

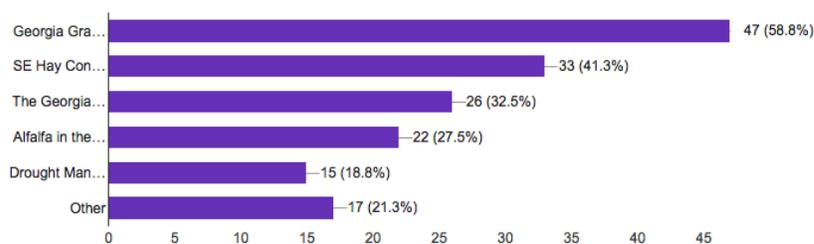
# Results of the Survey of the Impact of UGA Forage Extension on Your Farm or Business

*(Survey conducted late winter 2017)*

Survey was sent to 349 valid emails of participants in our major forage extension programs (e.g., Georgia Grazing School, Forage Conference, SE Hay Convention, themed workshops, etc.). After 5 weeks, we received 88 responses (25.2% response rate, which is considered high). The following is a summary of those responses.

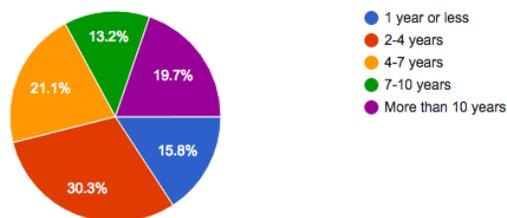
Which of the following major UGA Forage Extension Programs have you participated in (check all that apply)?

(80 responses)



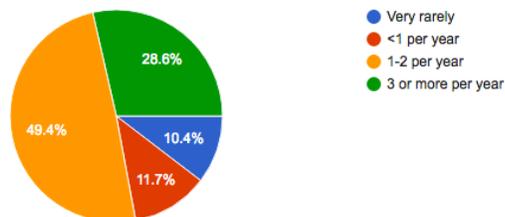
How long have you been attending UGA Forage Extension programs?

(76 responses)



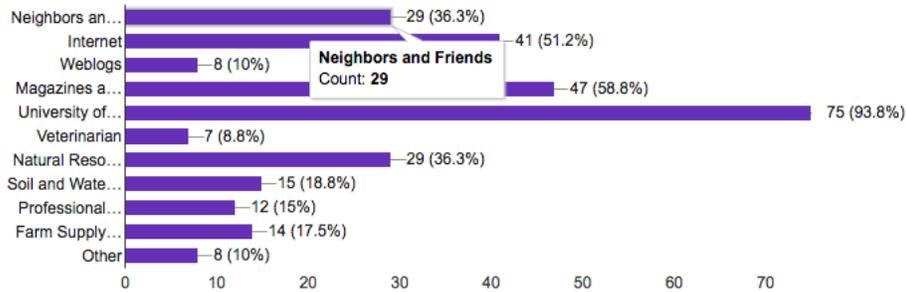
How frequently do you attend COUNTY extension meetings, field days, or other local events in which Dr. Hancock or members of the UGA Forage Team have spoken?

(77 responses)



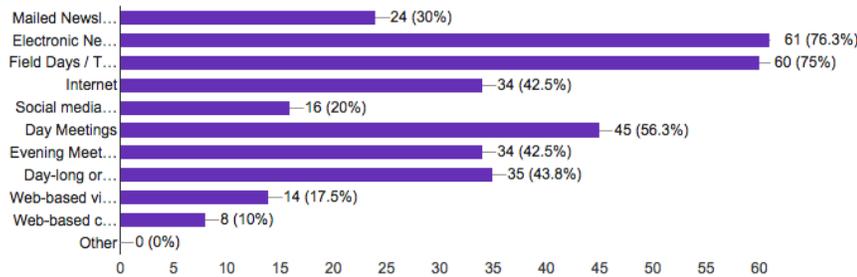
## What are your primary sources of grazing and forage management information? (check all that apply)

(80 responses)



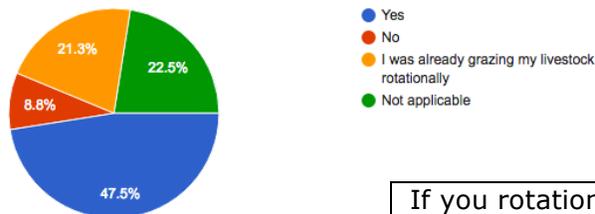
## What are your preferred methods for receiving information? (Check all that apply)

(80 responses)



## Since participating in one of our programs on grazing management, have you started rotational grazing (if applicable)?

(80 responses)

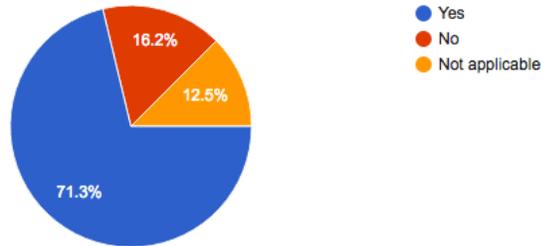


If you rotationally graze, how often do you typically rotate to a new pasture/paddock during the growing season?

Every ____ Days	Frequency
1	4
2	6
3	7
4	1
5	7
7	9
10	2
14	2
20	7
30	9

## Have you changed how you produce, store, or feed hay or silage as a result of attending one of our Extension programs?

