

# Wisconsin Schools of Grazing Agenda

<b>Marshfield Ag Research Station</b>	<b>Lancaster Ag Research Station</b>
Aug 9th & 10th, 2024	Sep 27th & 28th, 2024
208356 Drake Ave N, Stratford, WI 54484	7396 WI-35 & 81, Lancaster, WI 53813

## Day 1 - Friday

- 9:00 AM Registration and refreshments
- 9:30 AM Introductions
- 10:00 AM Principles of managed grazing - Classroom Session
- 11:00 AM Measuring pasture yield - Field Session
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 PM Soil type, soil fertility and pasture productivity - Classroom Session
- 1:30 PM Graziers math: determining livestock carrying capacity - Classroom Session
- 2:15 PM Calculating paddock size for a group of livestock for 12 hours - Classroom Exercise
- 3:30 AM Setting up a paddock: electric fencing basics, temporary fencing equipment - Field Demonstration
- 4:00 PM Setting up the fence for a 12 hour move using your calculations - Field Exercise
- 4:20 PM Low-stress livestock handling, moving the herd to a new paddock, and observing grazing behavior - Field Demonstration
- 4:40 PM Introduction to pasture plant community - Field Session
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM NRCS and other cost-share programs, Audubon Conservation Ranching program, and Tips and Tricks
- 8:00 PM Wrap up

## Day 2 - Saturday

7:00 AM	Refreshments
8:00 AM	Managing grazing to meet livestock nutritional needs - Classroom Session
9:15 AM	Permanent grazing infrastructure: fencing, watering, lanes - Field Demonstration
10:00 AM	Checking up on your paddock and grazing animals - Field Session
11:00 AM	Herd health and livestock genetics - Field Session
12:15 AM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Economics of pasture systems - Classroom Session
1:30 PM	Establishing new pastures and renovating existing pastures - Classroom Session
2:15 PM	Grazing planning and layout - Classroom Session
2:45 PM	Starting to set up your farm: get individualized assistance in planning your system - Classroom Exercise
4:00 PM	Large group discussion
4:30 PM	Adjourn

The program is a partnership between GrassWorks, the University of Wisconsin Marshfield and Lancaster Agricultural Research Stations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and University of Wisconsin Extension.



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