

EVALUATING PASTURE CONDITION (OK-ECS-015)

Overview

This course will teach methods of assessing pastureland trends and condition through productivity and site stability evaluations. The course will be part classroom instruction, part field exercise.

Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Evaluate current pasture productivity and plant community stability using visual evaluations.
2. Understand the indicators involved and their role on the condition of pastures and document these indicators in conservation plans as benchmarks.
3. Identify resource concerns and trends.
4. Complete pasture condition score sheets and communicate evaluations to clients
5. Identify and plan treatment alternatives needed to improve pasture productivity to protect soil, water and air quality and enhance livestock performance.

Prerequisites

Basic understanding of pasture forage species and production systems

Duration

This will be a one-day course, mostly outdoors