Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch
2012 Winter Grazing Conference

January 21st, 2012
Flint Hills Christian Church
Harvest House Meeting Room
1836 E US Highway 50
Emporia, Kansas

Agenda

8:30  Registration
9:00  Welcome – Dale Strickler, KGA
      Planning for Drought: Why and How?
      - Ted Alexander, rancher and Tonya Haigh, NDMC

Assessing Current Conditions
9:30  Climate Outlook – Mary Knapp, KSU
10:00 Climatic Impacts and Range Condition Effects
      on Forage Production – David Kraft, NRCS
10:30 Break

Identifying Drought Management Options
10:45 RMA Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Insurance
      – Amy Roeder, USDA RMA
11:30 Forage and Livestock Management Considerations
      – Dr. Jerry Volesky, UNL
12:00 Lunch
12:45 Implementing the Drought Plan: Monitoring Forage, Trigger
      Dates, Stocking Rates – Dwayne Rice, NRCS, Ted Alexander

Evaluating Management Options
1:30  Strategic and Scenario Planning/Financial Considerations
      – Dr. Barry Dunn, SDSU
2:30  Break
2:45  Weathering Tough Times – Dr. Charlie Griffin, KSU
3:45  Speaker Panel – facilitated by Dr. Jerry Volesky

4:30  Wrap up and Evaluations
4:45  Adjourn