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### **2009 Black Cowboy and Agrarian Cultural Festival Kicks Off with Natural Resources Workshop**

*Native Warm Season Grass Planting and Demonstration on Thursday, April 30, at Greenfield Farm in Rembert, SC*

*April 16, 2009, Sumter, SC*—A workshop highlighting the benefits of native warm season grass establishment for wildlife will kick off the 2009 Black Cowboy and Agrarian Cultural Festival in Rembert, South Carolina.

The April 30, 2009, workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Greenfield Farm, and will feature conservation specialists from USDA and Clemson Extension, discussing topics such as Farm Bill programs, record keeping and nutrient management, marketing, and a native grass planting demonstration.

Participants should register by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, for the free workshop (which includes a Western barbeque lunch) by emailing [Wilfred.pace@sc.usda.gov](mailto:Wilfred.pace@sc.usda.gov), or call (803) 245-4311, ext. 108.

The Black Cowboy Festival originated in 1997 and was created by Mark and Sandra Myers, founders of the Black Cultural Enlightenment Society. The Society is a non-profit organization which seeks to share the history, culture, and contributions of the African American Cowboy. Visit [www.members.tripod.com/blackcowboyfest/index.htm](http://www.members.tripod.com/blackcowboyfest/index.htm) for more information.

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