2025 Grass-Fed Dairy Pasture Walks

Join us for this series of free on-farm pasture walks and workshops focused on practical strategies for managing successful grass-fed dairy systems, led by grazing specialists and experienced farmers.

Fox Farm: Transitioning to 100% Grass-Fed Dairy

Where: Mahlon Fox's Farm, 2782 Route 364, Penn Yan, NY

When: Wednesday, June 18, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an on-farm pasture walk led by grazing specialist Sarah Flack. This workshop will focus on key strategies for success when transitioning a dairy herd to a 100% grass-fed system, along with practical pasture management techniques tailored for grass-fed dairies. Come ready for discussion, observation, and shared insights from the field. For more information, contact the NY Finger Lakes grazing group, or Sarah Flack (802-309-3714).

Morse Farm: Grass-Fed Dairy Pasture Walk

Where: Doug and Mary Morse's Farm, 4422 Dixon Road,

Mannsville, NY

When: Monday, July 28, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join Sarah Flack and Sara Ziegler for this pasture walk on Doug and Mary Morse's farm. This farm has been organic since 2005, grass-fed since 2011 and added a pack barn in 2009. This workshop will include interactive discussion on grazing management, soils, forage quality and key strategies for success for grass-fed dairy farms.

Casler Farm: Grass-Fed Dairy Pasture Walk

Where: Casler Farm, 289 Nulls Road, Little Falls, NY

When: Tuesday, July 29,12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This workshop with Heather Darby, Sara Ziegler and Sarah Flack will include interactive discussion on grazing management, soil fertility, soil health, forage quality and key strategies for success for grass-fed dairy farms. The Caslers milk 129 cows and have been organic for over 17 years and grass-fed for 8 years.

Weaver Farm: Grass-Fed Dairy Pasture Walk

Where: Steven Weaver's Farm, 4933 Peterboro Road,

Morrisville, NY

When: Tuesday, August 5, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join industry professionals Heather Darby, Sara Ziegler and Sarah Flack for an interactive discussion on grazing management, soil fertility, soil health, forage quality and key strategies for success for grass-fed dairy farms. The Weavers milk 65 cows and have been organic for over 16 years and began shipping grass-fed 2 years ago.

Horst Farm: Grass-Fed Dairy Pasture Walk

Where: Lawrence Horst's Farm, 372 County Route 20,

Constable, NY

When: Wednesday, August 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an on-farm pasture walk at Lawrence Horsts Farm in Constable. This workshop with Heather Darby, Sara Ziegler and Sarah Flack will include interactive discussion on grazing management, soil fertility, soil health, forage quality and key strategies for success for grass-fed dairy farms. The Horsts milk 50 cows and have been organic for over 12 years and grass-fed for 9 years.

Kauffman Farm: Fall Feed Inventory & Forage Quality

Where: Joseph Kauffman's Farm, 210 Herman Road, Sprakers,

When: Thursday, October 9, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join dairy nutritionist Kurt Cotanch with Sarah Flack, Heather Darby, and Sara Ziegler for a fall on-farm workshop at Joseph Kauffman's farm in Sprakers NY. This will be an interactive workshop on forage quality and how to manage the winter feed inventory to maximize winter milk production and herd health.

Interested in participating?

To register by phone, please call 802-656-7611 or 802-656-7610.

To register by email, please email Susan.Brouillette@uvm.edu

To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Susan Brouillette at 802-656-7611 or Susan.Brouillette@uvm.edu by 3 weeks before the event you wish to attend.

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