

# GRAZING WORKSHOP

Friday, May 5th, 2023 | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
YMCA Roberts Ranch | Comfort, TX

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- 8:15 AM Sign-In**
- 8:30 AM Introduction & Overview of the Day**
- What is healthy land?
  - How do we read trends in ecosystem health for effective management?
  - What are the links between animal performance, soil health, water cycle, and mineral cycling?
- 9:45 AM Time in the field**
- Learn to read the land for ecosystem function, health, and stressors
  - Interpret what is lacking and decide on next steps towards low-cost improvements
- 11:15 AM Back to the pavilion for review of field work and Q&A**
- 11:30 AM Lunch**
- 12:30 PM Case studies in the pavilion**
- Understanding animal days per acre and how to measure forage yield
  - Matching animal values to forage yield early
  - Grazing planning for effective plant recovery, animal performance, and risk management
- 2:00 PM Using a Holistic Perspective to decide on your next investment of time and/or money**
- 3:00 PM Darron Gaus**, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), *NCAT work at Roberts Ranch, Soil for Water, Resources for Landowners*
- 3:20 PM Amanda Kirchner**, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), *NRCS Resources for Landowners*
- 3:40 PM Closing Remarks**

