

Purpose

The Rolling Hills Bale Grazing Initiative will introduce the bale grazing system in the state of Georgia with the result being protection of our natural resources. The Bale Grazing Initiative will cut down on soil destabilization and runoff by allowing producers to set out winter fed hay spaced out and in sections for up to 90 days. This means not having to make trips across wet unfrozen ground causing erosion and runoff. The Hay spacing will also spread-out feeding area to decrease pasture damage from winter feeding. An additional benefit will be wider areas of fertilization across the pasture due to cattle feeding across a larger area. The Bale Grazing Initiative will improve soil conditions at test sites reducing the amount of fertilizer needed and eliminating over fertilization and runoff.

Objectives

- Work collaboratively with NRCS to educate and promote Bale Grazing in Georgia.
- Provide information and education to Georgia producers regarding Bale Grazing and its benefits.
- Provide funding to promote Bale Grazing in the state of Georgia.
- Protect natural resources in the state through improved grazing techniques.
- Expand Bale Grazing usage as a winter grazing technique.
- Promote technology ex. The Batt Latch in grazing strategies.
- Provide useful feedback to NRCS for future use concerning Bale Grazing systems
- Improve soil and pasture health.

**If you are interested in program participation, please
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