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Dear Great Lakes Grazier,

This introduction will be short and sweet. My main goal is to announce several more exciting programs that are taking place over the next few weeks. The biggest introduction is the announcement that the 2022 Beginner Grazing School registration is open, and classes start August 30. Please see the flyer for more information.

You will also see that I have included events that are taking place out of state. The 2022 Silvopasture Showcase Tour in New York’s Finger Lake Region is one that, if you can make the trip, will be well worth your time. Brett Chedzoy is the coordinator of this event, and he is the person that Monica Jean, Julie Crick, and I have been working with on Silvopasture related events here in Michigan. I first met Brett when a group of us (which included Jerry Lindquist) went to the 2017 Grassfed Exchange in Albany New York and attended a tour and session that Brett and his colleagues organized.

Pasture walk season is still going, and as you will see from this newsletter, we are going to have some good events again this month. It’s a great time to get out and connect with old friends, meet new ones, learn something, and share some of your knowledge. Please see the flyers attached and do reach out to me if you have questions.

Kable Thurlow
 MSUE Beef & Grazing Educator

Success is not Final; Failure is not Fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts. Winston S. Churchill

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MSUE BEGINNING GRAZING SCHOOL

DATE:

Online Classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday August 30 Thru September 21 from 12:00pm-1:00 pm EST. The in-person event will be held on October 6, 2022, from 9:00am-4:30pm EST. (Lunch provided at the in-person event)

HOW TO REGISTER:

All classes will be offered live, they will also be available as a recording. You can register after the classes begin, and will have access to the recorded sessions that you missed. Registration ends on October 2, 2022 @ 11:59 pm EST. To register online, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BGS2022/>
COST: \$100 per person for online and in-person sessions
\$65 per person for online only sessions/ no hands-on learning experience
No refunds after Sept. 19, 2022.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Farmers and landowners who graze dairy, livestock and small ruminant animals, and want the latest animal and forage research on grazing management.

PROGRAM AGENDA:

- August 30: Introduction to school and overview of grazing terms
- August 31: Graziers are Grass Farmers!
- September 6: Soil Health and Fertility
- September 7: Nutrition, Health and Welfare of Grazing Animals
- September 13: Pasture Establishment and Renovations,
- September 14: Fencing & Water Systems for Grazing Management
- September 20: Pasture Allocation, Stock Density, Costs
- September 21: Designing a Grazing Plan
- October 6: In-Person Session Covering Various Topics

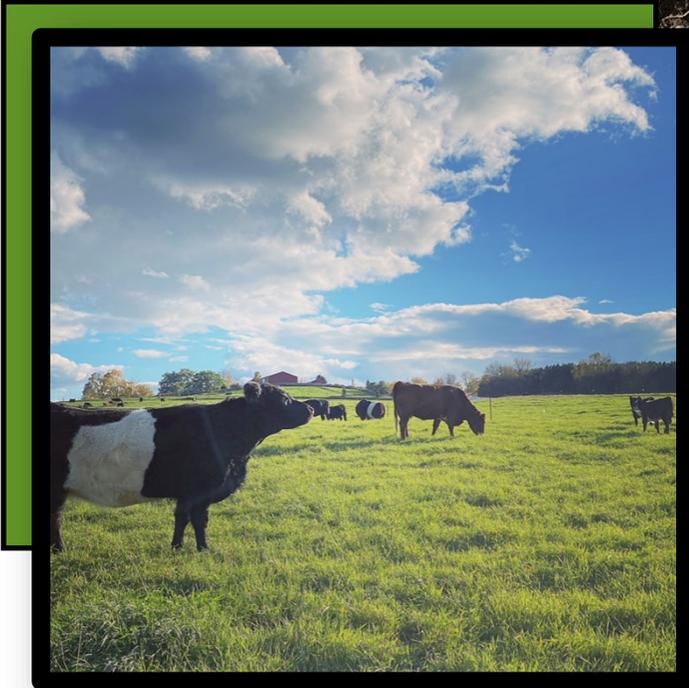
EXPERTS:

- Kim Cassida, Forage Specialist
- Richard Erhardt, Small Ruminant Specialist
- Kevin Gould, Beef Educator
- Paul Gross, Field Crops Educator
- Phil Kaatz, Field Crops Educator
- Kable Thurlow, Beef and Grazing Educator
- Frank Wardynski, Ruminant Educator

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2022 Pasture Walk Series

Come see innovative agriculture practices that can improve farm soil health and increase productivity!



- July 11th 6:00—8:00 pm

Hinken Farms

9681 E 80th St, Reed City MI 49677

- August 15th 6:00-8:00 pm

Mitchell Cat Creek Farms

15412 Hersey Rd, Hersey MI 49639

- September 21st 6:00-8:00pm

Grindstone Farms

11744 50th Ave, Evart MI 49631

Please join us at each location in the series where different practices will be highlighted. NRCS & MAEAP will be on hand for discussions on programs that are available.



MAEAP Phase 1 Event

Please call 231-465-8005 or email

brandi.mitchell@macd.org to RSVP



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DAIRY  GRAZING
— APPRENTICESHIP —

USDA 2501 PROGRAM

ON-FARM EVENT



Join Us!

September 9th, 2022 * 11:00am-2:00pm

Wing Nut Farm * 7211 Cranberry Lake Rd* Jonesville, MI

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT [HERE](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DGA-NATIONAL.ORG

Event Contact Ashley Pierce 518-265-2658 or Jessica Duran 517-662-0509

* MANAGED GRAZING DAIRY DEMONSTRATIONS, CALF REARING, RAISING CALVES ON MOM

* PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL USDA AGENTS

* ALL DEMOS AND PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

* Q&A WITH DGA MENTOR AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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2022 Silvopasture Showcase Tour

In New York's Southern Finger Lakes Region

Thursday and Friday September 15 & 16, 2022



Join us for this not-to-be missed opportunity to see successful silvopasturing in action and network with fellow practitioners and supporters. We will visit several farms over the course of two days to share how silvopasturing is being utilized on a diversity of grazing operations in New York's Southern Finger Lakes Region. Details for each farm and a tentative schedule are below, including some lodging and dining options. To help us plan for this unique tour, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of the early registration discount of \$69 by registering here: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Silvopasturetour_244 by Monday, August 15th. Registration after that date will cost \$89 and registration will close Friday September 9th at noon, or sooner if tour capacity is reached. No walk-ins will be accepted due to the logistical considerations of bus transportation and provided lunch on the first day of the tour. Thanks to the generous support of the Edwards Mother Earth Foundation and other sponsors, a limited number of discounted registrations are available. See below for more information on how to apply. We anticipate that the maximum tour capacity will be reached before the September 9th deadline, so register today at: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Silvopasturetour_244

Open House



*You are invited to Savanna Institute's
new campus in Spring Green, Wisconsin.*

Saturday, September 17th, 1:00–4:30 pm
North Farm, E6828 State Rd 60, Spring Green, Wisconsin

**Join us for an open house to see our agroforestry
research and education taking root on the North Farm.**

SCHEDULE:

Deep Rooted Foods Table

Enjoy local agroforestry products prepared by
food advocate **Odessa Piper**.

Driftless Nutshell Talks

Share and hear five-minute stories about the area,
hosted by local author **Curt Meine**.

Farm Tour

See our new nursery and hazelnut research trials
with Savanna Institute's farm director **Erik Hagan**.

River Float

Join the Wisconsin River Alliance for a
float down the Lower Wisconsin Riverway.
Swimming and exploring welcome;
life jackets, boats and paddles provided.



RSVP Requested

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