

## Accomplishments from the 2011 Master Grazer Program



### **Kentucky Grazing School**

2 day intensive educational program on how to design and implement grazing systems

- 2 schools were conducted: Spring grazing school was held on April 13-14, 2011 in Princeton, KY and a fall grazing school was held on August 15-16, 2011 near Versailles, KY.
- 60 producers attended a grazing school this year representing over 2,364 livestock animals and 11,631 acres. In addition, at the fall grazing school industry representatives and UK Extension agents claim to impact over 24,800 animals and 45,200 acres throughout Kentucky.
- Participants ran a variety of operations including cow/calf, stocker, dairy, sheep, bison, and finishing grass-fed beef.
- Every participant indicated that their knowledge of the topics presented increased and all participants planned to make changes to their operation as a result of attending the program.



### **Grazing Networks**

Multiple educational programs illustrating implementation of grazing practices and are designed to increase networking amongst producers

- The Eden Shale Grazing Network held four successful pasture walks throughout the 2011 grazing season. Currently, 18 producers from 11 Kentucky counties are part of this grazing network.
- The Western Kentucky Grazing Network held two pasture walks during 2011. Approximately 55 producers from 5 counties have attended a Western KY pasture walk. Mainly Todd, Trigg, and Christian counties were represented.
- The Kentucky River Grazing network in Anderson and Woodford County will begin pasture walks in spring 2012.
- There is interest in starting a grazing network in Elliot, Rowan, and Carter Counties.

### **The *Grazing News* Newsletter**

- The first *Grazing Network Newsletter* went out in July. This newsletter went out to those who



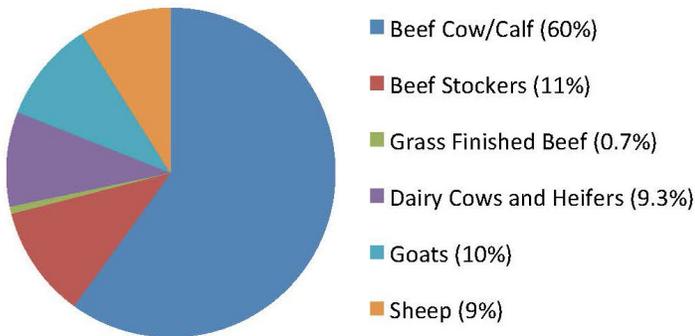
have attended a grazing network pasture walk this year.

- This 4-page, monthly newsletter is meant to provide timely information and ideas to Kentucky producers. It also includes upcoming events that might be of interest to the readers.
- Four newsletters were sent out during the 2011 grazing season to approximately 80 households.
- In 2012, the newsletter will change to *Grazing News* and will be distributed to a larger audience through county newsletters and releases and web access.

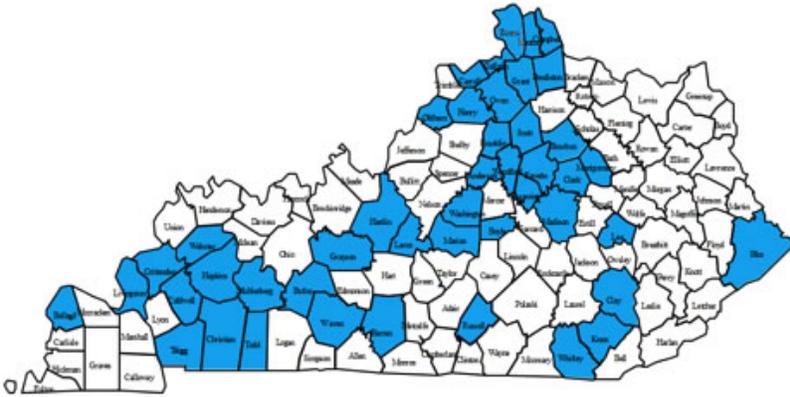
### Master Grazer DVD

- The DVD which includes topics that are covered in the grazing school has been through final revisions.
- This DVD will be available to county agents and producers in the future.

### Animals Represented in the 2011 Grazing Schools



\*Not all participants gave number of animals on surveys  
 \*This graph does not include animals affected by industry representatives or agents who attended grazing schools



**Counties Represented in the Master Grazer Program in 2011**

Anderson	Kenton-3
Ballard	Knox-2
Barron	LaRue-3
Boone	Livingston-2
Bourbon-2	Logan
Boyle	Madison-5
Butler	Montgomery-2
Caldwell	Muhlenberg
Campbell	Oldham
Carroll	Owen-5
Christian-13	Pendleton-2
Clark	Pike
Clay	Russell-2
Crittenden	Scott-5
Fayette-2	Todd-29
Franklin-3	Trigg-5
Gallatin	Warren
Grant-3	Washington-2
Grayson	Webster-2
Hardin-3	Whitley
Hopkins	Woodford-3
Marion	
Lee	
Jessamine	