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## Registrations still accepted for August grazing conference

**Ames, Iowa, 6/26/09** – Producers still have time to register for the upcoming summer grazing conference where they'll have an opportunity to listen to keynote speaker Dr. Fred Provenza.

“Dr. Fred Provenza’s presentations can be a life-changing experience,” said Steve Radakovich of RCC Cattle Company, an audience member at one of Dr. Provenza’s discussions. “The best Penny and I have ever heard. Don’t miss this opportunity and bring your spouse, neighbors and friends. You’ll have a lot to discuss on the drive home...Guarantee it!”

Dr. Provenza, from Utah State University, will discuss several different topics at the conference, including biodiversity, epigenetics, and the importance of palatability in feed. All of his discussions revolve around improving cattles’ grazing experiences, from offering them a variety of food and habitats to creating cattle adapted to eating local resources.

The conference, “Optimizing Grazing and Enhancing the Environment,” held by the Iowa Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, will be August 25 and 26, 2009, at the Honey Creek Resort on Rathbun Lake, located near Moravia, IA. Although the special pre-registration discount rate of \$60 ends August 10, interested individuals can register after this date, including at the door, for just \$10 more.

For more information, contact Co-Chairman Joe Sellers, Iowa State University Extension livestock specialist, at 641-203-1270 sellers@iastate.edu; or Brian Peterson, retired NRCS state grassland conservationist, at 641-344-1026 bckapeterson@gmail.com. The agenda and conference location details can be found at [www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/grazingconference.html](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/grazingconference.html).

Sponsors for the event include the NRCS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Iowa Forage and Grassland Council, Iowa Beef Center, Iowa State University Extension, Practical Farmers of Iowa, Southern Iowa Forage and Livestock Committee, Rathbun Land and Water Alliance, Dow AgroSciences LLC, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, South Central Iowa Area Partnership, and the Iowa Farm Bureau.

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, was established in 1996 with the goal of supporting the growth and vitality of the state’s beef cattle industry. It serves as the university’s extension program to cattle producers and is comprised of faculty and staff from ISU Extension and the colleges of agriculture and life sciences and veterinary medicine. Together, the Iowa Beef Center’s members work to develop and deliver the latest in research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information about the Iowa Beef Center, visit [www.iowabeefcenter.org](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org).

