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GRAZING TRAINING

ALBERTA, September 2, 2009 – The Sustainable Grazing Mentorship Program (SGMP) assists producers in improving their forage operations through training.

Experienced grazing mentors work directly with producers for either 8 or 16 hours, to develop a grazing plan tailored to the needs of the producer.

A Grazing Mentor is a respected producer peer with extensive grazing management experience and knowledge. A Mentor can suggest grazing management options to help a producer improve their profits, forage productivity, and land and water resources.

The producer pays \$100 and the Program will pay the balance for the Grazing Mentor's mentoring and travel expenses. Approximately 16 hours of mentorship will be provided. Or the producer pays \$50 and the Program pays the Grazing Mentor's mentoring and travel expenses for 8 hours of mentorship.

The third option is for 4 to 6 producers to meet for a 6 hour group session with a Grazing Mentor. You pay \$30 per person and the Program pays the balance for the Grazing Mentor's mentoring and travel expenses.

Funding for the SGMP is provided by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development through the Growing Forward Initiative. To find out more about the program, please contact the ARECA office at 780-416-6046 or visit the Website at www.areca.ab.ca.

The Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) is a not-for-profit organization working with producers to enhance and improve their operations through access to field research and new technology.

Made of up of 17 member associations focused on applied research, demonstrations and extension in the areas of forages, annual crop and livestock production, ARECA acts as a strong united voice for producers by speaking on their behalf to industry leaders and government representatives.

Each member association delivers programs and develops projects that address the concerns and priorities of producers in their specific regions.

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