

WISCONSIN GRAZING ACTIVITIES RESOURCE LIST 2013

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INTRODUCTION

The Wisconsin Grazing Activities Resource List (2013) contains information on current managed grazing and pasture-related organizations, contacts and research initiatives. This document is meant to be used within the University of Wisconsin System as a way to improve statewide research efforts by focusing on gaps of knowledge and research on grazing in Wisconsin. Additionally, this publication may be useful to individuals active in the managed grazing community.

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Wisconsin Grazing Activities Resource List 2013

Organizations

Networks and Grazing Specialists

Organization(s)	Contact	Address	Phone/E-mail/Website	Area/Network
Central Wisconsin Graziers	Keith VanderVelde	Dodge Co. Land and Water Conservation 127 E. Oak St. Juneau, WI 53039	608-297-3141 keith.vandervelde@ces.uwex.edu	Adams, Marquette, Green Lake, Waushara, Portage and Wood counties
Central Wisconsin River Graziers	Paul Daigle	Marathon County LCD 210 River Drive Wausau, WI 54403-5447	715-261-6000 paul.daigle@co.marathon.wi.us marathon.uwex.edu/agriculture/programming-partners/central-wisconsin-river-graziers-network/	Lincoln and Marathon counties
Chippewa Valley Graziers - River Country RC&D	Kevin Mahalko	River Country RC&D Council, Inc. 2000 Oxford Ave. Mailbox 9 Eau Claire, WI 54703	715-579-5229 (office) 715-225-9879 (cell) kevin@rivercountryrcd.org www.rivercountryrcd.org	Chippewa, Clark, Dunn and Eau Claire counties
	Brian Brezinski	River Country RC&D Council, Inc. 2000 Oxford Ave. Mailbox 9 Eau Claire, WI 54703	715-570-2342 brian@rivercountryrcd.org www.rivercountryrcd.org	Chippewa, Clark, Dunn and Eau Claire counties

Columbia-Dodge Graziers	George Koepp	Columbia County UW-Extension 120 West Conant St. PO Box 567 Portage, WI 53901	608-742-9682 george.koepp@ces.uwex.edu	Columbia and Dodge counties
	John Bohonek	Dodge County Land and Water Conservation 127 E. Oak St. Juneau, WI 53039	920-386-3662 jbohonek@co.dodge.wi.us	
	Todd Rietmann	Columbia County UW-Extension 120 West Conant St. PO Box 567 Portage, WI 53901	608-742-9675 todd.rietmann@co.columbia.wi.us	
Coulee Graziers Network	Mary C. Anderson	PO Box 83 Whitehall, WI 54655	715-579-2206 or 715-579-5229 maryc@rivercountryrcd.org www.rivercountryrcd.org	Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau counties
Fond-O-Grass Graziers Network	Mike Rankin	Rm 227 Extension Bldg 400 University Drive Fond du Lac, WI 54935	920-929-3171 michael.rankin@ces.uwex.edu	Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Calumet and Manitowoc counties
Fox River Graziers	Thomas and Susan Wrchota	5200 O'Reilly Rd. Omro, WI 54963	920-685-6964 grassfed@cattleanaranch.com	Green Lake, eastern Waushara, Winnebago and western Fond du Lac counties
	Jim Quick	W1532 Bluffton Rd. Green Lake, WI 54941	920-294-6896 honeycreekfarm@centurytel.net	

