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2009 Grazing Walks in Southeast and Southcentral Pennsylvania

The grazing walks are designed for anyone interested in grazing.
At the walks, we'll learn from the practices used on the farm and from each other in discussions.

No reservations are needed. All walks will be held rain or shine.

For more information or questions, call Dan Ludwig, NRCS, at 717-274-2597, Ext. 119;
Mena Hautau or Morgan Firestine, Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County, at 610-378-1327,
or your county extension educator.

*These walks are co-sponsored by Southeast Project Grass, Natural Resources Conservation Service,
and Penn State Cooperative Extension.*

Date: May 14, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Place: Leroy Sunday, 1021 Crystal Cave Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 (Northeastern Berks County)

About the Farm: This 214-acre beef farm presently has 30 brood cows/heifers. Plans are to have 60 cows and finish offspring. Leroy has protected a stream, concreted and roofed a dry lot area, developed a spring for water, and converted the majority of cropland to an intensive rotational system grazing system.

Highlights:

- Recently converted 130 acres of cropland to rotational grazing, which includes over 11,400 feet of four strands of perimeter fencing, 9,000 feet of animal laneway fencing, and 6,000 feet of two strands of interior paddock fencing.
- 90 acres of newly-seeded cool-season grasses.
- Grazing system on five-day paddock rotation.
- Use cost-sharing with NRCS, Pheasants Forever, and Berks County Conservation District "Growing Greener" funds.

Directions: Follow Rt. 222 to Moselem Springs. Turn west on Rt. 662 towards Shoemakersville. Go past Moselem Springs Golf Course and turn right (north on Rt. 143 to Virginville). When Rt. 143 turns left, go straight on Crystal Cave Road. Follow Crystal Cave Road about three miles to farm on right. There's a Beef Quality Assurance sign at the lane. (Telephone 610-683-8434)



Date: June 12, 2009
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Place: Keepsake Farm and Dairy, 3286 Pheasant Drive, Northampton, PA 18067 (Northampton County)

About the Farm: Keepsake Farm is a newly established dairy farm in Northampton County. John Place has renovated the dairy barn and is currently milking approximately 30 head of crossbred cattle. John has established perimeter fencing and his cool season grass pastures. His plans include constructing concrete heavy use areas with an animal waste storage system, as well as pipelines and animal walkways in the pastures.

Highlights:

- Grass-based dairy (grazes during the summer; feeds balage during winter).
- Moves and milks the cattle one time per day.
- Markets raw milk and other dairy products at store on farm.

Directions: From US-22 in Allentown, take PA-512 North to town of Bath. At 3rd light, turn left onto PA-248 and follow PA-248 for 4 miles to farm on right. (Telephone 610-248-8379)

Date: June 17, 2009
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: Beulah Land Jerseys, 34 Lincoln School Road, Jonestown, PA 17038 (Lebanon County)

About the Farm: Dennis Wenger and his family own and operate an organic pasture-based dairy farm. This is a seasonal dairy with 50 lactating Jerseys and 50 acres of pasture. All of the mature cows and a portion of the youngstock are housed outdoors year-round. Cows typically calve late February through March and are dried off in late December. Heifer calves stay with their mothers for 8-10 weeks after birth, while bull calves are typically sold at two weeks of age. The grazing system includes cool season and warm season grass paddocks.

Highlights:

- Raw milk permit - customers call to place their order and pick up the order after the next milking.
- Plan to transition to milking once a day after all of the cows calved this spring.

Agenda: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Informational speakers and time to visit with vendors.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hot/cold lunch buffet and door prizes.
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pasture walk and time to visit with vendors.

Cost: \$6.00 to help cover the costs of the event. (Children under 5 years old are free.)
To register, call Lynette Gelsinger, 717-272-3908, Ext. 116, by June 12th.

Directions: Follow I-78 West and merge onto US 22 via Exit 8 toward Fredericksburg/PA 343/Lebanon (ramp on left). Travel on US 22 for 9 miles and then turn right on Lincoln School Road (landmark - Farmer's Wife Restaurant on left). Travel less than a mile and the farm is on the right. (Telephone 717-865-7158)

Date: July 9, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Place: Green Haven Farm, 99 Noll Lane, Fleetwood, PA 19522 (Berks County)

About the Farm: The Moyer's pasture poultry production farm has low overhead costs and relatively quick returns, which is a preferred technique for new and experienced farmers. If you are looking to start a pasture poultry operation or expand upon an existing one, this is a chance to learn from Brian Moyer, an experienced pasture poultry producer, and Jeff Mattocks from Fertrell, who has been formulating diets for farm livestock since 1997. We will walk the farm and see the nitty gritty of how this pasture operation function s. →

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Directions:

From the North: Take Rt. 222 south to Rt. 662. Turn left onto Rt. 662 and follow it up to Main Street in Fleetwood. Turn right at the light onto Main Street and then turn left at the next light (this is Rt. 662 again). Follow 662 for about 2 or 3 miles to the traffic light at Rt. 12 (Pricetown Road). Turn right onto Rt. 12 and go about 1 mile to Walnuttown Road. Turn right onto Walnuttown Road and go 1 mile to Noll Lane on your left. Turn left onto Noll Lane and go to the very end of the lane. The lane dead ends at the farm. (Telephone 610-944-9349)

