

## Chippewa Valley Grazing Network - Upcoming Winter Events

**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 to 1:00 pm - Spring Valley Banquet Hall (Red Barn Café) – Spring Valley, WI  
Cheyenne Christianson, Chetek, WI – “No Grain Dairy Grazing with alternative crops; Rye, Turnips, etc.”**

Organic dairy farmer, milking 70 cows & young stock on ~ 240 acres, 10 + years without feeding grain to his livestock (cows & calves).  
**For More Information Contact:** Brian J. Brezinski @ (715) 579-2342 or Kevin Mahalko @ 715 225 9879.

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**Andy Hager and Maria Bendixen--Financial Goal Setting and Analysis Emphasizing Holistic Management**

We will be meeting in Thorp to talk about goal setting and financial planning. We will look at sample enterprise budgets to find out which operations on the farm make financial sense and pay you for your time. We will talk about setting goals and using the Holistic Management principles of making economically, environmentally, and socially sound decisions.

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**Dr. Guy Jodarski, DVM with Organic Valley—Healthy Grazing Animals and Working with Nature**

Dr Guy is a great promoter of grass based livestock in terms of animal and human health. He will share with us the principles of good livestock care and healthy farm management, as well as some of the treatments available when extra care is needed.

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00PM-Pasture Walk-Mike (Dave and Marilyn) Mayenschein Dairy Farm, Thorp, WI  
Outwintering of Dairy Cows and Heifers using Bedding Packs, Windscreens, and Loose Housing**

The Mayenscheins have been innovators in our area with many of the outwintering strategies they have implemented over the years. Mike has been transitioning to full ownership of the farm with his 90 grazing Holstein milk cows and 70+ heifers being the main building blocks for his success. Winter management is nearly six months of outwintering on bedding packs while feeding balage and bagged silage. Mike composts much of the straw based bedding pack and spreads nutrients where needed. We will talk about a grazing fertility and dry matter production test plot monitored by Clark Co. Extension agents Richard Halopka and Maria Bendixen.

**Directions: From Thorp travel 8.5 miles south on County M to County MM. Turn right (west) on MM and travel 2 miles to Dickerson Avenue. Turn left (south) on Dickerson and follow 2.1 miles south to the farm on the left (west) at N10473 Dickerson Avenue**

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**Dr. Dennis Cosgrove Professor/Researcher from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls**

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