Glacierland RC&D	Wally Sedlar	9235 County Hwy H Fremont, WI 54940	920-740-1457 (cell) wallysedlar@live.com www.glacierlandrcd.org	Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Sheboygan and Winnebago counties and the Oneida Nation
	Harvey Work	3071 Voyager Drive Suite E Green Bay, WI 54311	920-465-3006 (main office) harveywork@ymail.com www.glacierlandrcd.org	Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Winnebago and Outagamie counties and the Oneida Nation
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Great River Graziers Network	Dennis Rooney	37500 UW Hwy 18 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821	608-326-7179x113 or 608-485-0692 dennis.rooney@ces.uwex.edu	Crawford and Grant counties
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Greater Sauk Area Grazer's Network	Doug Marshall	N1384 Bass Rd Hillsboro, WI 54634	608-524-7727 or 608-489-2395 dmarshall@matcmadison.edu	
	Denise Brusveen	505 Broadway Rm 334 Baraboo, WI 53913-2404	608-355-3250 or 608-355-3257 denise.brusveen@ces.uwex.edu	Sauk County
Living Off the Land Grazing Network	Paulette Bradley	W10581 Bell Road Camp Douglas, WI 54618	608-427-2201 mcdonald@mwt.net	Juneau, Monroe, Sauk and Adams counties
	Craig Saxe	Juneau Office Building 211 Hickory St. Rm. 302 Mauston, WI 53948	608-847-9329 craig.saxe@ces.uwex.edu	Juneau, Monroe, Sauk and Adams counties
Ocooch Graziers' Network	Jean Stramel	26136 Executive Ln. Richland Center, WI 53581	608-647-8874x110 jean.stramel@wi.usda.gov	Vernon and Richland counties
	Adam Hady	1000 Hwy 14 West Richland Center, WI 53581-1398	608-647-6148 adam.hady@ces.uwex.edu	Richland County
Outagamie NRCS	Adam Abel	1337C Royalton St. Waupaca, WI 54981	715-258-8380x106 adam.abel@wi.usda.gov	

Pri Ru Ta: Main Contact	Lanice Szomi	925 Donald St PO Box 65 Medford, WI 54451	715-965-8324 grazingrocks@gmail.com	
Pri Ru Ta: Lake Superior Basin	Dale Peacock	315 Sandborn Ave. Suite 100 Ashland, WI 54806	715-965-5698 lakesuperiorgrazing@gmail.com	Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron counties
North Central Graziers Network	Robert Brandt	PO Box 65 Medford, WI 54451	715-748-2008 or 715-965-2092 grazingbob@gmail.com	Clark, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Taylor counties
Northland Graziers	Scott Reuss	1926 Hall Ave. Marinette, WI 54143-1717	715-732-7510 scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu	Marinette and Florence counties
	Abby Huibregtse	301 Washington St. Oconto, WI 54153-1699	920-834-6845 abby.huibregtse@ces.uwex.edu	Oconto County
	Katie Behnke	311 North Main St. Shawano, WI 54166	715-526-6136 katie.behnke@ces.uwex.edu	Shawano County
Northwest Wisconsin Graziers Network	Tom Fredrickson	800 North Front St. Rm 103 Spooner, WI 54801-1350	715-635-8228x101 or 715-299-0579 (cell) tom.fredrickson@wi.usda.gov	Barron, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties
	Randy Gilbertson	W7564 Lone Star Rd. Shell Lake, WI 54871	715-520-2112 northwestgraziers@gmail.com	Barron, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties
	Lynn Johnson	1501 56th St. Turtle Lake, WI 54889	715-268-8778 lynnjohnson@amertyel.net	Barron, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties
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Southwest Badger RC&D	Dennis Rooney	37500 UW Hwy 18 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821	608-326-7179x113 or 608-485-0692 dennis.rooney@ces.uwex.edu	Crawford and Grant counties

Southwest Wisconsin Graziers' Network	Gene Schriefer	303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533	608-930-9850 or 608-935-0391 gene.schriefer@ces.uwex.edu	Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties
St. Croix Valley Graziers' Network; River Country RC&D	Mark Moelter	1669 County Rd M River Falls, WI 54022	715-821-1975 grassrootsmeat@dishup.net	St. Croix, Pierce, Dunn and Pepin counties
	Brian Brezinski	2000 Oxford Ave. Mailbox 9 Eau Claire, WI 54703	715-579-5229 or 715-579-2342 brian@rivercountryrcd.org www.rivercountryrcd.org	St. Croix, Pierce, Dunn and Pepin counties
	Dave Fruit	N8227 County Rd F Menomonie, WI 54751	715-505-4969 threedfarm@gmail.com	St. Croix, Pierce, Dunn and Pepin counties
Town and Country Grazing Network	Kirsten Jurcek	Town and Country RC&D PO Box 333 Jefferson, WI 53549	920-541-3208 kjurcek1@centurytel.net www.tacr.cd.com	Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Waukesha and Washington counties
	Mike Gehl	Town and Country RC&D PO Box 333 Jefferson, WI 53549	920-541-3208, 262-689-6689 or 262-689-6689 mike.g73@hotmail.com www.tacr.cd.com	Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Waukesha and Washington counties
UW-River Falls Extension	Dennis Cosgrove	410 S. 3rd Street River Falls, WI 54022	715-425-3989 dennis.r.cosgrove@uwrf.edu www.uwrf.edu/CAFES/Forage.cfm www.uwrf.edu/grazing/	UW-River Falls
Vernon County Land and Water Conservation Department; Vernon County Grazing Group	Ben Wojahn	220 Airport Road Viroqua, WI 54665	608-637-5482 grazing@vernoncounty.org	Vernon County
	Jim Munsch	S995 Bagstad Lane Coon Valley, WI 54623	608-637-5480 jmunsch@mwt.net	Vernon County

