

# 2023 Vermont Grazing & Livestock Workshops

We invite you to participate in our summer Vermont Grazing & Livestock Workshops by UVM Extension and other collaborators. All workshops are listed with registration and contact information. All the events are free, but ask for pre-registration please.

**DAIRY COW RELATED EVENTS** - Registration for these events is <https://go.uvm.edu/2023grazingworkshops>. Choose *Select A Date* link to sign up. Contact is [Susan.Brouillette@uvm.edu](mailto:Susan.Brouillette@uvm.edu) or 802-524-6501.

**Tuesday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Jonathan Gates, Howmars Farm, 348 Beaver Meadow Road, Franklin, VT. Pasture improvements and non-lethal beaver control. Focus on pasture and hayland improvement with soil fertility amendments and seedings, as well as non-lethal beaver deterrent to control water table in pastures. This is part of a DBIC cohort and farmer innovation project. 2 VAAFM WQ credits and 2 CCA CEUs available.

**Friday, July 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Ken Leach and Joanne Chickering, 2710 VT Route 30, Pawlet, VT. Drought management. Discussion of drought stress and management considerations for following year as well as strategies to improve drought resiliency. 2 VAAFM WQ credits and 2 CCA CEUs available.

**Wednesday, August 23, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The Corse Family Farm, 1085 Corse Road, Whitingham, VT. Soil health. The focus will be on soil health in pasture systems, grazing management, and considerations for transitioning to grass-fed. DGA discussion will also happen. Lunch will also be offered! 2 VAAFM WQ credits and 2 CCA CEUs available.

**Thursday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Randy Robar, Kiss the Cow Farm, 992 Walker Hill Rd, So. Royalton, VT. Success transitioning and maintaining grass-fed dairy production. Discussion of key strategies for successful transition to grass-fed as well as maintaining productivity, quality, and economics long-term. 2 VAAFM WQ credits and 2 CCA CEUs available.

**Wednesday, September 20, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** North Country Creamery, 931 Mace Chasm Road, Keeseville, NY. Forage quality improvement for the grass-fed dairy. This event will focus on strategies to improve pasture productivity and quality for a grass-fed dairy herd. 2 VAAFM WQ credits and 2 CCA CEUs available.

**Tuesday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** UVM Miller Farm, 500 Spear St So, Burlington, VT. Milk quality workshop with the UVM Ag Viability Program. Register at <https://go.uvm.edu/milk>. Contact: [Whitney.hull@uvm.edu](mailto:Whitney.hull@uvm.edu) or 802-279-7517.

*To request a disability related accommodation to participate in a UVM Extension program, please contact the event contact person 3 weeks prior to the event so we may assist you.*



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**Saturday, July 22, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Pasture walk at the Larson Farm, 661 South Street, Wells, VT. Learn how Larson Farm is using automatic gate openers and innovative seed varieties to enhance dry matter intake, soil fertility, and milk production. Includes pasture walk as part of a DBIC Dairy Farm Innovation Grant and pot luck to follow. Register at <https://go.uvm.edu/larsonfarm>. Contact: [daynalocitzer@gmail.com](mailto:daynalocitzer@gmail.com).

## DAIRY GOAT RELATED EVENTS

For goat dairy producers, cow dairies interested in switching to goats, service providers, and other interested parties. Tour of farms and discussion of infrastructure, herd health, grazing, financials, and value-added production. All events are through UVM Extension and funded by VT Creamery / DBIC. Register at <https://go.uvm.edu/goatdairytours>. Contact: [Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu](mailto:Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu) or 802-656-4829. All events are 12pm to 2 pm.

<b>Wednesday, April 19, Joneslan Farm, 1798 Jones Road, Hyde Park.</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 10, Bridgman Hill Farm, 1265 Bridgman Hill Road, Hardwick.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 23, Tup's Crossing Farm, 66 Young Road, Orwell.</b>	<b>Friday, May 26, Ayers Brook Goat Dairy, 301 Route 12N, Randolph.</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 31, Blue Ledge Farm, 2001 Old Jerusalem Road, Salisbury.</b>	

**EVENTS WITH VETERINARIAN DR. DAYNA LOCITZER** - Contact is [Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu](mailto:Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu) or 802-656-4829.

**Thursday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Cedar Mountain Farm, Hartland, VT. Dairy herd health workshop with Dr. Dayna Locitzer who will lead a day-long dairy herd health workshop with a mix of classroom time and pasture walk/herd observation. Topics to include physical exam of the cow, time budget, and veterinary skills. Register at <https://go.uvm.edu/cedarmountain>.

**Thursday, August 31, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Berlin UVM Extension Office, 327 US Route 302, Suite 1, Berlin, VT. Sheep and goat dairy protocol development with Dr. Dayna Locitzer which will include group lecture followed by breakout sessions for developing individual farm protocols. Register at <https://go.uvm.edu/goat>.

## ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED EVENTS

Birds, Bees, and Beneficial Bugs in Our Livestock Systems. The following two free events will be co-hosted by Amber Reed, Laura Johnson, Bryony Sands, and Kelsie Meehan. They will include a pasture walk with discussion of how to enhance bird, bee, and beneficial insect habitats in rotational grazing systems. To register or for questions, contact [Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu](mailto:Kelsie.meehan@uvm.edu) or 802-656-4829.

<b>Friday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b> Owl's Head Farm, 263 Blueberry Farm Road, Richmond, VT.	<b>Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b> Rebob Farm, 1320 Sunset Lake Road, Brattleboro, VT.
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