

Principles of Managed Grazing on Organic Dairy Farms

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 | 9:30 am - 3:15 pm

Bossie Cow Farm, Ricky Baker and Thelma Heidel-Baker
W6174 County Road SS, Random Lake, WI 53075

Purpose: Learn how to manage paddock size and grazing rotations to meet the organic dairy cow's nutritional needs.

Please RSVP to Nadia Alber: nalber@wisc.edu or 608-265-6437 by Sept. 9, 2019 if you will attend. This event is free and lunch is provided.

Topics: Feeding the dairy cow on pasture, calculating available forage, and dairy cow rations

Speakers: Thelma Heidel-Baker and Ricky Baker, Dr. Greg Brickner, Mike Gehl

Agenda

9:30 am	Arrive – Conversation and coffee
10:00-10:15 am	Introductions – Nadia Alber, WSBD Director
10:15-10:45 am	Are you getting the dry matter you think you are? – Discuss calculating available forage and dairy cow requirements (rations), Mike Gehl, Glacierland RC & D Grazing Specialist and Dr. Greg Brickner, Organic Valley Staff Veterinarian
10:45 am-12:00 pm	Hands-on dry matter calculation exercise in the pasture – Mike Gehl and Dr. Greg Brickner
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45-1:30 pm	Farm tour – Thelma Heidel-Baker and Ricky Baker, organic dairy farmers
1:30-2:00 pm	When is a paddock ready to graze? – Feeding dairy cows on pasture, Dr. Greg Brickner
2:00-3:00 pm	Q & A – Mike Gehl and Dr. Greg Brickner
3:00-3:15 pm	Evaluations
3:15 pm	Adjourn

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