

GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

2013 CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2013

NATCHEZ, MS



The South Area Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Committee (GLCI) will host its' "1st Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Conference" on September 9 & 10, 2013 in Natchez, MS, at the Natchez Convention Center. The South MS GLCI Committee has waived all registration fees and agreed to pay 50% (\$237.70) of the lodging cost based upon a two-night stay and a mandatory pre-registration by August 26, 2013 to the address listed below. There will be no registration at the door or on site. All meals will be covered by the South MS GLCI Committee for those who are pre-registered on or before August 26, 2013. You are sure to find interesting and applicable topics that will be beneficial to your farm and to other farmers in your county. Here's a sample of the topics.

- Dairy Enterprises: Organic & New Technology, Forage Consideration for a Grass Based Dairy, Fencing, Watering Facilities, Fertility
- Small Ruminant Enterprises: Goat Production, Herd Health Tools & Techniques, Sheep Grazing Management, Warm/Cool Season with Clovers for South MS, Hay Production vs. Stockpiling, Weed & Brush Control
- Beef Enterprises: Challenges & Opportunities, Forages, Continuous Grazing/Rotational Grazing/Management Intensive Grazing

GLCI is a nationwide partnership of individuals and organizations working to maintain and improve the management, productivity, and health of the nation's privately owned grazing land. They provide technical, educational, and related assistance to those who own and manage private grazing land. Healthy and productive grazing land is a substantial component of the agricultural economy and is the largest of all agricultural land uses, with over 575 million acres being grazed in the United States. Through GLCI, NRCS provides technical assistance to ensure that the resources remain healthy and productive by supporting and encouraging better grazing management, improved livestock production, protection of the soil from wind and water erosion, reduction of drought impacts, control of invasive weeds, and the use of energy-efficient production techniques. This will be a great opportunity for producers across the state to learn of developments and newest techniques using renewable resources in livestock management, water quality and grazing distribution, productivity, and health of livestock in privately owned grazing lands.

Mail this registration form to: USDA NRCS, Attn: Ondine Rudolph, 113 Fairfield Drive, Suite 110, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. For additional information, please contact Ms. Rudolph by calling 601-296-1173, ext 110; fax: 601-296-1253

Non-Member Pre-Registration Form

Return this portion by August 26, 2013

(Please Print)

_____ I plan to attend. _____ Number in party.

Payment at 50% for two night lodging in the amount of \$118.85 must be enclosed by check, money order or cashier's check made payable to: GLCI-MACD

The county I live in is greater than 50 miles from Natchez, MS Yes No

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please list any special needs: _____

Do you want to share a double room? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, list name: _____

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations including alternative formats, sign or other language interpreters, etc., should contact : Ondine Rudolph at 1-601-296-1173 no later than 12:00 noon on August 26, 2013. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) ."