



Sustainable Rangelands Through Low-Input Grassfed Production

An organized oral session at the 63rd annual meeting of the Society for Range Management

Thursday, February 11, 2010 · 8:00 am – 5:00 pm · Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

<i>Virtues of grassfed products for the consumer</i>	Meg Cattell , Windsor Dairy	8:00-8:40
<i>Ranching in sync with nature</i>	Dale Lasater , Lasater Grasslands Beef	8:40-9:20
<i>Multiple species grazing</i>	Richard Parry , Fox Fire Farms	9:20-10:00
<i>Low-input ranching</i>	Kit Pharo , Pharo Cattle Company	10:20-12:00
<i>Organic grass-finished beef on a forage chain</i>	George Whitten & Julie Sullivan , San Juan Ranch	1:00-1:40
<i>The low carbon footprint of grassfed ranching</i>	Dennis Moroney , Sky Island Brand / 47 Ranch / Baja Arizona	1:40-2:20
<i>Desert-adapted cattle ... for the future</i>	Ed Fredrickson , et al., USDA-ARS Jornada Experimental Range	2:20-3:00
<i>Grazing systems benefit grassfed production</i>	Harvey Sprock , USDA-NRCS Colorado	3:20-4:00
<i>Rebuilding food system infrastructure</i>	Laurie Bower & Nancy Ranney , Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance	4:00-4:20
<i>American Grassfed certification; Wrap-up</i>	Carrie Balkcom , American Grassfed Association	4:20-5:00

Grass-based livestock production is inherently sustainable as this production system relies on biodiversity and ecological complexity to maintain production without the use of costly inputs. Low-input grassfed production keeps land in permanent vegetation, which is more ecologically and economically sound than row cropping used for supplementing livestock confinement operations. Benefits of grassfed production for the environment include: reduced or eliminated pesticide use, greatly reduced soil erosion, increased soil fertility while eliminating commercial fertilizer application, increased carbon sequestration which helps combat the greenhouse effect and global warming, increased plant diversity versus monoculture crops, and improved wildlife habitat for native species.

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