Please come join us for a twilight forage tour to learn about how native grasses such as big bluestem and indiangrass can complement your summer forage program. Aspects of establishment, hay production, and grazing management will be discussed. These highly drought tolerant, long lasting, low input, warm-season perennials can produce high yields of hay (4 – 5 tons/acre) and excellent animal performance when grazed (2.1 lbs. ADG on steers) during summer.

Forage Tour Information:

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30, 2015
       6:00 PM EDT

WHERE: Lee Dairy Farms
       347 County Road 410 (Carl Lee Rd.)
       Madisonville, TN 37354

Program will begin at 6:00 PM with supper. A brief presentation by Dr. Pat Keyser with UTIA will follow the meal, and then the group will visit a native grass pasture on the farm.

REGISTRATION
There is no cost for the tour, but you must register by Monday June 22, 2015 in order to attend. To register, please contact the McMinn County Extension office at (423) 745-2852. You may also register by e-mailing your name, affiliation (producer, business or agency name), and contact information (mailing address, phone, and if available, e-mail address) to Amber Walker asaffels@utk.edu and providing that same information. You may register multiple individuals, but please provide the requested information for each.

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