

Managed Grazing Classes

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Offered this Summer through Early Fall by Madison Area Technical College

Farmers in Wisconsin have been using Managed Grazing systems to feed their livestock for at least 30 years. During that time the use of grazing networks, made up of neighbors sharing their experience through pasture walks, has been a valuable teaching tool for those interested in exploring how to incorporate managed grazing practices on their farm. These farmers have helped each other solve problems and explore new technology.

Madison College, in partnership with UW Extension and Sauk County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning, is offering a series of pasture management courses in Sauk County as a way to continue this valuable experiential learning tool. For more information visit: <http://madisoncollege.edu/farm-business-management>

Each month from June through September we will hold grazing classes, or pasture walks, at a different farm exploring how they manage their animals on pasture.

The first class will be held on June 17th, 2014 10:00AM-12:00PM at Larry and Bridget Mundth farm, located at S4340 CTH S Reedsburg, WI.

Class Topic: How to Maintain Good Productivity in Your Pastures

Larry and Bridget are managing both dairy and beef herds on their pasture which has been in managed grazing since the early 1990's. At this pasture walk we will learn how the Mundth's maintain their long-term grazing system through:

- ♦ Management strategies, inter-seeding, rest periods and effective grazing lengths
- ♦ Pasture conservation practices used to help maintain their system
- ♦ Beef and dairy herd management practices
- ♦ Body condition scoring (BCS) demonstration to evaluate animal health and feeding efficiency by UW-Extension Agriculture Agent Katie Pfeiffer

Each student will receive a packet materials related to the topics discussed and lists of other resources to assist graziers.



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