



Ranch Management Field Day

Mushrush Ranches, Strong City

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Located in the heart of the Flint Hills, **Mushrush Ranches** has been family owned and operated since the early 1950s when it was founded by the late Bob and Oma Lou Mushrush. What began as a commercial cow-calf operation, today consists of registered Red Angus cows, with three generations of the Mushrush family living and working on the ranch. The family relies on proper grazing management to maintain good grasslands. The Mushrushes also use cover crops for grazing during the winter after the cattle have utilized the dormant warm season grasses.

» **Planning for Future Generations** *Joe Mushrush, Mushrush Ranches*

Joe will discuss steps the family is taking on transition planning for the operation. During this session, he will highlight where they currently are in the process and what challenges they've faced thus far.

» **The Power of an Invisible Fence** *Cole Mushrush, Mushrush Ranches, and Tony Capizzo, TNC*

Cole and Tony will take participants on a deep dive into Vence, a virtual fencing system the ranch has utilized as part of a joint study with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the National Park Service, Kansas State University, Colorado State University and other local agencies. They will discuss the benefits, difficulties and purpose behind their effort to utilize the technology.

» **Converting Cropland Into Stockpiled Forage** *Chris Mushrush, Mushrush Ranches*

Chris will outline the process of converting cropland into stockpiled forage for the operation to utilize during the winter months. He will lead participants on a tour of the converted cropland and discuss the process and decision-making behind pursuing the practice.

Location

2346B North Road
Strong City, KS 66869

Field day directional signs will be posted.

From Emporia: Travel west from Emporia on US-50 for 21 miles. Turn north (right) onto North Road, then travel 1 1/4 miles to the destination.

From Council Grove: Travel south out of Council Grove on KS-177 for 19 1/4 miles. Turn west (right) onto US-50 and travel 3 1/2 miles to North Rd. Turn north (right) onto North Road, then travel 1 1/4 miles to the destination.

Questions about the field day?

Contact KLA at 785-273-5115 or email taylor@kla.org.

Schedule

3:30 p.m. Registration

4:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

4:15 p.m. Educational Sessions

7:00 p.m. Dinner



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