



# Grazing for Wildlife Hands-On Field Day

Wednesday, June 24  
Calamus Outfitters, Burwell, NE

**Learn how ranches** can manage grazing to benefit not only cow herds, but also other grazing animals and wildlife that depend on grassland habitats.

**Hands-on demonstrations** of several key ideas:

- What is healthy habitat for upland pastures, wetlands, and shelterbelts;
- How healthy and diverse grasslands provide healthy and diverse habitat for wildlife;
- How grazing can be a management tool for diversity.

**The Switzer family**, which operates Calamus Outfitters, added birding, hunting, lodging, and water recreation to their ranch to bring back the next generation to the ranch. They will explain



what they did, what they learned, and what they wish they would have known. Other expert speakers will discuss how ranchers can enhance habitat. The field day will include outdoor Jeep

tours of upland prairies, wetlands, and shelterbelts.

**Organized by** Nebraska Extension and free of charge, thanks to support from the World Wildlife

Fund. The program is intended to help ranchers remain as stewards of their ranches, keeping grasslands in grass.



## Schedule (All times CDT):

- 10 am: Registration
- 10:30 am: Grazing Effects on Prairie Chicken Habitat (Walt Schacht, UNL)
- 10:45 am: Life of the Prairie Chicken (Larkin Powell, UNL)
- 11 am: Wildlife Enterprises on the Ranch (Calamus Outfitters)
- 11:45 am: Lunch (Insurance common questions)
- 12:30 pm: Shelterbelts and Habitat (U.S. Forest Service)
- 12:45 pm: Wetlands, Benefits of Rehabilitation (Bill Vodenhal, NE Game & Parks)
- 1 pm: Jeep/Bus Tours and Outdoor lab Visit leks, uplands, birding/hunting areas, wetlands, shelterbelts
- 4 pm: Evaluations and head for home!

### No registration fee

But audience size limited, and PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED one week prior for a meal count and tour.

### To make a reservation:

Call Central Sandhills Extension Office, 308-645-2267  
Or email Bethany Johnston at [bjohnston3@unl.edu](mailto:bjohnston3@unl.edu).

### Workshop location:

Calamus Outfitters: 16 mi northwest of Burwell on Hw 96  
or 12 mi north of Taylor on Hwy 183, then 4 mi East on Hwy 96.

