

*Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council*

# Western Kentucky Summer Forage Tour

**Where:** DOGWOOD FARM  
2492 South Kirkman Road  
LaCenter, KY 42056

**When:** August 7, 2018 from 2:30-6:30 PM, registration at 2:30 PM, tour starts at 3:30 PM

**Cost:** \$10 per person at the door to cover dinner



**Preregistration REQUIRED:**

Register on-line at

<https://westernkyforageday.eventbrite.com>

or contact Christi Forsythe at 270-365-7541

**Farm and Tour Description:**

Dogwood Farm, owned and operated by Toby and Debby Dulworth since 1977, is located in Ballard County, Kentucky, between the communities of Bandana and Oscar. Dulworth ancestors have farmed in this area since 1897. Since its beginning, the DWF cow herd has grazed pasture without supplemental grain, expanding from three head in 1964 to about 300 head today. In 1989, adaptive multi-paddock grazing began, to allow pastures ample rest between grazing periods.

Every three to five years, broodstock numbers deliberately build up and sell down, but the farm markets Hereford bulls, cows and heifers annually for breeding. To make best use of pasture, the spring herd begins calving mid-March; fall calving starts in early September, targeting about 60 days each season. Local direct marketing of naturally grass-finished Hereford steers began in 2003, developing a niche market into the farm's major asset, aiding community well-being, allowing land to be rested from continuous row-crops to regenerate vital organic matter and natural fertility under the hooves of cattle, thus improving both the farm's economy and its ecology.

**Tour stops and topic:**

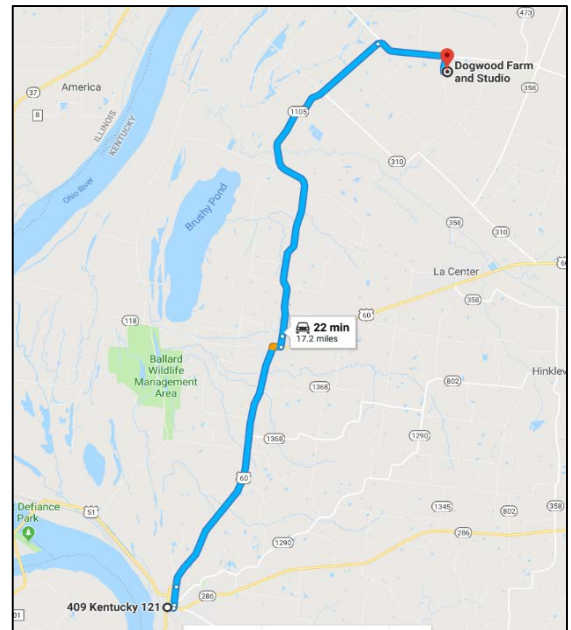
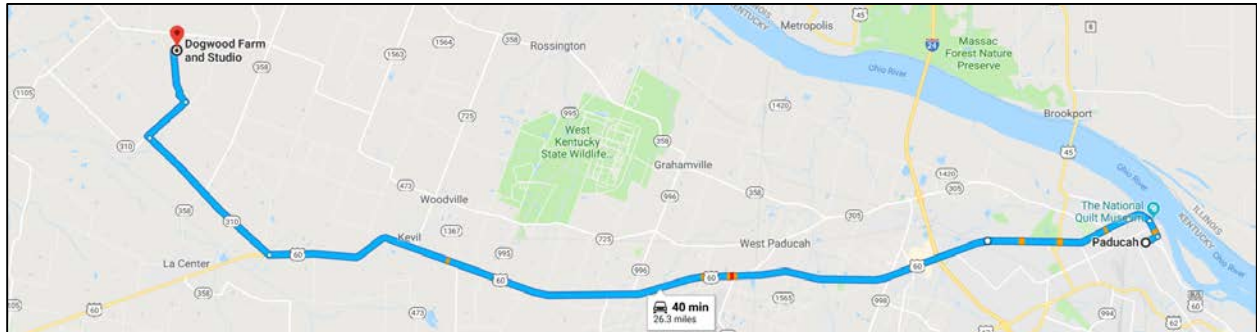
- History and overview of the farm
- Summer annuals for high quality summer grazing
- Designing and installing livestock watering systems
- Eastern gamagrass for summer grazing
- Utilizing improved crabgrass for summer grazing
- Utilizing temporary electric fencing to control grazing
- High-tensile fixed knot woven wire for perimeter fencing
- Animal genetics for grass finishing
- Producing and marketing high quality grass finished beef



For more information on this tour and other forage and livestock related events, please visit <http://forages.ca.uky.edu/> or contact Christi Forsythe at 270-365-7541.

**Directions to the farm:**

From Paducah, KY, take I-24 to Exit 4 onto US-60 West. Travel on US-60 for approximately 20 miles. Turn right on KY-310 North (Broadway in LaCenter) and travel about 2.6 miles, turning left onto South Kirkman Road. Travel, a total of about 2.5 miles from the beginning of Kirkman, ignore your GPS at Berry Road, drive past the T and the s-curve, and watch for the Dogwood Farm sign about a mile further on your right.



From Wickliffe, KY – Take US-60 East toward Barlow, KY 6 miles. Turn right onto Broadway/60 and go 2 blocks. Turn left onto KY-1105 for approximately 9.8 miles. Turn right onto South Kirkman Road and travel approximately 0.5 miles. The Dogwood Farm sign will be on your left.



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