**2020 Regenerative Grazing School**

**August 25-27, 2020**

**Hosted by Cornerstone Grazing Koch Ranch Ellsworth, NE**

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**Day 1**

8:00 Welcome & Introductions

*Derek welcomes group & describes his objectives for school. Each student introduces self.*

8:30 MiG: What is it & what can it do for you

*Basic objectives of grazing management. Emphasizing the critical importance of managing space & time.*

10:00 BREAK

10:20 Go to the field to set up grazing exercise

*Split class into 4-6 teams with 4-5 people/team. Each team gets a set of cattle, a defined pasture area, & a grazing assignment.*

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 Understanding stocking rate, carrying capacity, & stock density.  *What’s right for your farm or ranch & how do you figure it out*

3:00 BREAK

3:20 Grazing assignment based on ecosystem processes.

*Solar energy flow, water cycle, mineral cycles, biodiversity*

5:00 ADJOURN

5:30 Social time followed by dinner at 6 PM

**Day 2**

8:00 Creating excellent pasture from the soil up

*Soil health, species adaptation, nutrient management*

10:00 BREAK

10:20 Grazing management in the field: 2nd assignment

*Observation & review of grazing management principles*

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 Grazing management for targeted animal performance

*From maintenance to milk, how do we adjust management*

3:00 BREAK

3:20 Grazing cell layout & design

*Creating smaller increments of time. Fixed vs Flexible cells. Stock water & grazing distribution.*

5:00 ADJOURN

5:30 Social time followed by dinner at 6 PM

**Day 3**

8:00 Dollars & Sense of grazing

*What really determines profitability in pasture-based production*

10:00 BREAK

10:20 Pasture walk through grazing assignments.

*What have we learned from these exercises*

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 Extending the grazing season

*What are your options & how to use them effectively*

3:00 BREAK

3:20 How do I know this will pay?

*Everybody needs to know how to do cost-benefit analysis*

4:00 Q&A

4:30 ADJOURN