



Baleage Workshop July 18 at Delta Dairy in Baskin, LA

Interested in adding baleage to your winter feeding routine? Attend our baleage workshop to learn all about the benefits and how-to's of making baleage. This workshop will be hosted at Delta Diary in Baskin, LA. **Pre-registration is required**. Ticket prices are \$25, including lunch.

Register Now

Upcoming LGLCI Events:

- July 18: Baleage Workshop | Delta Dairy | Baskin, LA
- August 16: Prairie Ramble | Eunice and Arnaudville, LA
- September 19: Pasture Walk (Cattle and Sheep) | Miller Cattle Co. | Eros, LA
- October 29-30: Pasture Condition Score Training | North Louisiana
- December 5: Louisiana Forage Conference | Alexandria, LA

For sponsorship information, <u>visit our website</u> or contact Tara Morris (education@louisianaglci.org or 225-721-1313).



Welcoming New Board Members

LGLCI is pleased to announce Robby "Butch" Royer from Watson, LA as our new Board of Director Chairman. This change follows the chairman term completion of Ted Miller, who left behind large shoes to fill. Through Ted's leadership, LGLCI experienced tremendous growth in staff and capacity and countless positive changes.

Wallace Mills, cattle producer from Pioneer, LA will replace Rodney McKay as the new Vice Chairman. Rodney served over five years on the board of directors, also leading through the many positive changes as vice chair for a two-year term.

Many thanks to our volunteer board members, who steer the direction of LGLCI. If you have any interest in serving on the board, reply to this email.



Introducing Butch Royer, Chairman of the Board

Robby "Butch" Royer is a cattle farmer and semi-retired equipment operator who manages a small-scale beef operation in Southeast Louisiana. He has a passion for producing healthy, whole foods for his family, friends, and consumers. Butch loves all things related to growing and grazing grass. He is dedicated to preserving Louisiana's grazing lands — "as rural acreage decreases, the importance of conserving and improving the acres that we do control is magnified."





<u>Acres USA</u> created National Soil Health Day in 2019 to celebrate the people, farms, and practices that contribute to replenishing, and enhancing our global soil health. Post a picture of your healthy soils on Monday and tag us @louisianaglci!

Event Recap: Virtual Fence Demo and Pasture Walk

On May 30, over 70 people traveled to Baskin, LA for our virtual fence demonstration and pasture walk at Delta Dairy, sponsored by <u>Halter</u>. If you missed the event, check out our <u>recap video</u>.

Delta Dairy is using these wireless collars on over 800 cattle to "shift" the cows more regularly to new paddock areas without physical fence, and to signal the milk cows to come to the barn. The Miller family can go to town and move their cows at the same time, right from their phones. They've experienced significant benefits from this technology, which is customizable and provides them with economic advantages, which were discussed at the pasture walk.







Louisiana Grazing Photo Contest

Submit your best photo from your farm! We would love to see photos from farms and ranches across the state that represent Louisiana's grazing lands, forages, hay production, and more. Winners will receive a prize at our annual Forage Conference. Winning photos will be printed on posters to display at the Louisiana Forage Conference on Dec. 5th, 2025.

Submit Your Photos!

Upcoming External Events:

- <u>America's Grassland Conference</u> | June 24-26 | Kearney, NE
- Grow More Training Social science behind teaching conservation | July 17 afternoon | Virtual
- Growing Forages and Grain Crops Under Solar Panels Webinar | July 22

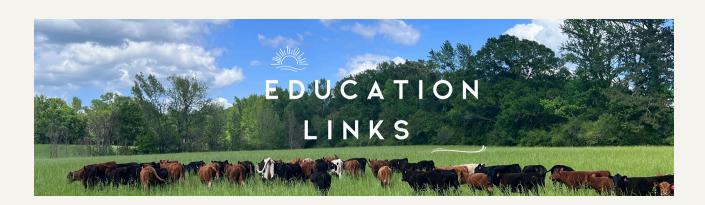


Do you ever feel discouraged when trying to show people something that might work for them? Do you have trouble getting people to attend field days? Are you a professional in conservation?

Attend this afternoon of FREE virtual training July 17th to learn how to optimize your events to serve farmers and land managers in Louisiana best!

This webinar training is co-hosted by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana Master Farmer, and LGLCI.

Register



I remember my first LGLCI pasture walk. I drove two hours from St. Francisville to the Blanchet's farm in Abbeville, unsure of what to expect, and not sure of what I'd be able to learn from a ranch in the heart of cajun country. I knew that Ian Mitchell Innes was the speaker, and that his words might give us some insight as new ranchers. We listened indoors to Mr. Innes' talk, and then rode on a trailer to see Brookshire Farm's intensive grazing practices in action. We saw their grazing chart, freezers for beef, and for the first time, South Poll bulls. Then, we sat down to lunch and visited.

What I gained was much more than a few words of wisdom — I gained the beginnings of a network. Over the last seven years, my husband and I have consulted, called, and visited extensively with the network of other farmers and ranchers I met that day, whom we still consider great friends and mentors.

As Louisiana GLCI reach grows, the mission stays the same — to educate and provide a network for our grazing lands' managers and owners, showcasing real-life ecological and economical things that other farmers and ranchers are doing.

"We promote ecological and economical grazing management practices to landowners and managers, livestock producers, and the public..."

Our most recent pasture walk at our outgoing chairman's farm attracted over 70 folks to see the first farm in the state utilizing virtual fence. Some were new faces, and some returning. Some we can't chase away — they come to everything! Networks of friends like this make trying new ideas such as a virtual fence or an alternative forage feel a little less risky, because chances are, someone else in the crowd has the same idea or has tried it.

Although our pasture walks, workshops, videos, and podcasts are typically worth the drive and time, the lasting effect often comes from the hands you shake and numbers exchanged at the events. Hope to see you soon.

- Tara Morris, Executive and Education Director

Educational Resources that have been interesting this month to me:

Ranching Returns: <u>Podcast number 228: Going all in on Sheep</u>
LSU AgCenter: NEW <u>Forage Management Calendar for Louisiana</u>

ChatGPT: Justin Fuselier from Eunice, LA mentioned that he's been able to use ChatGPT for answers to questions on his farm, based on LOTS of articles, and it's been a huge resource for him (don't ask me how to use this yet!)

Tailor Made Cattle: Calving by the Numbers

<u>Database of Louisiana native plants</u> by Larry Allain

And soon to be released, a podcast with Scott Durham on LGLCI 's "Roots in the Boot" about grazing and wildlife







Sponsorship Packages

Louisiana GLCI has substantial reach across the state. Our combined digital reach is over 5,000, and our in-person events typically attract 50-65 quality attendees from Louisiana and beyond. Get in touch to support our mission or promote your business.

For more details, <u>visit our website</u> or give Tara a call (225-721-1313).

If you ever find good resources to share, feel free to send them our way! -Tara Morris, education@louisianaglci.org

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