(80 responses)



If "yes", then what have you done differently?

covered storage

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Fertilize, Grazing

Cut hay more often and leave more stem when cutting. Modified the location of our watering troughs. Shifted to rotational grazing system. Added rye/wheat combo to grazing rotation.

stored hay in barn and under tarps. Next year will store on tires and pallets.

Added plant tissue sampling to help with fertilization program.

More focus on forage quality

Built hay barn, started balage, using hay feeders

Inside

stood the bales upright and placed under proper tarps. Got bales off the ground.

Rolled out hay, rather than using hay ring

use cone feeders for round bales

Store and select differently

Barn

Upgrade seed and plant types and planting methods

i now make baleage, wrap it 6-8 times, and feed daily

Stored under cover

Store hay on plastic instead of pallets in the barn . Pay more attention to relative humidity when baling than past years.

Less hay more winter forage

More timely cuttings, Store hay in a barn on pallets, Feed one roll at a time

Cut hay on time

More soil testing.

Covered hay supply outdoors

Pesticide applications, and fertilizing applications

I started feeding baleage this year. For the past two years I've been unrolling my hay/baleage when feeding.

split potash applications and more timely application of herbicides and types of herbicides

Soil Test----Apply Techniques learned in UGA Programs

Construction of multiple hay barns for inside storage. Weed control

more attention paid to proper cutting time

Quality rather than quantity. And testing forages.

Used bayledge much more

built hay barn

using hay barn & tarps

makes me more aware of things I need to do

Hay always fed in rings. Built a hay barn

TMR

store in barn,use feeding rings

built more hay barns.

Storing Hay in an more appropriate ways

Built hay storage barn, using some baleage

Provided better higher quality feed, rotational grazing so we have better stands.

Forage testing, soil testing, stacking & storing, wrapping when high moisture

My Cows Only Graze Forage, No Feeding Hay.

Soil test more often. Cut potential hay or balage earlier in the growth stage. Began to bale some baleage Store more of our hay in a storage building or under a hay tarp

I stockpile forage so I don't have to feed as much hay

gone to wrap

produce the best quality, dry storage and feed in ring or hay wagon

many such as testing hay, not storing outside etc

Feed less stored forage

Store hay in barn

changed to Bermuda. added storage

We don't have a hay barn but have purchased and use hay tarps....understanding when and how to cover has been important

Farms only: Please estimate **how much change in net farm income has occurred on your farm** (if applicable) **that you DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTE to management changes you learned about while at one of our UGA Forage Extension programs.** Please provide your answer in a percentage increase or decrease.

Average 16.1% +/- 2.3 percentage points

Agribusiness only: **Please estimate how much change in net income has occurred in your business** (if applicable) **that you DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTE to management changes you learned about while at one of our UGA Forage Extension programs.** Please provide your answer in a percentage increase or decrease.

Average 17.9% +/- 2.3 percentage points

Do you have a success story that you'd like to share with us that illustrates the impact of our Forage Extension programs?

We added new hay rings and decreased our hay usage by nearly 40%. Huge savings

Almost doubled capacity of my pastures by switching from a 7 day rotation to a 2-3 day rotation. Increased soil health, and quicker and thicker growback of forage.

The Alfalfa

Not yet.

Hay fields are performing better than ever due to crop selection and fertilization programs. All we need now is water.

Promotion of Georgia developed alfalfa i.e. Bulldog 505 Alfagraz 600

Not much of a talker

Plenty of success stories with regards to pesticide application.

After many years of trying to establish legumes we have met with success. Thanks Dennis.

Helped 100% with establishment and management of Russell Bermuda Grass

Come look at my cows and pastures. They speak for themselves.

I have started a very aggressive alfalfa program. I have also changed the forage types in my pastures.

Increased carrying capacity due to rotational grazing. Push to build hay storage barn.

Drought caused me to run of grass early July. Grazed my hayfields until late August. I let the cows make the last cutting. No fuel, no twine, no work.

I have learned a Great deal from these Classes and I believe it is vital to running a Successful Business  
 3rd place in Southeastern Hay contest  
 Got me out of Hot Humid SW Florida faster

To what extent did the information you received at one or more of our UGA Forage Extension programs help you to attain your goals for the following topics?

	Not at all	2	3	4	A Major Help	Not applicable	Averages
<b>Increased Pasture Productivity</b>	2	2	11	21	35	7	4.13888889
<b>Increased hay productivity</b>	3	4	13	21	21	15	3.85483871
<b>Increased forage persistence</b>	2	4	16	25	25	4	3.93055556
<b>Decreased winter hay feeding</b>	4	1	19	17	21	14	3.80645161
<b>Decreased soil erosion</b>	2	6	18	15	21	13	3.75806452
<b>Decreased weed pressure</b>	2	6	13	25	28	4	3.95945946
<b>Decreased insect pressure</b>	4	14	16	18	16	11	3.41176471
<b>Increased forage quality</b>	0	3	10	22	37	4	4.29166667
<b>Increased animal performance</b>	2	5	8	20	28	12	4.06349206
<b>Improvement in water quality</b>	3	6	11	21	17	16	3.74137931
<b>Improved soil health and fertility</b>	2	4	12	19	35	4	4.125
<b>Improvement in daily routine on the farm</b>	3	5	17	21	24	6	3.8
<b>Improvement in lifestyle and/or enjoyment of the farm</b>	3	4	21	18	26	5	3.83333333