



2010 Grazing Walks

The grazing walks are designed for anyone interested in grazing. At the walks, we'll learn from the practices used on the farm and from each other in discussions.

No reservations are needed. All walks will be held rain or shine.

For more information or questions, call Dan Ludwig, NRCS, at 717-274-2597, Ext. 119; Mena Hautau or Morgan Firestine, Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County, at 610-378-1327, or your county extension educator.

These walks are co-sponsored by Southeast Project Grass, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Date: June 29, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Charlie & Jan Graver's Beef Farm, 810 South Delps Road, Bath, PA 18014 (Northampton County)

About the Farm: The Gravers started grazing in 2005. Since then, they have added additional acres by converting cropland into pasture. Starting with a cow/calf pair operation, they have begun finishing cattle on grass and have added other grass-based products to the farm.

Highlights:

- Participated in NRCS EQIP program to install perimeter fencing, pipelines, and spring development
- Teff planted for hay
- Water lines newly installed to provide water in each grazing paddock
- Have expanded their operation to market additional grass-based farm products

Directions: From US-22 in Allentown, take PA-512 North to the town of Bath. At third light, turn left onto PA-248 and then take quick right on to PA-987 North. Follow 987 approximately 4.25 miles to stop sign. Go straight onto PA-946 and take first right onto Point Phillips Road. Go several hundred feet and take first left onto South Delps Road. Follow South Delps Road to first farm on right.

Telephone: 610-703-2420



Date: July 13, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Bendy Brook Farm, 310 Covered Bridge Road, Oley, PA 19457 (Berks County)

About the Farm: Nevin Mast began grazing in 1991 with his dairy herd. He sold the dairy herd in 2001 and later he began grazing beef cattle using a managed intensive grazing system. In 2007, after reading about mob grazing and the success from Greg Judy in Missouri, he started mob grazing on his farm. To date, Nevin has over 100 acres of pasture that has been converted from cropland.

Highlights:

- Utilizes mob grazing with his beef herd of cow/calf pairs
- Utilizes above-ground pipelines to provide water to the grazing paddocks
- Breeds Spanish X Boer and produces market goats
- Contract grazes additional beef cattle for another producer

Directions: From Reading, take US-222 North to Maiden Creek. At the light, turn right and follow PA-73 East for approximately 7.8 miles. Bear right onto PA-662 South and go approximately 2.3 miles and turn left on Oley Turnpike Road. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Covered Bridge Road. Farm is approximately 0.7 miles on the left.

Telephone: 610-698-1086

Date: August 23, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Pikeland Pastured Poultry, 2 Bonnie Brae Road, Spring City, PA 19475 (Chester County)

About the Farm: Pikeland Pastured Poultry raises heavy Cornish cross chickens, Aracaunas and Rhode Island Red cross hens for eggs, and seasonal turkeys. They are in their third year of production for retail and wholesale markets. Pikeland, like most farms, have experienced a lot—from predator loss, weather issues, shelter design, marketing their products, navigating regulations and exemptions, defining terms of production and the myths associated with them—to visits from the SPCA. Pikeland Pastured Poultry will give examples of costs of production and potential profits based on their operation. This walk will provide a base for those looking into backyard poultry for personal consumption up to a small farm operation.

Highlights:

- Free grazing operation
- 6 acres of ground under canopy of century-old oak trees
- Rotationally grazed pasture system

Directions:

From points North, follow Rt. 100 South to Rt. 724. Follow 724 east for approximately 10 miles. After crossing over Bridge Street, travel 1 mile before you will continue up a mile long hill. At the top will be →

Zion Lutheran Church (big white church) on your right. Take a right immediately after this on to Bonnie Brae Road. Continue for 200 yards and take a left into parking area, as the road begins a 90 degree turn. We will meet here.

From points South and West, follow Rt. 23 West, through Phoenixville and keep straight to continue on to Rt. 724. You will pass Water World and Colonial Gardens on your right. Bonnie Brae Road will be on your left in 100 yards after you pass Colonial Gardens. Follow directions above from Bonnie Brae Road.

From points West and South, follow Rt. 23 out of Bucktown for approximately 5 miles and follow to Hares Hill Road and make a left. Follow to traffic light and make a left up the hill. You will pass Colonial Gardens. Bonnie Brae Road will be on the left in 100 yards. Follow directions from Bonnie Brae Road from above.

From points East, there are many routes to take. Essentially get to Rt. 724 and head east and follow directions from above (from points north) or get to Rt. 23 and follow west and use directions above (from points south and west).

Telephone: 610-864-9624

Date: September 13, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sebastian Riding Associates, 3589 Waterstreet Road #B, Collegeville, PA 19426
(Montgomery County)

About the Farm: Sebastian Riding Associates is a therapeutic and educational riding institute for children and adults with disabilities. The staff consists of physical therapists and instructors that use the horse as a primary tool to meet the needs of people with emotional, cognitive and communication difficulties. Riding is also provided for centered riding, vaulting, driving, dressage, and side saddle.

Highlights:

- 12.9 acres of land leased from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Evansburg State Park
- 7 acres are managed as 5 individual paddocks
- Static manure composting facility and vegetated filter area
- Stormwater management and protection practices

Directions: From Collegeville, follow Ridge Pike East over the Perkiomen Creek Bridge. Be in the left lane, as the road will split into two. Bear left to continue on Germantown Pike and follow for approximately 2 miles. Look for Grange Avenue on your left. Take this left and continue approximately 1.5 miles to Water Street on your left. This intersection is an odd-shaped triangle with a three-way stop sign. Take a left and continue less than a mile to find Sebastian Riding Associates on the right.

Telephone: 610-489-3741



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