Central Region Grazing School Agent In-Service Training Evaluation Summary

June 14th, 2021 at MTREC

21 participants; 81% response rate

Questions below were ranked as follows:

Knowledge: 1 – None, 2 – Little, 3 – Average, 4 – Good, 5 – Great

Usefulness: 1 – Poor, 2 – Fair, 3 – Average, 4 – Good, 5 – Excellent

	Knowledge Before	Knowledge After	Usefulness
Purpose of Grazing Management	3.7	4.6	4.6
Forage Availability and Calculating Stocking Rate	3.1	4.3	4.5
Making a Grazing Plan	3.1	4.1	4.4
Fencing Kits	3	4.4	4.6

Responses to the question "What did you learn today and how do you plan to use it in your future programming?"

- I always enjoy discussions about grasses and weeds in a field study. Fencing demo was very helpful and good way to replicate
- Forage availability estimation demo; easy to use on farms
- Forage variety and evaluation; calculations
- Calculations; The fence demo was great as well (how to fence); grazing techniques; forage ID; Grazing Square
- Any rotation is better than rotational grazing; Electric fencing is a good addition to existing practices; Matt's boot measuring recommendation
- The entire day was very useful! The outdoor hands-on education aspects were very helpful. Setting up a grazing management plan will be helpful for my county. Thank you for the work you put into the in-service today!
- New equipment for fencing; grazing management practices
- electric fencing
- Try to encourage any type of grazing method
- Demo on how to use forage square to cut forage availability and calculate to determine pounds per acre
- calculating forage mass; different grass and weed ID; different types of grazing systems; all useful in general programming and conversations with producers
- stocking rate; paddock size/dependents; direction on grazing plans to take back to producers; identifying some forages/weeds in pasture; how to use polywire
- Calculating stocking rate; fencing demo; the agent interaction was good during the first outside session
- The increase in production from rotational grazing