

Managed grazing course:

SARE/NWTC Organic Ag Academy

Tuesday Aug 11

8:30 Arrival & brief intros

Class will be held at the NWTC Landscape Horticulture Building located on the grounds of the Green Bay Botanical Gardens at 2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay, 54303. Room LH107 is easy to find, just come in the front door and walk to the back of the short hallway.

Plan to wear your mask. I have Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer in the classroom and will also wear a mask.

8:45 Overview: Managed Grazing 101, an overview and the basic plant science behind managed grazing. (1 hour)

9:45-10:00 break

10:00-11:00 Components of a grazing plan. The acreage, the paddocks, the plants, the yield, the animal species (beef), the fencing, the water, the winter plan. Resources: NRCS grazing plan cost sharing. .

11:00-12:00 Stocking Density. Jim Gerrish slide set. Estimating animal needs. Budgeting for the amount of feed you need. (also see the "Pastures of Plenty" book.)

Lunch break 12:00-12:30, Jimmy John's subs. Grant funded so it's free as part of your registration cost.

Field work. Drive (half hour) to Full Circle Farm. W2407 Hofa Park Rd, Seymour WI 54165

1:00 –2:30 Measuring (estimating) pasture yields/volume/tonnage. Pasture plant species. Cattle water systems for pastures. Lanes, fence building, fencing styles, gates. Help move the herd? Working with animals on pasture.

2:30 – 3:30 Pastured pork – the pleasures and the pitfalls. Best kind of pigs.

3:30-4:30 (ish) pastured hens. Help collect 900 eggs from the flock. Help move the egg mobile?

Day 2: Wednesday Aug 12th

8:30 arrive at LH107

8:35 Questions from yesterday?

9:00-10:00 The nutritional profile of meat/milk from grazing animals. Marketing grass-fed products for extra farm income.

10:00-10:30 Budgets associated with costs of grazing and farm income. SLO farmers Co-op meat share program and prices

10:30 break

10:45-11:15 GrassWorks. SARE educator grants to attend GrassWorks conference with your classes.

11:15 – 12:15 The soil conservation and environmental benefits of Managed Grazing. “Searching for Sustainability”. Lesson plans available with this film.

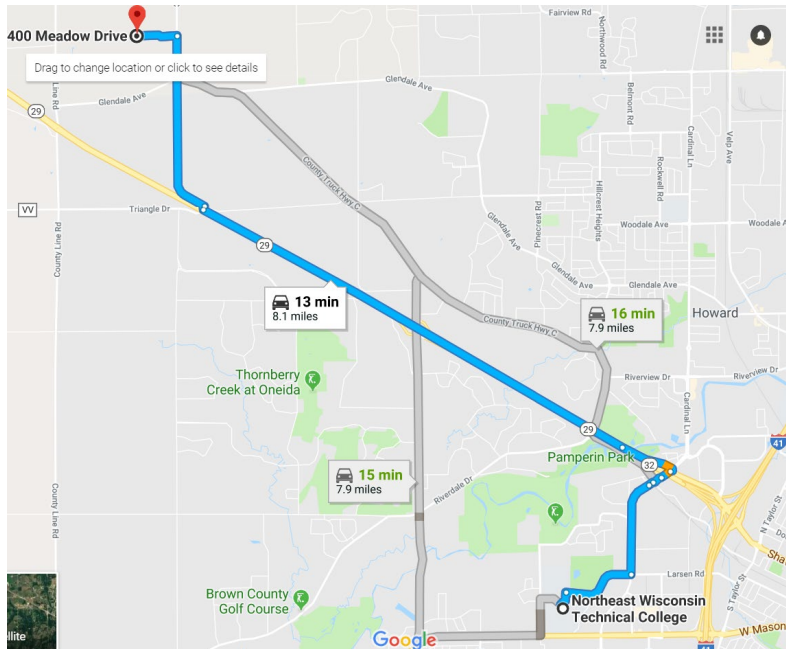
12:15-1:00 Lunch. Order Jimmy Johns.

