



2010 Coulee Grazier Winter Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be held 12 -2 pm at the
Blair Community Center, 103 E Broadway St, Blair WI

Thursday, January 28: Soil Balancing - Bob Schmidtknecht, Midwest Bio-

Ag. Topic: Getting your soil life going: Bob will be discussing theory of constraints, cover crops and soil balancing, stressing balance of trace minerals and importance of soluble calcium. Bob's contact information: 608-797-1348 (cell).

Tuesday, February 16: Grass Plant Development and Genetics: Doug Bastian

Doug is the General Manager of Producer's Choice, a seed company based out of Jordan, MN. Producer's Choice has national distribution of alfalfa, forage and turf products under the Producer's Choice and Target brands. We are backed by a very strong breeding program in Cal/West Seeds with a primary breeding emphasis on alfalfa, red clover, white/ladino clover, teff grass, sudangrass and berseem clover in the West Salem area. Doug has been actively involved in the forage seed industry for the past 15 years in WI and nationally with the Cool Season Grass Initiative, WI Forage Council, American Forage & Grassland Council, and University of WI School for Beginning Dairy Producers.

Doug will be speaking on the latest developments in grass and legume developments and how they can positively impact your farming operation. He will also be sharing information regarding yield and quality data on various grass and legume species when used in high vs. low management schemes

(pending): Entomology of Pastures: currently trying to find a speaker that can talk about pasture entomology-more challenging than I realized!!!

Tuesday, March 9: Pasture Renovation and Rotovating Geoff Brink- ARS

Geoff will be presenting data collected for the on-farm Pasture Renovation Research project conducted on the Cates, Pesz, Kaufmann, Arnold, Matyka farms with Randy Jackson UW. In that project they did a complete renovation (killed everything) and then looked at how management influenced performance of introduced vs. existing grasses. Geoff will also share with the group the benefits and pitfalls of rotovating.

***Friday, March 12 – 9:00 to 3:30 pm, West Central WI Grazing Conference**

Location: 29 Pines Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center, Eau Claire, WI (Int. of Hwy 29 / Cnty Hwy T) **Keynote**

Speaker: Greg Judy of Green Pastures Farm, Ruckers, Missouri – “Mob Stocking”

Lunch Time Address: Andrew Hager, HM Educator & Certified Grass Radical – “How & Why We Farm amongst the Current Economic Times” **Farmer Panel:** Greg Judy (Beef), Cheyenne Christianson (Dairy) & Peter Arnold (Dairy). For Registration information Please contact Brian Bresinski at 715-834-9672.

***March 16 – 9:30 to 3:00 pm Grow Your Energy Workshop- Opera House, City of Independence.**

This workshop is focused on growing bio fuel, pelletizing and small scale bio diesel processing. For more information contact Melanie Baumgart at 715 834- 9672.

March 23: (Tuesday) Grazing Alternatives Rye, Turnips and other crops.

Cheyenne Christianson, Dairy Farmer, Chetek, WI. Cheyenne runs a certified organic dairy farm in northwestern Wisconsin, milking 70 cows & raising young stock on ~ 240 acres with his wife Katy & 8 children. Cheyenne has pushed the envelope of grazing through the use of warm season annuals and grazing other alternative crops.

April 6: Spring Planning Meeting: Come and help plan our summer pasture walks etc. We will be meeting at the Blair Community Center!!

April 27: How did it Go? Calvin Lebakken Pasture Walk on Outwintering

On Farm Walk, N31887 Schansberg Rd. Blair (608) 989-2631 Directions:

- ❖ **Calvin's meeting will be on farm so come dressed for the weather, hopefully we will all come in t-shirts and shorts!!**

Please consider attending the Special events listed on March 12 and March 16 they are full of important information!

If you have questions on the schedule, please call Mary C. Anderson at 715-538-4396 ext.118.