Walworth County Graziers	Altfrid Krusenbaum	W3194 County Road D Elkhorn, WI 53121	262-642-7312 or 262-642-3303 krusen@krusengrassfarms.com	Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha counties
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Wood, Waupaca, Portage Graziers Network	Teal Fyksen	1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-343-6216 or 715-321-2929 fyksent@co.portage.wi.us www.goldensandsrkd.org	Adams, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood counties

Funding Sources/Policy

Organization(s)	Contact	Address	Phone/E-mail/Website	Network Description/Activities
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Brian Pillsbury	NRCS Office: Baraboo, WI	608-355-4420 or 608-963-3629 brian.pillsbury@wi.usda.gov www.nrcs.usda.gov/PROGRAMS/EQIP/EQIP_signup/2008_ %20EQIP_Signup/index.html	Cost-sharing and funding. A voluntary conservation program. Farmers may receive financial and technical help with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI)	Bridget Holcomb	W2493 County Road ES PO Box 990 East Troy, WI 53120 16 N Carroll St Suite 810 Madison, WI 53703	East Troy: 262-642-3303 or Madison: 608-256-1859 bridget.holcomb@gmail.com www.michaelfields.org	Education, research and policy

WI Dept. of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)	Laura Paine	2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708	608-224-5012 Laura.Paine@wisconsin.gov www.datcp.state.wi.us	Education—state agency
Wisconsin Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI)	Laura Paine	2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708	608-224-5012 Laura.Paine@wisconsin.gov www.datcp.state.wi.us	Funding and grants—focuses on providing technical assistance to help new graziers begin using rotational grazing methods.
	Brian Pillsbury	NRCS Office: Baraboo, WI	608-355-4470 brian.pillsbury@wi.usda.gov www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/grazing.html	

Education/Outreach

Organization(s)	Contact	Address	Phone/E-mail/Website	Network Description/Activities
Chippewa Valley Technical College	Mark Denk	620 W. Claremont Ave. Eau Claire, WI 54701	715-577-3036 mdenk1@cvtc.edu www.cvtc.edu/pages/1.asp	Farm business and production management
Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department	Todd Rietmann	120 West Conant St. P.O. Box 485 Portage, WI 53901	608-742-9670 todd.rietmann@co.columbia.wi.us	Columbia County
Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship Program (GrassWorks)	Joe Tomandl, III (Program Director)	7234 Gad Rd Medford, WI 54451	715-560-0389 or 715-808-0060 cjtom@hughes.net or info@grassworks.org www.grassworks.org	Provides experienced graziers with the opportunity to share and transfer knowledge to the next generation. Developed by GrassWorks, Inc. in collaboration with the Dept of Workforce Development Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
	Tom Cadwallader (Financial Advisor)	Lincoln Co. Services Center 801 N Sales St Suite 101 Merrill, WI 54452-0917	715-539-1078 thomas.cadwallader@ces.uwex.edu www.grassworks.org	

