

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 tranquil 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 2009 Field Day and Farm Tour June 30, 2009

9:30 Registration

10:00 Soil Health Workshops in the Fields

Noon Lunch at the Big House. Soft Serve Ice Cream served all day at the School House by Midwest Dairy #5

healthy soil

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healthy plants

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healthy animals

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meat , eggs, milk

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healthy people.

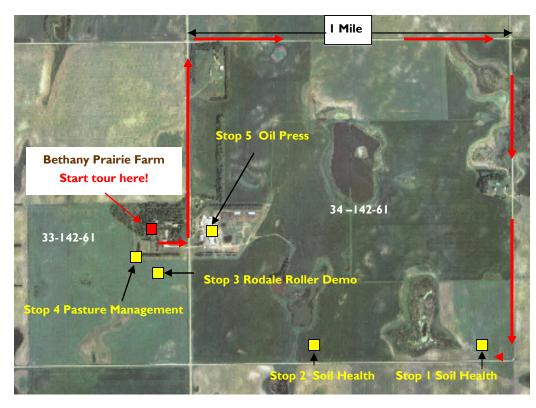
Afternoon 1:00 to 3:30

- Pastured Poultry in the house yard
- Horse Drawn Wagon Tour of Pastures and Rodale Bio-Mass Roller
- Web Soil Survey, Soil Food Web, and Soil Microscope Demonstration in the School House
- Small Scale Renewable Fuels Oil Press Demonstration



Workshops - Demonstrations - Tours - June 30, 2009

This year's Field Day will showcase Bethany Prairie Farm's "Organic No-Till" and Kelly Severson's "Sustainability Through Diversity & Photosynthesis" NCR-SARE Farmer/Rancher Grants.



- The day is free and open to the public. Children are welcome
- Car Pool to the morning field tour workshops
- The horses and wagon will shuttle to the sites in the afternoon
- Assume that all fences are electrified! Do Not Touch!
- Restrooms are located in the Big House, across the road in the old farm house, and 3 porta potties.
- Unguided tours around the farm are welcome.

Workshops on Soil Health, Cover Crops, No-till, Weeds, and Prescribed Grazing will be presented by Fred Aziz, Area Resource Soil Scientist, NRCS, Jamestown; and Ron Wiederholt, Nutrient Management Specialist, Carrington Research Extension Center.

Dr. Kris Nichols, Soil Microbiologist with the USDA-ARS, and Susan Samson-Liebig, Soil Quality Specialist with USDA-NRCS, will show examples and discuss life in the soil. Using a student microscope, you will have the opportunity to see what is living below ground. There will also be information about how management affects soil biology and other soil properties along with the use of compost and compost teas.

Lance Duey, Soil Scientist, Devils Lake, ND, will present a Power Point on the Web Soil Survey.

Rodale Bio-mass Roller/Crimper will be demonstrated by Steve Zwinger, Collaborator in the Rodale Institute Organic No-Till Project and Research Specialist-Agronomy, North Dakota State University, Carrington Research Extension Center. Dick Lovestrand and Dick Grotberg, Bethany Prairie Farm, will be available for comments and questions.

Oil Pressing and Small Scale Biofuels Production Curtis Rangeloff, Tappen, ND who has pressed flax oil

for 15 years will give a working demonstration of the oil press. Mark Walder of Walder Mfg, in Wisconsin will be on hand to answer questions about the press. Dick Lovestrand, Dick and Linda Grotberg will describe Bethany Prairie's future plans and uses for the small scale renewable fuels.

Central ND Pastured Poultry Institute

Linda Grotberg, 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.