

We're glad that we can spend the day together as our journeys converge in the ongoing process toward sustainability.

May we each enjoy a deeper appreciation of God's good earth, gentle animals, and nourishing food as we experience the land, enjoy the tranguil beauty of the prairie, and appreciate the holistic restoration of the small farm and its soil back to natural health.

- Bethany Prairie Farm Fellowship

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## **Bethany Prairie** 2011 Field Day and Farm Tour June 28, 2011

<b>9:00</b> Registration at the Big House	healthy soil = healthy plants
<b>9:30 to 11:30</b> Workshops in the Big House Basement	= healthy animals
Noon Lunch at the Big House. Soft Serve Ice Cream served by Mid- west Dairy #5	= meat , eggs, milk = healthy people.

1:00 to 2:00 Pastured Poultry and Oil Press Power Points in the **Basement** 

2:00 to 3:30 Pastured Poultry Tour, Small Scale Renewable Fuels Oil Press Demonstration



Rainfall Simulator Demonstration— Time to be determined

# Workshops - Demonstrations - Tours - June 28, 2011

#### To Find Us

*From Jamestown:* Go north on ND Hwy # 20 to Wimbledon

*From Wimbledon:* Go east on ND Hwy #9 eight miles and turn south on county road #3 one and a half miles.

*From ND Highway #1:* Turn west on ND Hwy 9. Go 10 miles to Co Rd 3. Turn south on Co Rd 3 one and a half miles.

Unless conditions change you cannot use 194 Exit 272 to come from the south because of water over the road. The Prairie Farm Pilot Project is an ongoing experiment in the process of Bethany Prairie Farm's journey toward sustainability. The Prairie Farm Pilot Project focuses on healthy soil being the basis of healthy food and healthy people. The Project is currently involved in growing and producing biofuel, soil nutrients, weed control, energy, and food on the farm.



- Due to water there will be no field tours
- Power Point presentations will be in the basement of the big house
- Oil press demonstration in the farm shop on the east side
- Chicken tractors in front of the big house
- Rainfall simulator in the yard on the west side
- <u>Assume that all fences</u> <u>are electrified! Do Not</u> <u>Touch!</u>



This year's Field Day will showcase Prairie Farm Pilot Project's **"Multi-Species Cover Crops Control Weeds and Improve Fertility in Organic No-Till Fields"** NCR-SARE Farmer/Rancher Group Grant.

#### Workshops on Soil Health, Cover Crops, No-till,

Weeds, will be presented by Fred Aziz and Hal Weiser, Area Resource Soil Scientists, NRCS, Susan Samson-Liebig, Soil Quality Specialist with USDA-NRCS, Steve Zwinger, Collaborator in the Rodale Institute Organic No-Till Project and Research Specialist-Agronomy, North Dakota State University, Carrington Research Extension Center,

#### **Prescribed Grazing and Scottish Highland Cattle:**

will be presented by Paul DuBourt, District Conservationist, Griggs County NRCS, Cooperstown and Dick Grotberg, Bethany Prairie Farm

**Rainfall Simulator** by Jeff Hemenway, Conservation Agronomist SD NRCS State Office, in Huron, SD. **The rainfall simulator will be set up in the yard between the house and school.** 

#### **Oil Pressing & Small Scale Biofuels Production:**

Paul Aakre, UMC and Dick Lovestrand will describe Bethany Prairie's future plans and uses for the small scale renewable fuels. The press will be running after lunch.

#### **Central ND Pastured Poultry Institute:**

Linda Grotberg, Bethany Prairie Farm, will demonstrate how chicken tractors work and answer questions regarding pastured poultry.

**Local Foods:** Home grown food prepared by Bethany Prairie Ministries will provide an opportunity to taste the benefits of local food grown on

healthy soil.

**Midwest Dairy District 5** will provide soft serve ice cream for the noon meal.

