

Smutgrass Producer Survey – 2015

In an effort to understand the current situation of smutgrass and smutgrass management in Florida pastures and rangeland, we are asking that you please take a few minutes and fill out this short survey. All answers are anonymous and no attempt will be made to identify respondents to this survey. If you encounter problems with this survey, please contact Dr. Brent Sellers (863-735-1314; sellersb@ufl.edu). Upon completion of this survey, you can fax it to 863-735-1930, email it to sellersb@ufl.edu, mail it to Brent Sellers, 3401 Experiment Station, Ona, FL 33865, or return it to your county extension agent. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. How many of your pastures have smutgrass?

- 0%
- 1-25%
- 26-50%
- 51-75%
- 76-100%

2. Please estimate the percentage of your smutgrass infestation. This estimate should include a total estimate of all pastures infested with smutgrass. For example, if you have two pastures and one is 50% infested and the other 0% infested, the average would be 25%.

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- 1-25%
- 26-50%
- 51-75%
- 76-100%

3. What grass forages are you growing on your ranch? (mark all that apply)

- Bahiagrass
- Bermudagrass
- Stargrass
- Limpograss/Hemarthria
- Other (please specify)_____

4. Smutgrass is most prevalent in which forage grass on your ranch?

- Bahiagrass
- Bermudagrass
- Limpograss/Hemarthria
- It doesn't matter, it's everywhere
- Other (please specify)_____

5. What is your perception of the change in smutgrass infestation over the last five years on the land that you manage?
- It has decreased
 - It has stayed the same
 - It has increased slightly
 - It has increased significantly
6. Do your cattle consume smutgrass?
- Definitely yes
 - Probably yes
 - Maybe
 - Probably not
 - Definitely not
 - No smutgrass present on my ranch
7. When do you see your cattle consuming smutgrass? (mark all that apply)
- Never, they do not eat it
 - They always eat it
 - In the spring
 - In the summer
 - In the winter
8. What do you know about smutgrass management? Please provide information as to how you would manage smutgrass on your ranch. How confident are you that you could implement a management plan that would reduce smutgrass densities to a manageable level?
9. How do you currently manage smutgrass in your pastures? (mark all that apply)
- Broadcast application of hexazinone (Velpar, etc.)
 - Spot treatment with hexazinone (Velpar, etc.)
 - Spot treatment with glyphosate (Roundup, etc.)
 - Weed wiper with hexazinone (Velpar, etc.)
 - Weed wiper with glyphosate (Roundup, etc.)
 - Burning
 - Burning followed by grazing
 - I have not had to manage smutgrass
 - I have given up and quit trying to manage smutgrass on my ranch

10. Are you familiar with integrated weed management practices?

- Yes
- No

11. What information would you like to know about smutgrass and smutgrass management?

12. Please indicate the number of acres you manage for ranching purposes?

- less than 50
- 51-100
- 101-500
- 501-1,000
- 1,000 or more

13. How much are you willing to spend to control smutgrass in your pastures?

- \$10/Acre
- \$20/Acre
- \$30/Acre
- \$40/Acre
- \$50/Acre

14. What economic impact has smutgrass had on the profitability of your ranch? Please include both increases in cost and decreases in revenue on a \$/Acre basis.

15. How has the presence of smutgrass in your grazinglands affected your ranching operation (i.e. lower stocking rate, etc.)?

16. What county or counties is your ranch located?