

Speakers for the 2015 Arkansas Grazing Lands Conference  
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Cooper Hurst and his wife Katie established Hunt Hill Cattle Company south of Woodville, Mississippi in 1995. It is a commercial cow-calf business focused on conception to consumption. Through the use of electric fencing, the operation is forage based, implementing intensive grazing, frequent moves and long rest and recovery periods. Artificial insemination is utilized for rapid genetic improvement and extensive records are kept to monitor progress. Replacement quality females are developed to go back into the herd and the balance of females and all steers are retained, going on feed in Kansas and ultimately sold on a value-based grid through U.S. Premium Beef. Cooper will discuss how they utilize forage to increase profit on a sustainable basis

Greg Judy and his wife Jan, of Clark, Missouri run a grazing operation on 1580 acres of leased and owned land that is made up from 15 farms. Greg and Jan went from near bankruptcy in 1999 to paying off a 200 acre farm and house in 3 years with custom grazing on leased land and are completely debt free. The Judy's use no lime, no fertilizer, no seeding, no chemicals, no equipment. Today they own 3 farms and lease 12 farms. Holistic High Density Planned Grazing is used to graze cows, cow/calf pairs, bred heifers, horses, and stockers. They also own a 250 head grass genetic South Poll cow herd, 300 head St. Croix hair sheep flock and graze pigs. They have also started direct marketing grass-fed beef, lamb and pork. Greg has authored two books: NO RISK RANCHING, Custom Grazing On Leased Land and COMEBACK FARMS, Rejuvenating Soils, Pastures and Profits with Livestock Grazing Management. Greg will discuss mob grazing, soil health and monitoring animal performance.

Kim Barker ranches with his family near Waynoka, OK. They produce grassfed beef and lamb, pastured chickens, eggs, turkeys, and pork. Kim has been improving his land with planned grazing for 25 years. Kim has worked with farmers in Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine and taught Holistic Management and grazing management seminars in the U.S. His family direct markets to individuals and restaurants with their Walnut Creek Farms label. Kim believes that managing grazing is the best tool we have for improving land.

Larry Israel farms with his wife Sheila & four daughters. Larry manages a 180 cow/calf operation & most years backgrounds around 100 yearlings. The Israel's are proud to say they are a very low input farm. With the year to year improvements of their forage due to rotational grazing and intensive grazing, they have been able to eliminate most of their inputs such as: hay fertilizer and equipment cost. Since 2008 their hay consumption has gone from 500-600 bales a year to only 36 bales in 2012 and 20 bales in 2013. Their goal is to produce efficient, moderate framed cattle that can thrive in their environment.