From Boyertown: Take Rt. 73 west towards Oley. Go through Oley to the traffic light at Rt. 12 (Pricetown Road). Turn right onto Rt. 12 and go about a 1/2 mile to Walnuttown Road. Turn left onto Walnuttown Road and go 1 mile to Noll Lane on your left. Turn left onto Noll Lane and go to the very end of the lane. The lane dead ends at the farm. (Telephone 610-944-9349)

Date: July 16, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Broadwater Farm, 2432 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 (Chester County)

About the Farm: Bill and Liz Andersen began their grazing operation in 2007 with a small herd of cattle and sheep. They have installed perimeter fencing and pipelines in the pasture for their grazing system. Since then they have acquired a small herd of Angus cattle and Dorset sheep and began raising pastured poultry.

Highlights:

- Participating in NRCS EQIP program to install watering system and animal walkways.
- Installed well with solar pump and storage tank to provide water for the grazing system.
- Water lines installed to provide water in each grazing paddock.
- Own and operate Charlestown Farm CSA.

Directions: From the PA Turnpike, take the Downingtown Exit (312) and drive South on PA-100 for approximately 1.5 miles and turn left on to PA-113 (Uwchlan Avenue). Follow PA-113 North for approximately 7 miles and turn right on Cold Stream Road. Travel on Cold Stream to Charlestown Road and turn right. Drive 1 mile and farm is on the left—a narrow paved road before creek. (Telephone 610-933-0486)

Date: August 13, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Jeff Mowrer Farm, 2950 Swamp Creek Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074 (Montgomery County)

About the Farm: Jeff Mowrer runs an established grazing operation at his home farm with an average herd of 80 Angus beef cattle. Jeff has established fencing, both perimeter and interior/temporary, on his mixed grass pastures with no-tilled annuals and/or stockpiled forages (i.e., oats). Jeff plans on incorporating more pasture into the existing rotation through expanded perimeter and interior fencing and watering facilities which will include annual grasses/forages.

Highlights:

- Grass-based beef operation (grazes during the growing season; feeds balage during winter).
- Successfully winters cattle within seasonal pastures on restricted areas.
- Has a previously existing walkway, and watering and fencing systems funded through WHIP.

Directions: From Rt. 73 east out of Boyertown, continue east for 6 miles and turn right onto Fagleysville Road. Continue on Fagleysville Road for 1.5 miles and turn left on Swamp Creek Road. The farm headquarters will be ahead at the 90 degree corner. (Telephone 610-637-4204)



Note: The following two grazing walks are on the same day but at different times.

Date: September 14, 2009
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: Mark Lopez, Wholesome Dairy Farms, 136 Camp Road, Douglassville, PA 19518 (Berks County)

About the Farm: Mark Lopez, DVM, returned to the family farm in 2007 to re-establish a dairy operation. His goal from the beginning was to produce high quality milk for consumers. He has 41 Guernsey cows on approximately 50 acres.

Highlights:

- The farm make-up is 50 acres permanent pasture and 10 acres newly seeded pasture/hay land. The new seeding includes several kinds of grasses, including orchardgrass, perennial rye, Ladino clover and alfalfa.
- A farm market was established and a portion of the milk is marketed directly. The farm has a raw milk license. A farm goal is high milk quality. The farm market includes other products, such as eggs, cheese and honey.

Directions: The farm is off Rt. 562 between Yellow House and Earlville. Traveling east towards Boyertown on Rt. 562 from Yellow House, turn left on to Camp Road. There is a large sign for a camp and a smaller sign for the farm at the road entrance. Follow Camp Road in past several houses. It will dead end at the farm. (Telephone 610-621-0508)

Date: September 14, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Phox Phallian Farm, 210 Oberholtzer Rd., Gilbertsville, PA 19525 (Montgomery County)

About the Farm: Tony and Ann Steiert are the owners of Phox Phallian Farm. They purchased this preserved farm 12 years ago and converted the land into hay and pasture ground. On average, there are 50 horses on the farm which are Hanoverian Cross and pastures are managed for grazing.

Highlights:

- 20 acres of pasture divided into six paddocks with permanent fence—one dedicated for stallion turn-out. Restricted access on pastures during winter/sacrifice pasture.
- Bred mares are entirely fed a grass diet.
- Farming 115 surrounding acres for hay when pastures are not fit for grazing.

Directions: From Rt. 100 north out of Boyertown, continue for ½ mile until the next stop light (Hollenbach Home Center will be on your extreme right). Turn right and a quick left onto County Line Road. Follow for 1 ¼ miles to Oberholtzer Road. Turn right onto Oberholtzer Road and follow ¼ mile to Schlegel Road (gravel road). Turn right on Schlegel Road. Farm entrance is in 100 yards on your right. (Telephone 610-754-7764)

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