered to learn about what is required for Qualified Individuals (QIs) to do CEMA 216 soil tests for producers. Our full-day workshop in Alexandria covered the full CEMA 216 testing process, and included both classroom and field instruction.

We had instructors from NRCS, [Waters Lab](#), and an established QI in Arkansas to lend their expertise and train this new group of QIs. Attendees left equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to preform CEMA 216 soil tests for others.



Thank you to our partners for this event: [LSU AgCenter](#) & [Southern SARE](#) for supplies, which included printed binders, a bucket, and a sharp shooter shovel, the recommended tool for this certain soil test practice.

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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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**Sponsorships available for all events*



Registration is now open for the 2026 Louisiana Forage Conference! Join us in Alexandria on December 4 for a full day of networking, learning from experts, and more.

[More Info + Register](#)

Programs to consider:

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 >>**](#)

Probing Our Country's Soil Health

To learn more about this project, click this [link to see a short informational video](#). If interested in participating, you will need to:

- Sign up for a one-hour Zoom Meeting where a facilitator will lead you through a management survey for 2 or 3 fields.
 - Grant access to fields for hand-probe soil sampling 2 or 3 sampling sites from each field.
- Normally this will happen 3-6 months after the survey; you will be notified beforehand.

To enroll as a landowner participant, click on this [booking page link to schedule an appointment](#).

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

External Events of Interest:

- 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:

Videos:

- Greg Judy discusses his [natural methods for reducing the fly load for livestock](#)
- [3 Different DIY Livestock Shade Structures](#)

Articles:

- [Too much grass?:](#) Hay and Forage Magazine
- [Get used to shaggy pastures:](#) Hay and Forage Magazine

Podcasts:

- [Ranchonomics: The Land is the Unit of Production](#)
- [Regenerative Agriculture Podcast: Shifting Management Logistics to Build a Better Lifestyle](#)

— 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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