

Follow up: Fall Workshop 2011 at Redberry Lake

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Jason Williams Explaining How to Achieve the Best Results from Effective Fencing Systems.

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This time the fall workshop of the Redberry Lake Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan (AEGP) focused on winter-management. Twenty ranchers and specialists came to the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Research and Education Centre on the lake to learn more about various fencing and watering options available for livestock.

The opener was Jason Williams, of Vintag Services Ltd. He explained how to achieve the best results from effective

fencing systems and offered producers to practise some fencing techniques on a replica of a fence. Jeremy Brown, agrologist with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, showed different ways of livestock watering systems which are currently used by Saskatchewan's livestock producers. He pinpointed best ways to avoid water contamination by livestock and soil erosion around the site and on the other hand to improve water quality for livestock and to protect wildlife habitat. The workshop continued with a field trip visiting two farms near Hafford. The participants were introduced to different examples on winter grazing techniques: oats and peas as well as standing corn.

“I encourage all producers growing livestock and forages to come to our workshops and to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) like fencing or watering systems on their farms” says Rachel Turnquist, the local AEGP technician for the Redberry Lake watershed. “Through the AEGP program they will be rewarded for their contribution to sustainable farming.”

The Redberry Lake Watershed Agri-Environmental Group Plan (AEGP) organizes various workshops addressing farmers and especially livestock producers. The next workshop will be held on January 10, 2012 in the Ukrainian National Hall in Hafford.