

### **MENTORING PROGRAM:**

Looking for an agricultural expert to help you improve or expand a certain area of your operation? A network of experts is now available to you.

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition's mentoring program is designed to recognize experienced producers in various agricultural fields who provide technical and planning assistance to South Dakota farmers and ranchers.

A list of specialty areas and a group of mentors is provided in this brochure with contact information for each mentor.

**Want to be a mentor for South Dakota farmers and ranchers?** Contact us to be included in this brochure.

### **ABOUT THE COALITION:**

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition, a non-profit organization, was formed in 1998 to promote land stewardship throughout the state. The Coalition is dedicated to improving and maintaining the State's grasslands by informing and guiding grassland managers to make cost-effective and environmentally sound management decisions.

Contact the South Dakota Grassland for more information, to become a member of the organization or to be included as a mentor.

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# South Dakota Grassland Coalition

*A unified voice for managing  
South Dakota's grass resource.*



## Land Use Strategies

*Networking for Profitability*

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# Mentoring Topics/Mentors

Below is a list of topic areas along with the names of the experienced mentors for that area.  
Feel free to contact these mentors for technical and planning assistance in their area of expertise.

**Goal Setting/Decision Making:** *Aeschlimann, Blair, Faulstich, Perman, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Monitoring & Record Keeping:** *Paulson, Rasmussen, Smeenk, Steffen, Wagner*

**Fencing:** *Aeschlimann, Ausland, Bien, Doud, Faulstich, Guptill, Paulson, Perman, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Economics of Grazing Management:** *Ausland, Blair, Kopriva, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Cropland Aftermath Grazing:** *Aeschlimann, Faulstich, Kopriva, Wagner*

**Grazing Management/Rotations:** *Aeschlimann, Ausland, Blair, Doud, Faulstich, Guptill, Kopriva, Paulson, Rasmussen, Reddick, Steffen, Wagner*

**Low Stress Livestock Handling:** *Aeschlimann, Blair, Faulstich, Rasmussen, Reddick, Wagner*

**Water Development/Placement:** *Aeschlimann, Ausland, Bein, Blair, Doud, Perman, Paulson, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Multispecies Grazing:** *Wagner*

**Using Livestock as a Management Tool:** *Bien, Faulstich, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Wildlife Considerations:** *Bien, Faulstich, Rasmussen, Smeenk, Steffen, Wagner*

**Pest Management:** *Guptill, Paulson, Rasmussen, Steffen*

**Grazing Management for Expired CRP:** *Faulstich, Guptill, Rasmussen*

**Covercrops:** *Aeschlimann, Faulstich, Kopriva, Wagner*

**Grass Finishing:** *Guptill, Wagner, Rasmussen*

**Winter Grazing Strategies:** *Anderson, Faulstich, Guptill, Rasmussen, Wagner*

**Soil Health/Hydrology:** *Faulstich, Rasmussen, Wagner*

**Prescribed Burning:** *Kopriva, Reddick, Steffen, Slovek, Wagner*

**Cross-fence Weaning:** *Anderson Blair, Faulstich Kopriva, Paulson, Rasmussen, Reddick, Wagner*

**Drought Planning:** *Blair, Doud, Faulstich, Rasmussen, Steffen*

**Generational Transfer of Ranch:** *Perman, Faulstich, Blair, Rasmussen*

**Enterprise Diversification (Hunting, Recreation):** *Faulstich, Perman, Rasmussen, Steffen, Wagner*

**Biological Control of Noxious Weeds:** *Guptill, Perman, Rasmussen, Reddick*

**Sheep Rotational Grazing, Fencing:** *Aeschlimann,*

**Calving In-Sync with Nature:** *Doud, Rasmussen, Wagner*

**Ranch Economics:** *Anderson*

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