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Pasture walks planned across Wisconsin this summer

CHIPPEWA FALLS – Farmers looking for sustainable and cost-effective practices to apply on their farms are invited to take part in pasture walks happening across the state this summer. Wisconsin Farmers Union is pleased to be partnering with River Country RC&D, Southwest Badger RC&D and Glacierland RC&D to present a full line-up of events highlighting innovative farms and some of the state's top graziers.

"Interest in grazing continues to grow as farmers look to be better stewards of the land, increase animal comfort and improve their cost efficiencies," said Wisconsin Farmers Union Executive Director Tom Quinn. "We're pleased to be able to join forces with local RC&D groups to give farmers a glimpse on the 'other side of the fence' and the chance to get out and see grazing practices in action across Wisconsin."

Learn more at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com. Upcoming events include: _

RIVER COUNTRY RC&D

- ELK MOUND — June 13, 6pm, Holm Family Farm, E10025 690th Ave., how grazing benefits the watershed.
- ALMA CENTER — July 18, 7:30pm, Prindle Farms, W11245 Prindle Rd., organic pasture management.
- DEER PARK — July 24, 6:30pm, Cylon Rolling Acres, 1956 240th St., raising meat goats on pasture.
- TAYLOR — Aug. 16, 1-3pm, Nathan Kling Farm, W15503 Kelly Rd., adding acres and organic production.
- WHEELER — Aug. 22, 6:30pm, Blue Ox Farm, N11253 St. Rd. 25, restorative grazing with sheep and beef.
- COLFAX — Aug. 24, 12:30pm, John Richmond Farm, 12454 20th St., farm transition and dairy.
- BALDWIN — Sept. 15, 3pm, Scott & Marie Belz, 1063 230th St., grazing beef, handling facility and River Country RC&D Annual Picnic.
- HOLMEN — Sept. 22, 1pm, Todd & Tonia Wright, W7091 Gaarder Rd., working with a journeyman graduate.
- GILMAN — Oct. TBD, Kevin Mahalko Farm, 34717 Highway 64, grazing dairy for grass milk.
- COLFAX — Nov. TBD, Brad & Melissa Larson, N10688 Cty. M, fall cover crops & how they fit in a grazing operation.

For more details about River Country RC&D walks and to RSVP contact Mary C. Anderson at 715-579-2206 or Kevin Mahalko at 715-314-0338.

SOUTHWEST BADGER RC&D



- FALL RIVER — June 14, 9am-12pm Fountain Prairie Farm, 1901 WI-16, understanding the design and layout of your system. \$40. Info: Randy Zaugbaum 608-745-3192.
- FALL RIVER — July 12, 9am-12pm=Fountain Prairie Farm, 1901 WI-16, implementing your grazing plan. \$40. Info: Randy Zaugbaum 608-745-3193.
- BROADHEAD — July 15, 1-4pm, Riemer Family Farm, W2252 Riemer Rd., grazing planning for grass-fed beef on rented land. Potluck after. \$20. <http://estore.learnrowconnect.org/home/Adult-Workshops/FIELD-DAY-Grazing-Planning.html>
- FALL RIVER — Aug. 9, 9am-12pm, Fountain Prairie Farm, 1901 WI-16, managed grazing workshop. \$40. Info: Randy Zaugbaum 608-745-3194
- BLUE RIVER — Aug. 21, 10:30am-12pm 1435 Old Blue River Rd., Kickapoo Grazing Initiative. Info: Ryan Studnicka 608-383-3389.

For more details about Southwest Badger events, contact Robert Bauer at 608-732-1202.

GLACIERLAND RC&D

- OAKFIELD — June 19, 1-3pm, Flood Farm, N4312 State Hwy. 151, dairy grazing profitability, pasture layout and forage quality.
- NEW LONDON — Aug. 2, 5-7pm, Rosenow farm, E9451 Kanaman Rd. Silvopasture project funded through SARE Farmers Rancher grant
- JEFFERSON — Aug. 16, 5-8 pm, Brattset Family Farm, N2437 Brattset Ln.
- JEFFERSON — Sept. 25, 10am-2pm, Brattset Family Farm, N2437 Brattset Ln.

Details will soon be available for six additional walks being planned by Glacierland RC&D. For more about Glacierland events, contact Kirsten Jurcek at 262-593-2077.

Photo cutline: Dairy cattle line the fence at the Peasley Farm near Black River Falls during a pasture walk organized last year by River Country RC&D and Farmers Union.

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