

Pasture Walks for Local Government in 2018: Improving Dairy Sustainability with Grazing

Join us at Uplands Cheese, 5023 WI-23, Dodgeville, WI from 10 am-12 pm for these topics on the following dates:

- **June 5 – Annual and perennial forages, 2” rainfall simulation.**
- **July 9 – Pasture irrigation, forage sampling, creamery tour.**
- **Aug. 13 – Dairy sustainability benchmarks, grazing sudangrass.**
- **Oct. 12 – Winter preparation, fertilization, bale feeding.**

RSVP by calling Robert Bauer at 608-732-1202.

A four-part event series for local government staff and elected officials to learn the operation and benefits of grazing systems, and how to start county grazing programs to improve dairy sustainability in Wisconsin. The events will address:

- How do dairy farms operate with grazing animals?
- What are the benefits of grazing to farmers?
- How can local government work with the dairy industry?

Dairies pasture many types of livestock, including cows and heifers. Dairies that use managed grazing often have lower production costs and keep more of what they earn. Grazing also can provide healthy soils that absorb rainwater and mitigate costly flooding for local taxpayers. Funding is available from state and federal sources to develop local grazing programs to promote dairy grazing.

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