

**PASTURE WALK & FACILITATED  
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**Hosted by:**

**Great River Graziers**

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<b>When</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic(s)</b>
<b>May 2</b> 1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Mike Lind</b> (608) 627-3735 47664 Aspen Rd. Soldiers Grove, WI	<b>From Gays Mills:</b> Hwy 131 N approx. 7 mi. Left on Co Rd. C. Approx. 1 mi., slight right onto Norwegian Hollow Rd. Travel approx. 2 mi. Left onto Aspen Rd. Fire # 47664 <b>Guest Speaker: Keefe Keeley</b> Savanna Institute Director	Silvopasture establishment research on converting degraded woodlots to intensively managed silvopasture.
<b>May 19</b> 3rd FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<b>Viola, WI</b> Vernon City. Meet at <b>Kellogg Pavilion</b> In the park by the river Near State Rd 131 & 56 <b>RSVP by MAY 12</b>	<b>Sponsor - Kickapoo Grazing Initiative (KGI)</b> <b>To plan for lunch, RSVP required</b> <b>Contact: Cynthia Olmstead</b> KGI Project Director info@kickapoograzinginitiative.com OR 608-606-6022	<u>Buying Cattle Seminar with Field Tour to Matthes Auction Barn</u> Talks by: Longtime grass fed beef farmer, Jim Munsch; Former Driftless Meats & More, General Manager, Tim Rehbein & Richland County Agriculture Agent, Adam Hady.
<b>June 6</b> 1st Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Christopher Baird</b> (608) 632-1769 12241 State Hwy 27 Ferryville, WI	<b>From Seneca:</b> Hwy 27 N approx. 10 mi. on left. You'll travel past Co Rd C intersection - go approx. 3/4 mi. N. Farm on the left. Fire # 12241 <b>Guest Speaker: John Zinn</b> Retired NRCS Grazing Specialist - <i>Reviewing grazing infrastructure basics</i>	Exploring facilities and/or equipment upgrade for supplementing cattle off pasture (feeding shed/feed lane or alley options) on a limited budget & reviewing current pastures & soil tests.
<b>June 20</b> 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Wandy Peralta</b> (608) 379-3099 48210 Lewig Ln. Wauzeka, WI	<b>From Steuben:</b> Hwy. 131 S approx. 4 mi. Left on Hilldale Road. Travel approx. 1 mi. Left on Lewig Ln. Follow to the end of the lane. Fire# 48210 (Levy's Ln for GPS) <b>Guest Speaker Invited</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> year of berry production on a 25+ year rotationally grazed farm (Black Current-30 acres, Aronia Berries-4 acres, Elderberries-4 acres) with silvopasturing among the berry crops.
<b>July 11</b> 2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Jim Bassett</b> 608-606-5840 E8021 Solverson Road Viroqua, WI	<b>From Viroqua:</b> US 14 E/61 S approx. 2.5 mi. Turn right/West on Hwy 27 S/ 82 W 1 mi. Left on Co Rd. J exactly 5 mi. At intersection of J & Solverson (Red-roofed Old Folsom School House) turn right onto Solverson Rd, farm is on the left. Enter first gravel driveway on the left back to the hay shed. Fire # 8021	Lessons learned in starting a small beef cattle operation, sourcing cattle & selling beef retail. Jim's "Ladder" rotational grazing & water system. <b>Co-sponsored by KGI</b>
<b>July 25</b> 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Chad Sime</b> 608-397-0468 16451 Freeman Rd. Gays Mills, WI	<b>Mt. Sterling:</b> 171 E. about 0.5 mi. to Freeman Rd. (1st road on left). Travel N approx. 1 mi. to the farm, just past intersection of Freeman & Roller Coaster Rd. 3rd place on the left. Fire # 16451 <b>Guest Speaker: John Zinn</b> Retired NRCS Grazing Specialist - <i>Reviewing grazing infrastructure basics</i>	Fine Tuning pasture productivity with varied paddock breaks & rotation of cattle movement. Possible EQIP improvements.

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August 8 2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Amy Fenn 608-445-5592 12041 Severson Rd. Ferryville, WI	From Ferryville: W on Co. Rd. C 11.1 mi. Turn left on Severson Rd. 1.1 mi. Fire # 12041 Guest Speaker: Robert Bauer, Grazing Broker SW Badger RC&D Council	Pasture soil health, contract grazing, & grazing planning on a first year farm.
August 22 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Dennis/Amy Zweber 920-464-0791 10030 State Hwy 27 Soldiers Grove, WI	Soldiers Grove: E on Co. Rd. C/Main Street 6.2 mi. Turn right onto Co. Rd. B 4.7 mi. Left onto WI-27S. Driveway less than .25 mi. House on the left. If you pass Fargo Junction Bar to your right, you've gone too far. (NO outbuildings) Co-sponsored by KGI	Conversion of cropland to pasture under the EQIP Pollinator program: discussion of species planted, lessons learned & experience with the EQIP program.
September 9 2nd SATURDAY 10:30 a.m.	Ethan/Jade Proksch (608) 483-2476 S3830 Newton Road Genoa, WI	Genoa: E on 56 approx. 5 mi. Bear left on Newton Rd. 2.8 mi. to farm. Fire # S3830	6th year Dairy Goat producers will highlight a new milking facility, kid barn & dry shed & steadily improved paddocks in a 22 acre, 400 goat farm.
September 19 3rd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Don Austin (608) 778-4836 1503 Austin Rd. Platteville, WI 53818	Grant County: From Fennimore: From Hwy. 18, right on F 3.3 mi. Left on Commercial Street/E approx. 7 mi. Right on D 3.7 mi. Left on Austin Rd. to farm on right. Fire # 1503 Topic: Third Generation dairy farmer; started basic rotational grazing in 1987 & certified organic	2000. Reviewing & reflecting on shade options & methods. Critique of mechanically harvested sorghum used as part of cropping rotation/renovation. Pro's & Con's of wood shaving bedding.
October 10 2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Don Boland (608) 734-3570 18732 Hwy 27 Gays Mills, WI	From Seneca: Hwy 27 N. Travel approx. 3 mi. Don's farm is on the right side of Hwy 27. Fire #18732	Stretching the pasture in late fall & early winter. Recalibrating outwintering sites & calving areas based on current soil tests.
October 24 4th Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Olaf Haugen (507) 459-3264 12620 Deer Road Canton, MN	Fillmore County: From Decorah, IA, Hwy 52 N 17 mi. to the intersection of Hwy 44 & 52. Through intersection on to Dove Road .5 mi. E on Deer 1.5 mi. Farm on E side of road. Fire #12620	Review of the last 6 years of pasture management and what the future holds. Young stock heifer management.
November 14 2nd Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Mike/Susan Mueller 608-627-1800 E10581 Old Hwy. 56 Viola, WI  <b>RSVP by NOV. 7</b>	<b>To plan for lunch, RSVP required</b> Contact Cynthia Olmstead, KGI Project. Dir. info@kickapoograzinginitiative.com OR 608-606-6022 From Readstown: Hwy 131 W approx. 7.37 mi. Right onto 56/131 1/4 mi. turning into Hwy. 56 approx. 1 3/4 mi. Right on Hwy G, approx. 1/2 mi.	Introduction to Pasture Pork & the newly forming Pastured Pork Cooperative.  Co-Sponsored by KGI

Any changes prior to the date of a scheduled walk will be posted on the Crawford County UW-Extension website <http://crawford.uwex.edu/>

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