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship Program (GrassWorks)	Lanice Szomi (Administration)	925 Donald Street PO Box 65 Medford, WI 54451	715-965-8324 grazingrocks@gmail.com www.grassworks.org	Provides experienced graziers with the opportunity to share and transfer knowledge to the next generation. Developed by GrassWorks, Inc. in collaboration with the Dept. of Workforce Development Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
	Bridget O'Meara (Communications Coordinator)	1223 Saint Croix St. Hudson, WI 54016	715-808-0060 info@grassworks.org or bridget_o_meara@hotmail.com www.grassworks.org	
WSBDF Facilitated Distance Education Classrooms	Appleton, WI Fox Valley Technical College Randy Tenpas	1825 N. Bluemound Dr. PO Box 2277 Appleton, WI 54912-2277	920-735-5673 tenpas@fvtc.edu www.fvtc.edu	WSBDF facilitated distance education classrooms. Sites and individuals fluctuate annually depending on staffing and enrollment.
	Chilton, WI Fox Valley Technical College Jeremy Hanson	1825 N. Bluemound Dr. PO Box 2277 Appleton, WI 54912-2277	920-849-4416 hanson@fvtc.edu www.fvtc.edu	
	Chilton, WI Lakeshore Technical College Greg Booher	1290 North Ave. Cleveland, WI 53015-1414	920-693-1241 greg.boohar@gotoltc.edu www.gotoltc.edu	
	Frederic, WI Jennifer Blazek	100 Polk County Plaza Suite 210 Balsam Lake, WI 54810	715-485-8600 jennifer.blazek@co.polk.wi.us polk.uwex.edu	
	Green Bay, WI Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Valerie Dantoin Adamski	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College 2740 West Mason St PO Box 19042 Green Bay, WI 54307-9042	920-498-5568 valerie.dantoin@nwtc.edu www.nwtc.edu	
	Ladysmith, WI Rich Toebe		715-532-2151 richard.toebe@ces.uwex.edu	

WSBDF Facilitated Distance Education Classrooms	Medford, WI Sandy Stuttgen		715-748-3327 sandy.stuttgen@ces.uwex.edu	WSBDF facilitated distance education classrooms. Sites and individuals fluctuate annually depending on staffing and enrollment.
	Menomonie, WI Chippewa Valley Technical College Mark Denk	620 W. Clairemont Ave Eau Claire, WI 54701	715-557-3036 mdenk1@cvtc.edu www.cvtc.edu	
	Phillips, WI Mark Kopecky		715-339-2555 mark.kopecky@ces.uwex.edu	
	Praire du Chien, WI Vance Haugen		608-326-0223 vance.haugen@ces.uwex.edu	
	Reedsburg, WI MATC-Reedsburg Doug Marshall	1300 West Main St. Watertown, WI 53098	608-524-7727 dmarshall@matcmadison.edu www.madisoncollege.org	
	Spoooner, WI Otto Wiegand	W6646 Hwy. 70 Spoooner, WI 54801	715-635-3506 otto.wiegand@ces.uwex.edu www.cals.wisc.edu/ars/spoooner www.polk.uwex.edu	
	Thorp, WI Chippewa Valley Technical College Brad Sirianni	620 W. Clairemont Ave Eau Claire, WI 54701	715-579-5834 bradsirianni5@gmail.com www.cvtc.edu	
	Viroqua, WI Jean Stramel		608-647-8874x110 jean.stramel@wi.usda.gov	
	Waupaca, WI Fox Valley Technical College Lynn Jerrett	1825 N. Bluemound Dr. PO Box 2277 Appleton, WI 54912-2277	920-831-4387 jerrett@fvtc.edu www.fvtc.edu	
	Wausau, WI Northcentral Technical College Victoria Pietz	1000 W. Campus Dr. Wausau, WI 54401	715-803-1414 pietz@ntc.edu www.ntc.edu	

Grass Mapping Enterprises, LLC	Carl Fredricks	10246 Gilbertson Rd. Mt. Horeb, WI 53572	608-437-4395 rehlfrede@mhtc.net	Dane, Green, Iowa and Lafayette counties
GrassWorks	Jill Hapner (Executive Director)	360 Cedar Sauk Rd. West Bend, WI 53095	262-685-0152 grassworks@wi.rr.com www.grassworks.org	Non-profit membership organization and promoter of managed grazing in all counties
	Lanice Szomi (Grazing Conference Planner)	925 Donald Street PO Box 65 Medford, WI 54451	715-965-8324 grazingrocks@gmail.com www.grassworks.org	
Graze Magazine	Joel and Ruth McNair	Graze PO Box 48 Belleville, WI 53508	608-455-3311 graze@grazeonline.com www.grazeonline.com	Magazine written by farmers
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI)	Bridget Holcomb	East Troy Location: W2493 County Road ES PO Box 990 East Troy, WI 53120 Madison Location: 16 N Carroll St Suite 810 Madison, WI 53703	East Troy: 262-642-3303 or Madison: 608-256-1859 bridget.holcomb@gmail.com www.michaelfields.org	Education, research and policy work
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay	Valerie Dantoin-Adamski	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College 2740 West Mason Street PO Box 19042 Green Bay, WI 54307-9042	920-498-5568 valerie.dantoin@nwtc.edu	Sustainable agricultural and grazing training: 8-credit certification program on organic agriculture and grazing
USDA-NRCS	Brian Pillsbury	Baraboo	608-355-4470 brian.pillsbury@wi.usda.gov	Statewide/Southeast
	Jean Stramel	Richland Center	608-647-8874x110 jean.stramel.wi.usda.gov	Vernon and Richland counties
	Richard Zirk	Altoona	715-832-6547x112 rick.zirk@wi.usda.gov	Northwest

