

U of I Dudley Smith Cow-Calf Field Day. 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	
Date & Time	June 15, 2010 (10:00 AM - 1:30 PM)
Location	Dudley Smith Farm 2200 E. 600 N. Rd., northwest of Pana off Rt. 29 Pana, IL 62557 (Christian County)
Description	<p>The Dudley Smith Farm will be the host site for a Beef Cow-Calf Field Day on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. Gary Letterly, U I Extension Christian County Natural Resources Management Educator, will provide updates and program introductions at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>We are very pleased to have as our guest Mark Kennedy from USDA-NRCS who as a grassland grazing specialist will share his knowledge on several important grazing topics. Currently, there is much interest in how to correctly graze mixed animal species (cattle and goats) in pasture settings. Mark Kennedy is a regional expert in mixed-species grazing and will share with us the potential benefits in exploring this option that may have advantages over traditional single-species grazing. Mark will also share new information on managing fescue.</p> <p>Ed Ballard will bring us up to date on current and future grazing studies and share how you can apply U of I / Dudley Smith project information to your operation.</p> <p>The potential payback in biofuel feedstock development has helped focus a new U of I / Dudley Smith project on how livestock producers can bridge the gap between current forage needs and future domestic energy requirements with specific crops. Tropical maize is an annual crop that combines valuable characteristics of a high yielding biomass, fermentable sugars, and high quality livestock feed in one plant. The initial stages of DS/U of I research will help refine these characteristics and help determine the best crop candidates for regional production.</p> <p>Lunch will be provided by the U of I Extension Christian County office at noon. To attend and receive a complimentary lunch, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Christian County Unit office at 287-7246 by noon on Friday, June 11.</p> <p>For additional details, contact University of Illinois Extension Christian County Unit at 217-287-7246.</p>