

Grant County Extension
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Come to the Driftless Region Grazing Conference



July 29-30, 2008

**Crawford County Administration
Building
225 N. Beaumont Road
Prairie du Chien, WI**

**Speakers and Tours
Dairy, Beef and Forage**

Sponsored by
Iowa State University Extension
University of Illinois Extension
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University of Wisconsin Extension

Information

To register

Fill out the registration form on this brochure and mail with your payment to Grant County Extension, c/o Dave Wachter, P.O. Box 31, Lancaster, WI 53813. Conference fee information is provided on the attached registration form. Tuesday lunch is provided. Accommodations are not included in conference fees.

Lodging and dining

There are plenty of lodging and dining options in Prairie du Chien. Motels do fill up starting in early summer, so make your reservations soon. The AmericInn of Prairie du Chien is within walking distance of the Administration Building and the phone number is 800-634-3444 or 608-326-7878. There is ample parking at the Administration Building. For information on Prairie du Chien, visit the Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.prairieduchien.org

Other information

For questions about registration, additional brochures or program content, contact:

In Illinois: Jim Morrison at 815-397-7714 or morrison@uiuc.edu

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In Minnesota: Jim Paulson at 320-234-0438 or jcp@umn.edu

In Wisconsin: Dave Wachter at 608-723-2125 or dave.wachter@ces.uwex.edu

Conference Web site

www.cias.wisc.edu/uppermidwest

Conference Agenda

Day 1, Tuesday, July 29

9:30 am Registration

- 10** **How the ethanol industry is affecting grain prices (and the animal agriculture industry)**
Dale Thoreson, ISU Extension Field Specialist
- 11** **Managing grazing to reduce feed costs**
Rhonda Gildersleeve, UW Extension Iowa County

12:15 Lunch (provided)

Dairy breakout sessions

- 1 pm** **Using byproduct feeds to reduce costs in a grazing operation**
Dave Combs, UW Extension Dairy Science
- 2** **What does it really cost to raise a dairy heifer?**
Pat Hoffman, UW-Madison Marshfield Agricultural Research Station
- 3** **Pasture residual and recovery rate**
Paul Peterson, University of Minnesota Extension Agronomist

Beef breakout sessions

- 1 pm** **Dollars and sense of feed resources**
Alan Miller, University of Illinois Extension, Animal Sciences
- 2** **Beef cattle handling facilities**
Vance Haugen, UW-Ext. Crawford Co.
- 3** **Join dairy session**
- Evening** There may be an informal get together for those staying in Prairie du Chien Tuesday night.

The Driftless Region Grazing Conference of the Four-State Extension Group invites you to hear some outstanding speakers and see some innovative farms. Come to learn about new ideas in grazing and feeding dairy and beef cattle. The schedule is flexible, so come for one or both days. Special conference rates are available for single days, students and people from the same farm.

Day 2, Wednesday, July 30

Dairy tours

- 10 am** **Don Boland**, Gays Mills, WI—parlor, sharemilking
- 1 pm** **Tom Kearns**, Seneca, WI—compost barn and parlor

Beef sessions

- 9:30 am** **Pasture finishing**
Jim Munsch, grazier, Coon Valley, WI
- 10:30** **Managing your grass resources**
Paul Peterson, University of Minnesota Extension Agronomist

Beef tour

- 1 pm** **Dave and Barb Hanson**, Waukon, IA—rotational grazing for beef

Please note that buses and box lunches will not be provided this year. Those going on the farm tours will caravan to the farms and purchase lunch on their own.

Registration Form

Upper Midwest Grazing Conference

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Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Register early to get the best deal! Walk-in registration will be available as space permits.

Name _____

Organization _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

The cost for Tuesday and Wednesday or Tuesday only is the same. Wednesday is free but we would appreciate preregistration.

I am registering for

- Both days
 Tuesday only

- On or before July 22 (\$30 first person, \$20 each additional person from farm)
 After July 22 (\$40 first person, \$30 each additional person from farm)

Wednesday only (preregistration only, no fee)

I am a student (registration fee \$10)

Mail registration with check payable to
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