

**EDUCATION GRANT
OPPORTUNITY**

Note: Please share this with a school in your community: The Dudley Smith Initiative is offering grants of up to \$1,500 to middle school and high school teachers who wish to conduct innovative projects that create knowledge about agriculture, and its impact on the community.

Deadline: 2013 Projects proposals due July 15, 2013
Award winners announced August 15, 2013

Education grant application forms are available on line at: <http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/DSI/>

Submit Proposals to:

Gary Letterly
Energy & Environmental Stewardship
University of Illinois Extension
1120 N. Webster Street
Taylorville, IL 62568
letterly@illinois.edu

Background and Vision:

The *agriculture and community system* is complex and dynamic, making it a challenge to comprehend the impact of changing technologies, production practices, economics drivers, and public policies. This grant opportunity utilizes the resources of the Dudley Smith Farm, and examples from the research being done under the Dudley Smith Initiative as a way to engage students and teachers in activities that will help them better understand these complexities. Information about the Dudley Smith Initiative, and ongoing research at the Dudley Smith Farm can be found on the internet at:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dsi/education.cfm>

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**U of I Dudley
Smith Farm Beef
Cow-Calf Field Day
and
Research Project
Update**



Thursday, November 8, 2012

- ▶ **Program at U of I Extension
Christian County office
1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL**
- ▶ **9:30 a.m. Registration**

**Register by Thursday,
November 1**

Dear Friends,

University of Illinois Extension office in Taylorville will be the host site for a Beef Cow-Calf Field Day and Research Project Update on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

The 2012 field day will highlight the latest on beef cattle grazing systems in place at the U of I Dudley Smith Farm near Pana. We will include updates on local and regional livestock nutrition and grazing projects, along with livestock feeding issues associated with statewide weather extremes of 2012, and how to plan for 2013.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. in U of I Extension Christian County auditorium in Taylorville. At 10:00 a.m., Gary Letterly, U of I Extension Unit 18 Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, will provide updates and program introductions. Our special guests will include forage and cover manager Dave Robison and Travis Meteer, U of I Extension Beef Cattle Specialist. Their programs will share insight to new areas of animal nutrition and grazing research at the Dudley Smith Farm site.

Later in the program, Ed Ballard, retired U of I Extension Animal Systems Educator, will provide cattle project updates, and will be your host for a brief tour of the grazing project (weather permitting) beginning at the Pana farm around 11:45 a.m. U of I Researcher, Mike Vincent, will share project developments in challenges with grazing alternative feedstocks as part of a Dudley Smith Farm project over the past two and one-half years.

Coffee and donuts will be provided by the Dudley Smith Initiative (DSI). To attend, please return the attached registration form to University of Illinois Extension Christian County Unit office, located at 1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL 62568, or call 217/287-7246 by noon on Thursday, November 1, or go on line to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/>

Sincerely, *Gary Letterly*

Gary Letterly
Energy and Environmental Stewardship
U of I Extension Unit 18
Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, and Jersey Counties

Program

- 9:30 a.m. Registration at U of I Extension office 1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville IL
- 10:00 a.m. Updates and Introductions—Gary Letterly, U of I Extension Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator.
- 10:10 a.m. “The role of cover crops in a grazing program” - Dave Robison, Cover Crop & Forage Manager, Legacy Seeds, Inc.
- 10:45 a.m. Dudley Smith Farm update on grazing and cattle projects — Ed Ballard, retired U of I Extension Animal Systems Educator and Mike Vincent, U of I Crop Physiology.
- 11:05 a.m. “Short on hay?? Alternative feeds for Winter” — Travis Meteer, U of I Beef Cattle Extension Specialist.
- 11:45 a.m. Wrap-up and option for travel to U of I Dudley Smith Farm Tour near Pana, if weather permits.

U of I Dudley Smith Farm is located north of Pana off Rt .29 near the intersection of 2250 E and 600 N Rd.

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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please contact University of Illinois Extension Christian County at 217/287-7246.



Registration Form

Please register me for the Dudley Smith Farm Beef Cow-Calf Fall Field Day and Research Project Update on Thursday, November 8, 2012.

Please register by Thursday, November 1.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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Telephone _____

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County _____

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1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL 62568**

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217- 287-7246

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