

## RIVER COUNTRY RC&D 2009 UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE COULEE, CHIPPEWA & ST. CROIX GRAZING NETWORKS

- **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group - St. Croix Valley Grazing Network**  
For More Information Contact: Brian J. Brezinski, River Country RC&D - (715) 579-2342  
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
Location: Red Barn Café - Spring Valley, WI  
Topic: Dr. Greg Hadley from the Center for Dairy Profitability will speak on the financial strengths and weaknesses of grazing systems. Preparing for market uncertainty in the future will also be discussed.
  
- **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion group- Coulee Graziers Network**  
For More Information Contact: Mary C Anderson, River Country RC&D (715) 538-4396 ext 33.  
Time: 11:00 to 2:00 PM, Lunch provided  
Location: Community Room, Fire Station, - Blair, WI  
Topic: Alternative Green Energies with Joe Schultz from the Wisconsin Focus on Energy Program
  
- **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group - Chippewa Valley / North Central Graziers Networks**  
For More Information Contact: Kevin Mahalko, River Country RC&D - (715) 225-9879 or Bob Brandt, Pri-Ru-Ta RC&D - (715) 748-2008  
Time: 11:00 AM. to 2:00 PM, Bring your own lunch  
Location: Thorp Library Basement - Thorp, WI  
Topic: Dairy Nutrition and Forages for the Grazing Herd
  
- **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Pasture Walk - Chippewa Valley Graziers Networks**  
For More Information Contact: Kevin Mahalko, River Country RC&D - (715) 225-9879  
Time: 12:00 to 2:00 PM  
Location: Mark Eslinger Dairy Farm- Boyd, WI  
Topic: Winter dairy management. Use of windbreaks to outwinter cattle, pre-placement of bales and managing bedding. Tour of parlor milking system included.
  
- **Wednesday, February 11**  
**Winter Discussion Group - Coulee Graziers Network**  
For More Information Contact: Mary C Anderson, River Country RC&D - (715)538-4396 ext 33.  
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM Lunch provided  
Location: Community Room, Fire Station - Blair, WI  
Topic: Doug Gunnick - Soil Nutrition and Fertility

- **Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group – St. Croix Valley Grazing Network**  
 For More Information Contact: Brian J. Brezinski, River Country RC&D - (715) 579-2342  
 Time: 6:30 PM. to 8:30 PM  
 Location: Red Barn Cafe - Spring Valley, WI  
 Topic: Dennis Cosgrove will discuss his results from a grass finishing trial that included Angus, Hereford and Angus/Hereford crosses at the UW-River Falls Research Farm.
  
- **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Grassworks, Inc. - 2009 Wisconsin Grazing Conference**  
 For more information Contact: Heather Flashinski, Conference Planner - (715) 289-4896  
 Pre-registration Deadline: February 12, 2009  
 Location: Holiday Inn - Stevens Point, WI
  
- **Saturday, February 21st, 12 Noon**  
**Wisconsin Grass-fed Beef Co-op 1st Annual Meeting**  
 For More Information Contact: Bob Brandt, Pri-Ru-Ta RC&D - (715) 965-3756  
 Location: Holiday Inn - Stevens Point, WI
  
- **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group – Chippewa Valley / North Central Graziers Networks**  
 For More Information Contact: Kevin Mahalko, River Country RC&D - (715) 225-9879 / Bob Brandt, Pri- Ru-Ta RC&D - (715) 748-2008  
 Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Bring your own lunch  
 Location: Thorp Library Basement - Thorp, WI  
 Topic: Pasture swards, soils, and fertility
  
- **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Pasture Walk – St. Croix Valley Grazing Network**  
 For More Information Contact: Brian J. Brezinski, River Country RC&D - (715) 579-2342, Mark Moelter - (715) 821-1975  
 Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Lunch Provided (Grass Fed Beef from the Moelter Farm)  
 Location: Grassroots Meat - River Falls, WI (Mark and Jean Moelter)  
 Topic: Bob Brandt (Membership Coordinator) and Mark Moelter (Steering Committee Member) will be discussing the WI Grass-fed Beef Cooperative, and taking a look at Mark's out-wintering techniques with his Black Galloway Beef cattle.
  
- **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Heart of Wisconsin Grazing Conference**  
 For More Information Contact: Paul Daigle, Marathon County LCD - (715) 261-6006  
 Time: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
 Location: Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center - Wausau, WI  
**Keynote Speaker: Jim Gerrish - American Grazing Lands Services, author of Management Intensive Grazing - The Grassroots of Grass Farming**

- **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Stetsonville Grazing Conference**  
 For more Information Contact: Bob Brandt, Grazing Specialist, Pri-Ru-Ta RC&D - (715) 748-2008  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 Location: Centennial Community Center - Stetsonville, WI  
**Keynote Speaker: Jim Gerrish, American Grazing Lands Services, author of Management Intensive Grazing - The Grassroots of Grass Farming**
  
- **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**North Central Graziers Network**  
 For more Information Contact: Bob Brandt, Grazing Specialist, Pri-Ru-Ta RC&D - (715) 748-2008  
 Time: 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
 Location: Ladysmith, WI (Location to be announced)  
**Keynote Speaker: Jim Gerrish, American Grazing Lands Services, author of Management Intensive Grazing - The Grassroots of Grass Farming**
  
- **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**West Central WI Grazing Conference**  
 For More Information Contact: Brian J. Brezinski, River Country RC&D - (715) 579-2342  
 Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
 Location: 29 Pines, Eau Claire, WI  
**Keynote Speaker: Jim Gerrish - American Grazing Lands Services, author of Management Intensive Grazing - The Grassroots of Grass Farming**
  
- **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**NW WI Grazing Conference**  
 For More Information Contact: Otto Weigand, UW Extension Ag. Agent - (715) 635-3506  
 Time: 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.  
 Location: Cornerstone Christian Church - Spooner, WI  
**Keynote Speaker: Jim Gerrish - American Grazing Lands Services, author of Management Intensive Grazing - The Grassroots of Grass Farming**
  
- **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group - Coulee Graziers Network**  
 For More Information Contact: Mary C Anderson, River Country RC&D - (715) 538-4396 Ext. 33  
 Time: 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Lunch provided  
 Location: Community Room, Fire Station, Blair, WI  
 Topic: Bob Brandt, Membership Coordinator, will be discussing the WI Grass-fed Beef Cooperative and opportunities for producers.
  
- **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Discussion Group - St. Croix Valley Grazing Network**  
 For More Information Contact: Brian J. Brezinski, River Country RC&D - (715) 579-2342  
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
 Location: Red Barn Café - Spring Valley, WI  
 Topic: Managing spring pastures; establishment, renovation, interseeding. Potential speaker to be announced based on input from previous discussion groups.

○ **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Field Trip to Cedar Summit Farm, New Prague, MN  
Coulee Grazier Network**

Contact: Mary C Anderson, River Country RC&D - (715) 538-4396 Ext. 33

**\$7.50 Tour Fee-Bring your own lunch**

Location: Van Pick-up Points-Northfield (7:30 AM Departure) Osseo, Eau Claire and others

Topic: Marketing grass based milk products with high CLA and Omega 3's. Tour and business discussion. (New Prague is located southwest of St. Paul)

