Vermont Grass Farmer’s Association

Member Innovation Mini-grant Program
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What are Member Innovation Mini-Grants?

The purpose of the mini-grants program is to encourage and support innovative practices that increase the sustainability and vitality of grass-based farming in our region.
Some guidelines and ideas:
(But not limited to these)

- Extension of the grazing season
- Innovative grazing practices or infrastructure
- New forage varieties or cropping systems
- Evaluation of new or competing products
23 Mini-grant applications since 2011

13 Grants Awarded
Earlier farrowing allows piglets time to grow before being put out to graze in post-harvest gardens and pastures.
JULIE WOLCOTT

TRANSITIONING YOUNG STOCK TO PASTURE PLANTS

Educating livestock to eat weeds and other forages
MELANIE AND PATRIK HARRISON’S

ORGANIC NO-TILL DOUBLE CROP FORAGE SYSTEM
SEEDING TILLAGE RADISHES INTO PASTURE

Can overall pasture forage be improved with this approach?
WESLEY BASCOUM’S

ECONOMICS OF PASTURE AND FORAGE IN PRODUCTION OF GOOSE
PINE ISLAND FARM

PASTURE RESTORATION PROJECT

Collaboration project with the Vermont Land Trust
PUTNEY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION’S

CONTROLLING BUCKTHORN ON CONSERVED LAND USING GOATS
TODD BROWN’S

STOCKPILED FORAGE TESTING
FOR WINTER GRAZING VIABILITY
IN VERMONT
ROB MCCLEOD

ERADICATION OF YELLOW RATTLE THROUGH GRAZING

Educating livestock to eat weeds and other forages
MARC AND CHERYL CESARIO’S

IMPROVING PASTURE DIVERSITY
AND ANIMAL NUTRITION WITH
FORAGE CHICORY
ADAM WILSON’S

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE WITHIN A GRASS BASED SYSTEM

Assessment of Perennial Forage Species Quality in October, November and December
RICH AND CYNTHIA LARSON’S

FOLIAR APPLICATION OF TRACE MINERALS AND BIO-STIMULANTS ON PERMANENT PASTURE