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### Managing Forages to Increase Profits

Gary Kilgore, K-State Research and Extension emeritus professor, was the keynote speaker at the 2008 Kansas Graziers' Association Winter Conference held January 19, 2008. Participants were especially interested in practices that reduce fertilizer and fuel prices. Stockpiling forages and interseeding legumes were two practices that were discussed. 105 people attended the conference sponsored by the Kansas Graziers' Association (KGA), the Kansas Rural Center and KCSAAC .

Roger Koehn of Galva explained how he uses cattle panels and a portable chute to create a "Bud Box" when working cattle on the farm. A Bud Box was one of the techniques described at the 2007 KGA Conference by speaker Dr. Lynn Locatelli. Read more about low stress animal handling at

<http://www.stockmanship.com/stockmanship.htm>



Above: Keynote speaker Gary Kilgore answers questions from the audience.

Conference attendees benefit from networking. Below left: KGA President, Michael Scheer, Haddam, and Gregory Carter, Thayer, participate in a group discussion during the morning break. Others used the time to renew friendships, share ideas and discuss solutions among other graziers. Below center: Harold and Patsy Garner, Eureka and Carol Blocksome, K-State Research and Extension. Below right: Lucinda Stuenkel, Palmer, Jerry Jost, Kansas Rural Center and Gary Carter, Parsons.



### Producers Adjust Grazing/Livestock Management Methods

The 2007 KGA Winter Conference taught low stress animal handling techniques. The 2008 conference attendees were surveyed to determine to what degree low stress animal handling techniques have been implemented. This information will be used to refine goals and improve effectiveness of our outreach. Results are listed to the right.

### Impacts of Low Stress Animal Handling Workshop

- Forty percent have attended additional low stress animal handling workshops or seminars since the 2007 Winter Grazing Conference
- Fifteen percent have discussed low stress handling techniques with others
- Sixteen percent have used low stress handling techniques when rotating animals between pastures
- Twenty-two percent have used low stress handling techniques when working livestock or loading/unloading

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## 'New American Farm Conference - Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture' 2008 National SARE Conference - 20th Anniversary Event

Eight hundred people attended the conference held March 25 – 27, 2008 in Kansas City.

### Presentations featuring Kansas stakeholders

Diana Endicott, Rainbow Organic Farms - Meat Marketing  
Jerry Jost, Kansas Rural Center - Farmer-to-Farmer Networking and Mentoring  
Gerry Snyder, K-State Research and Extension - Communicating to the Wider World  
Daryl Buchholz, Associate Director, K-State Research and Extension - Conference Welcome

### 2008 National SARE Conference Bus Tours

Jana Beckman with K-State Research and Extension and Debi Kelly of Missouri Extension worked with National SARE staff to organize 12 local bus tours held on the last day of the conference.



Ted Carey, K-State Research and Extension Vegetable Specialist explains how the leafy greens harvester is used during harvest season.



The tour stop at the Konza Biological Research Station included seeing bison and a hike on the prairie.



John Pendleton, Pendleton's Country Market, Lawrence, explains greenhouse production practices used on their farm.