UW-Extension Grazing Resources and Research	Rhonda Gildersleeve	UW Lancaster Ag. Research Station 7396 State Rd 35&81 Lancaster, WI 53813	608-723-6243 rhonda.gildersleeve@ces.uwex.edu fyi.uwex.edu/grazes	Education at UW-Extension. Mission is to provide timely research-based information on pasture management and managed grazing systems to Wisconsin dairy and livestock producers
UW-Madison Agronomy Department	Richard Cates	Ag Bulletin Building 1535 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706	608-588-2836 or 608-712-2836 rlcates@wisc.edu	Managed grazing practicum. 1 credit fall course focused on both successful on-farm application of managed grazing systems in WI, as well as managed grazing and forage research on UW agricultural research stations.
UW-Madison Center for Dairy Profitability	Tom Kriegl	281 Animal Science 1675 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706-1284	608-263-2685 tskriegl@wisc.edu cdp.wisc.edu/tom.htm	Education, research, farm financial analysis-grazing and farm business arrangements
UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems	Richard Cates, Ruth McNair and Nadia Alber	UW-Madison CIAS 1535 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706	608-588-2836 rlcates@wisc.edu; 608-265-6479 ramcnair@wisc.edu; 608-265-6437 nalber@wisc.edu www.cias.wisc.edu	Grazing outreach and publications

UW-River Falls Grazing School	Dennis Cosgrove	Plant and Earth Science Department UW-River Falls 410 South 3rd Street River Falls, WI 54022	715-425-3989 dennis.r.cosgrove@uwrf.edu www.uwrf.edu	Education
Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators	Bridgett Neu	Executive Director Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators 1172 Hummingbird Ln. Plymouth, WI 53073	262-224-7553 Bridgett@WAAE.com www.waae.com	Professional development conference at end of June each year; some instruction on grazing
Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP)	Laura Paine	2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708	608-224-5012 Laura.Paine@wisconsin.gov www.datcp.state.wi.us	Education - state agency
	Farm Center	2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708	800-942-2474 datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Wisconsin_Farm_Center/Information_and_Outreach/index.aspx	Education - business plan development
	Buy Local Buy Wisconsin - Teresa Engel	2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708	608-224-5101 teresa.engel@wi.gov datcp.wi.gov/Business/Buy_Local_Buy_Wisconsin/index.aspx	Education and promotion of local food
Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers (WSBDF) UW-Madison	Richard Cates, Steve Neary and Nadia Alber	UW-Madison CIAS 1535 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706	608-265-6437 or 608-588-2836 rlcates@wisc.edu; sgneary@wisc.edu; nalber@wisc.edu www.cias.wisc.edu/dairysch.html	Education at UW-Madison: Business & grazing management training for individuals starting pasture-based dairy/livestock farms
Wisconsin State Technical College System	Randy Zogbaum	Wisconsin Technical College System Office 4622 University Avenue PO Box 7874 Madison, WI 53707-7874	608-266-2412 randall.zogbaum@wtcsystem.edu systematic.wtcsystem.edu/Instruction/Career-Clusters/Instruction-ed-directors/Zogbaumbio.htm	Agriculture and natural resources

Projects and Initiatives

Institutions

Organization	Address	Counties/Region	Website	Project Description/Activities
Biological Systems Engineering Department: UW-Madison	232d Agricultural Engineering Building 460 Henry Mall Madison, WI 53706	Statewide	bse.wisc.edu	Research grant to quantify environmental impacts of WI pasture-based dairy systems and provide information on best practices to improve sustainability in grazing systems
Blue Sky Greener Pastures Initiative: UW-Madison	Jack Kloppenburg 340a Ag Hall 1450 Linden Dr Madison, WI 53706	Statewide	www.cias.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/blueskygreenerpastweb.pdf	A participatory process to gather and synthesize ideas about growing managed grazing. The final report, Growing Wisconsin's Grazing Future, describes the discussion and results in relation to six recurring themes: education for established graziers, education for beginning and transitioning farmers, networking, research, marketing and policy.

