

Pasture Establishment, Nutrient Management, and Soil Health on Organic Dairy Farms

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Les Holtz Organic Dairy Farm
6091 6th Ave Rudolph, WI 54475

Purpose: Learn how to establish and maintain high quality pasture for organic dairy cows.

Please RSVP to Nadia Alber: nalber@wisc.edu or 608-265-6437 by Sept. 24, 2019 if you will attend. This event is free and lunch is provided.

Topics: Pasture establishment and renovation; extending the grazing season; nutrient management and soil health

Speakers: Dr. Greg Brickner, Dr. Geoff Brink, Les Holtz and Mark Kopecky

Agenda

9:30 am	Arrive – Conversation and coffee
10:00-10:15 am	Introductions – Nadia Alber, WSBDF Director
10:15-11:00 am	Pasture establishment and renovation (no-till); extending the grazing season (annuals, outwintering, etc.) – Dr. Geoffrey Brink, US Dairy Forage Research Center, Agronomist (retired)
11:00 am to 12 pm	Farm tour – Les Holtz, organic dairy farmer, and Geoff Brink
12:00-12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45-1:45 pm	Nutrient management and soil health on organic farms – Dr. Greg Brickner, Organic Valley, Staff Veterinarian; Mark Kopecky, Organic Valley, Soils Agronomist
1:45-2:45 pm	Hands-on soil activity – Mark Kopecky
2:45-3:15 pm	Q & A
3:15-3:30 pm	Evaluations
3:30 pm	Adjourn

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