As you may know, I'm a HUGE fan of great photography. I find a lot of truth in the old adage “A picture says a thousand words.” I use photos routinely as a communication tool to educate or promote a practice. Of course, as an art form, photos are also among the most effective means of reflecting a sentiment or feeling.

Many of you have shared your photos with me, either by email, on social media websites, or in person. I know many of you would like to share those pictures with others, too. Here is an opportunity to do just that!

It is my pleasure to announce the 2013 Georgia Forages Photo Contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize, through photography, the multi-faceted uses of forages in Georgia. This contest is open to anyone who would like to share their photos with the Georgia Forages community. There is no entry fee for participating in this contest. Entrants can submit color digital photo files to Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA Forage Extension Specialist by merely emailing the entry to Dr. Hancock. The entry form used last year is NOT needed. However, Dr. Hancock will follow up with you after receiving the photo to confirm entry and obtain any further information.

Entries will be placed into one of six categories. The photo categories include:

a. Harvested Forages
b. Grazing
c. Education
d. Wildlife and Conservation
e. Troubleshooting (e.g., nutrient deficiencies, diseases, etc.)
f. Open

Entries must be received by October 1st. Winners will be selected by the UGA Forage Extension Agent Team and will be announced on October 15th, at the beginning of the Sunbelt Ag Expo. Certificates will be awarded for the best photos. The top 3 photos in each category will be enlarged and displayed at the Sunbelt Ag Expo at the “Ask the Expert” booth in the Livestock Pavilion. Photo entries will also be posted to a website for public viewing. Entrants do not have to attend the Expo to participate in the Photo Contest.

Credit will be given to the photographer and the photographer will retain all rights to their entry (i.e., for sale, duplication, or use other than publicly displaying the entry for the purposes of the contest).

Please Note: The deadline for the 2013 Georgia Forages Photo Contest is October 1, 2013.