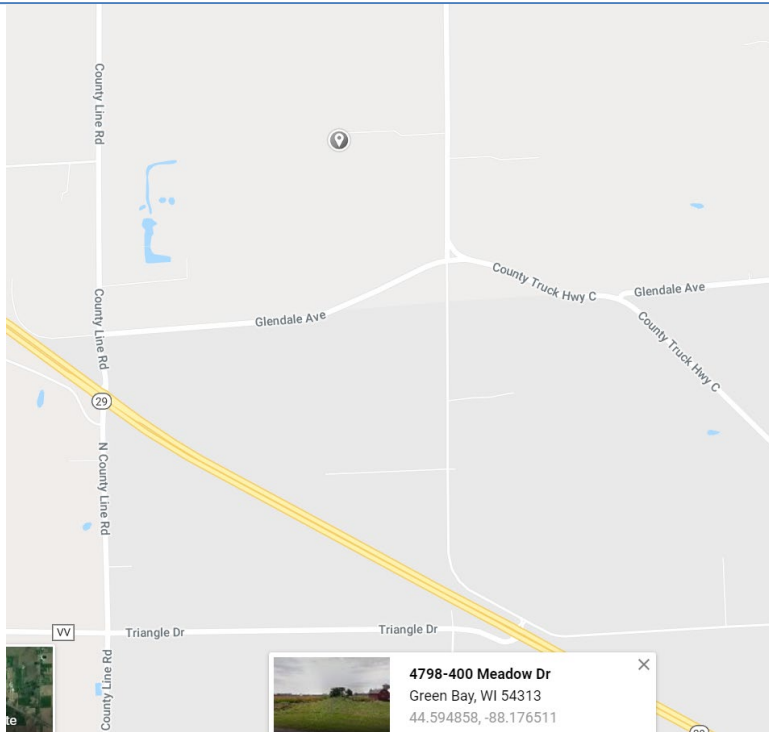
Drive to Andy Jaworski farm. Meadow Lane. Pittsfield/Pulaski. (15 minute drive, see map handout)

1:15 Arrive at Jaworski farm, an Organic Valley Dairy grazing farm. Robotic milker with grazing cows. Tour the farm. Ask Andy, a “young” 35 year old dairy farmer, questions. See the young stock facility.

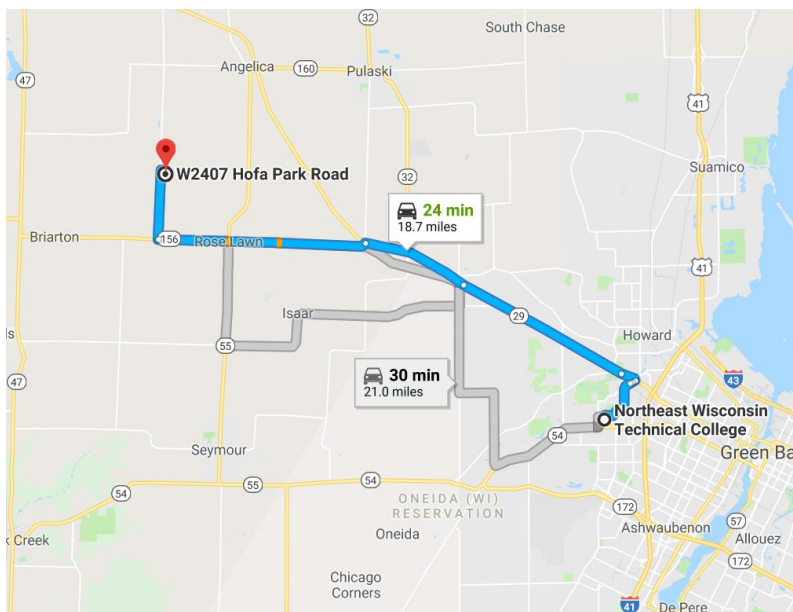
3:15 (ish) adjourn from the farm to end the day and drive home.

Andy Jaworski Farm (Wednesday Aug 12th) 400 Meadow Dr., Green Bay, 54313





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