



2008 GRAZING WORKSHOP SERIES

NOFA/Mass, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of Massachusetts Extension have organized these Grazing Workshops as a continuing education resource for Massachusetts farmers. Topics at each event will vary, but will include pasture management, organic transition and herd health, forage species, soil fertility, fencing and water systems, and summer and winter grazing. All pasture walks will take place from 10:00 - 1:00 (unless otherwise noted). Please bring your own lunch. For more information on any of these sessions, contact Winton Pitcoff, NOFA/Mass, at winton@nofamass.org or 413-634-5728; Steve Herbert, UMass Extension, at 413-545-2250 or sherbert@pssci.umass.edu; or Tom Akin, NRCS, at 413-253-4365 or thomas.akin@ma.usda.gov.

More details about each of these sessions, including directions to the farms, can be found at www.nofamass.org/programs/organicdairy/index.php or www.massgrass.org.

Transitioning a Dairy Herd from Winter to Summer Feed

Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Rocky Acres Farm, 690 Coy Hill Road, Warren, MA

Small Ruminant Management

Wednesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Crystal Brook Farm, 192 Tuttle Road, Sterling, MA

Transitioning to Organic Dairy / NRCS Resources

Saturday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Robinson Farm, 42 Jackson Road, Hardwick, MA

Organic Dairy Transition

Thursday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Colrain Dairy Farm, 270 Greenfield Road, Colrain, MA

Raising and Marketing Grass-Fed Meat

Thursday, July 24, 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wheel-View Farm, 212 Reynolds Road, Shelburne, MA

Small Scale Dairies and Alternative Forages

August 18, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bostrom Farm, 95 Green River Road, Greenfield, MA

Infrastructure on Mixed-Livestock Farms

Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tufts University Farm, North Grafton, MA

UMass Pasture Management Research

Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
UMass Research and Education Center Farm, Deerfield, 413-545-2250

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