

Speaker Biographical Information

An Peischel

An Peischel is the Tennessee State University/University of Tennessee Extension Goat and Small Ruminant Specialist, Nashville, Tennessee where she leads the Master Meat Goat Producer program that provides in-service training for extension personnel and ranchers/farmers. She is a nationally recognized authority on all aspects of meat goat production and marketing, as well as using goat grazing to effectively manage vegetation to achieve outcomes such as, land enhancement, riparian area restoration, weed abatement and stream bank reclamation.

She started her business, Goats Unlimited, in 1985 in the Hawaiian Islands where she also taught Holistic Management, range management, beef/sheep/poultry/goat/horse production and livestock handling at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. She then relocated herself and her goats to California where she used her goats to accomplish fuel load reduction, fire breaking and Yellow Star Thistle eradication in cattle pastures. While in California she also taught classes in international food and fiber production, Holistic Management and a course called Food Forever at California State University at Chico

Roger Ingram

Roger Ingram is the University of California Cooperative Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor for Placer and Nevada counties. He holds BS and MS degrees in Animal Science from Texas A & M University. Since 2002, Roger has been instrumental in the development of a business plan and conducting market research with High Sierra Beef, a six county producer controlled corporation that markets grass-finished beef. He is currently working with a group of northern California sheep producers interested in collaboratively marketing lamb to consumers, restaurants and retail stores.

In 1992, Roger co-founded the California Grazing Academy, a live-in, hands-on camp for ranchers wanting to apply management intensive grazing practices. In 2003, he established the California Browsing Academy, a hands-on school using goats. In 1993, Roger took a sabbatical leave to study one on one with Bud Williams to learn and apply low-stress livestock handling techniques. Roger co-founded the sustainable Ranching Research and Education Project. Funded by multiple grants, his long-term research helped find practical ways to improve the profitability, productivity and sustainability of ranching. Roger has conducted over a thousand workshops for producers on topics including animal health, low-stress livestock handling, controlled grazing and direct marketing. Roger is currently working on a research project on grazing sheep in vineyards. A California Sheep Academy is planned for September 2007.

Craig Madsen

Craig Madsen is the subcontractor who provided and managed the goats and served as a collaborator on the USDA/SARE Implementing Weed Control through Multi-Species Grazing project. He has over 20 years experience working on range and pasture management issues, including prescribed grazing systems, resource inventory and evaluation and monitoring. He was a Range Management Specialist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for 14 years, and has worked as an independent rancher and range consultant since leaving the agency to establish Healing Hooves, LLC. in 2002. Healing Hooves uses goats as a tool to help clients create their landscape goal. The goats are managed to target undesirable plants and to reduce fire risk for clients. Craig has managed his goats on projects in eastern and western Washington, as well as north Idaho. Craig earned a B.S. in Range Management and Wildlife Resources from the University of Idaho and he is a Certified Educator in Holistic Management.

Doug Warnock

Doug Warnock started a consulting business in 1996 following retirement from Washington State University Cooperative Extension after 35-years of service. His business includes advising agricultural producers and natural resources managers, conducting workshops on Holistic Management and consensus building, and writing articles for agricultural and management publications. He received a B.S. degree in General Agriculture from Oregon State University and an M.S. in Animal Science from Washington State University.

Doug is widely experienced and professionally qualified in the areas of animal science and range management, as well as in facilitating collaborative efforts. He recently completed training to facilitate workshops in animal behavior as it relates to grazing management (BEHAVE). He is trained and experienced in rangeland/pasture monitoring with the Land EKG monitoring process. He is certified as a facilitator for seeking consensus between groups in conflict by Consensus Associates. He is also a Certified Educator of Holistic Management with Holistic Management International. The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists recognizes him as a Professional Animal Scientist.

Michael Crowder

Michael Crowder received an M.S. degree from Purdue University in Wildlife Science in 2000, as well as A.S. and B.S. degrees in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from Vincennes University and Purdue University in 1996 and 1998 respectively. He is currently General Manager of the Barker Ranch, a 2,000 acre private wetland restoration project and recreation area in West Richland, Washington, where he focuses on waterfowl and moist-soil management.

Michael is also an adjunct professor at Washington State University Tri-Cities in Environmental Science and Regional Planning and teaches classes on wetland restoration, wildlife science, and ecology. Major research topics have included avian interactions with power lines, waterfowl ecology, freshwater mussels, aquatic weed control, and multi-species grazing. He is currently vice-president of the Waterfowl Advisory Group for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, and has previously served as a member of the Irrigation System Aquatic Weed Control Permit Advisory Committee for the Washington Department of Ecology.

Amy Hummer

During the course of the USDA/SARE Implementing Weed Control through Multi-Species Grazing project Amy Hummer was a WSU Tri-Cities M.S. graduate student. This was her thesis project during the summers of 2004 and 2005. She observed, recorded and sampled the impact of cattle and goat grazing on Russian olive, grasses and native and non-native forbs in the replicated plots located in a riparian wetland on the Barker Ranch. She was able to observe how vegetation utilization differed when cattle grazed the plots first, followed by goats or when goats grazed first, followed by cattle. She also noted the forage preferences of cattle and goats.