DRAFT Agenda – NDMC/UNL Drought Management Workshops for RMA

Emporia, January 21st 2012

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome – NDMC, Dale Strickler, Kansas Grazers Assc. President (15 minutes)


Inventory – where are we right now?

   9:30 – 10:00 Climate outlook – Mary Knapp
   10:00 – 10:20 Forage outlook & range condition – David Kraft/Dwayne Rice

10:20 am stretch/break

Discussion of Drought Options

   10:30 – 11:00 – RMA Pasture Insurance – Amy Roeder
   11:00 – 11:30 - Forage Options – Jerry Volesky
   11:30 – 12:15 - Grazing Management/Stocking rates – David Kraft, Ted Alexander, Dwayne Rice

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

Evaluating options

   1:15 – 2:00 Making decisions under stress/family and personal health issues – Charlie Griffin
   2:00 – 2:45 Weighing the financial impacts of drought management options and your ranch goals – TBA
   2:45 – 3:15 Considering long term impacts on range etc. – Dwayne Rice/David Kraft

3:15 Break

3:30 Wrap-up panel of speakers and producers to synthesize, discuss, answer questions – facilitated by Jerry Volesky

4:15 – Wrap up and evaluations

*Times include 5-10 minute q & a period in each presentation