<p>CSREES Pasture Supplementation</p>	<p>Victor Cabrera UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science 1675 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706</p>			<p>Strategies of pasture supplementation on organic and conventional grazing dairies. Assessment of economic, production and environmental outcomes (USDA-CSREES Organic Agricultural Research and Extension Initiative Grant Project; 48 mo beginning in fall 2009).</p>
<p>FairShare CSA Coalition</p>	<p>303 S. Paterson St. Suite 1B Madison, WI 53703</p>	<p>Statewide</p>	<p>www.csacoalition.org</p>	<p>Non-profit organization that supports and connects Community Supported Agriculture farmers and eaters. Many meat CSA farmers graze their livestock.</p>
<p>Farm Fresh Atlas (REAP)</p>	<p>306 E. Wilson St. Suite 2E Madison, WI 53703</p>	<p>Statewide</p>	<p>www.farmfreshatlas.org www.reapfoodgroup.org/southern-wisconsin-farm-fresh-atlas/atlas-welcome</p>	<p>Go here to see a list of participating farmers in different regions of Wisconsin. Use the meat/poultry link to find graziers.</p>

<p>Grow Wisconsin Grazing Initiative</p>	<p>2811 Agriculture Drive PO Box 8911 Madison, WI 53708</p>	<p>Statewide</p>		<p>Recommendations created to strengthen existing partnerships and foster new ones that promote the use of managed grazing on livestock and dairy farms in WI. There is potential for well-managed pastures to support the efforts of organizations and agencies whose goals include wildlife habitat, water quality, tourism, community, and education.</p>
<p>USDA Dairy Forage Research Center</p>	<p>1925 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706</p>	<p>Central and southern WI research to benefit entire state</p>	<p>www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=36-55-30-00</p>	<p>Research to quantify environmental impacts of WI pasture-based dairy systems and provide information on best practices to improve sustainability in grazing systems</p>
<p>UW-Madison Center for Dairy Profitability</p>	<p>UW-Madison 1675 Observatory Drive 266 Animal Science Building Madison, WI 53706</p>	<p>Statewide</p>	<p>cdp.wisc.edu</p>	<p>Develops and delivers effective interdisciplinary education and applied research to dairy farms and dairy industry service providers resulting in sustainable, profitable decisions and a healthy and progressive dairy industry.</p>

UW-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems	UW-Madison CIAS 1535 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706	Statewide	www.cias.wisc.edu	Bring researchers and farmers together to conduct grazing systems research. Publish reports on grassland management, economics, marketing and sociological and environmental benefits of grazing.
UW-Extension Grazing Resources and Research		Statewide	fyi.uwex.edu/grazres	Grazing information and research updates from UW Cooperative Extension
UW-Extension Forage Research and Extension		Statewide	www.uwex.edu/ces/forage	Develop and disseminate information on the establishment, production, harvesting and storage of forages.
Wisconsin DNR	101 S. Webster St PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921	Statewide	dnr.wi.gov www.grazing.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/LSMITH-MIG-12-7-0912.pdf	Looking into the viability of grazing in Wisconsin; economic, environmental, and social aspects of management intensive grazing

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Contact and Organization	Address	Phone/E-mail	Website	Research Description/Activities
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Barnett, Ken UW-Extension Center for Dairy Profitability	Extension Building 432 N Lake St. Madison, WI 53706	ken.barnett@ces.uwex.edu	cdp.wisc.edu/Welcome.htm	Grazing systems response to soil potassium levels and applied rates; farm business management
Brink, Geoffrey USDA-ARS-Dairy Forage Research Center Research Agronomist	USDA-ARS Dairy Forage Research Center 1925 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706	608-890-0052 gebrink@wisc.edu	www.ars.usda.gov/pandp/people/people.htm?personid=38370 or www.ars.usda.gov/Research/docs.htm?docid=17007	1- Determine the influence of manure source and time of application on temperate grass productivity, seasonal yield distribution, nutritive value and persistence, pasture composition and soil chemical and physical properties. 2- Determine the influence of nitrogen source, nitrogen application date and rate and defoliation management on the productivity and persistence of red clover grown with orchardgrass.
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