$20 per person
16 & Under FREE
Lunch provided

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Mail your registration to
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Grazing & Pasture Field Day
Agenda

8:30am-9:15am Registration & Vendors

9:15am Welcome & Introductions

9:30am-11:40am Farm Tour
   Farm Tour
   OR

9:30am-10:30am Choose (1) Seminar
   Dr. Rowntree
   Eric Anderson
   CSI

10:40am-11:40am Choose (1) Seminar
   Dr. Karcher
   Center Seeds-Jeff Rasawehr
   Supergro-Brian Denlinger

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:40pm - 3:50pm Farm tour
   Farm Tour
   OR

1:40-2:40pm Choose (1) Seminar
   Dr. Rowntree
   Ben Tirrell
   CSI

2:50pm-3:50pm Choose (1) Seminar
   Dr. Karcher
   Jeannine Schweinofer
   Supergro-Brian Denlinger

4:00pm - 5:00pm Choose (1) Seminar
   MSU Rainfall Simulator
   Local Producer Panel
   Jeff Rasawehr

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Saturday June 25, 2016

Full Day of Intensive Knowledge & Sharing
Seminars & Farm Tours

Hosted By:
Greener Grass Farms
10240 Youngs Rd
Quincy, MI 49082

Registration & Vendors
Start at 8:30am

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Improving Soil Health

Learn from the experts on ways to improve your soil.

Eric Anderson—Extension Educator for field crops and specialty crop production, Eric will be discussing how to take soil samples, read a basic soil test, and what characteristics and nutrients are key for pastures.

Dane Terrill—Director of Sales/Marketing & Soil Consultant at Crop Services, Dane will be talking about soil biology on your farm.

Jeff Rasawehr—Center Seeds. Jeff is a 35 year farmer resident of Birmingham, Michigan and has cover cropped for 14 years. Jeff’s emphasis is on the economics of profiting from a systems approach using cover crops. His farm today is very diverse with multiple grain production and diverse forage production. He also develops diversity of livestock production.

Supergro—Brian Denlinger, and his wife Susan own SuperGro of Iowa LLC, located in Brookville, OH. Brian also works for Leon Hershberger at Cushman Creek Supply in Holton, MI as field man throughout the Midwest. They help growers be more profitable in their operations by improving their soils.

Regulations & Resources for Direct Marketing Meat

Jeannine Schweihofner—is the Meat Quality Ext Educator. She will cover regulatory requirements for marketing meat to consumers. She will also provide resources to assist producers in marketing meat.

Jerry Lindquist—MSU state-wide Grazing Educator & N.W. Michigan Field Crops Educator, Jerry has served as a MSUE Agricultural Educator for over 34 years. He has expertise in all aspects of forage management for beef and dairy cattle. Jerry will be demonstrating the Rainfall Simulator.

Economics of Grazing

Dr. Jason Rowntree—A world renowned speaker and professor at MSU and Director of Lake City Research Center. Dr. Rowntree will share his research derived from Lake City Research Center in grass finishing beef.

Rachel M. Martin—M.S., is a Graduate Assistant and M.S. student at MSU in the department of Animal Sciences. Current research involves finishing beef steers in Upper Midwest on high-energy forages and the subsequent effect that forages have on beef. Her future plans include graduation from MSU with a doctorate in animal sciences and working in a job where she would specialize in grazing systems consulting.

Grazing in Hillsdale County

Producer Panel—This session will focus on the experiences of local farmers and the quest for improved grazing techniques. There will be a Q&A session with local farmers: Bill Berry, Ron Rusk, Vernon “Shorty” Hochstetter, Steve McElroy and moderator Elycia Rodgers.

Greener Grass Farm Tour—Choose between an AM or PM hayride farm tour. Narrated by Dan Marsh, and host of the event and Greener Grass Farms owner and local NRCS. The tour will take you around the farm looking at NRCS watering projects, soil erosion improvements and grazing methods.

Ben Tirrell—helps operate his family farm in Charlotte, MI together with his mother and daughters Reagan and Amelia. The family raises beef and sheep, with a focus on grazing and some direct marketing through the family's farm store. He currently works for MDARD as a verifier with the MAAP, verifying farms in the SE part of Michigan. Ben has studied agricultural economics and crop and soil science. He is interested in helping farmers and agriculture identify sustainable systems and conserve resources in order to preserve our agricultural traditions for the future.

Dr. Darrin Karcher—is the MSU Poultry Extension Specialist. At Michigan State, Karcher has been charged with developing a strong poultry extension program and will be speaking on small farm flock production.