

And of course, that which is not easily economically quantifiable is the health and happiness of our animals. They enjoy being outside, even at night, and they survive all kinds of summer weather with minimal complaints. I would also say that our goats eating browse, climbing trees, and leaping from ledges, have an added vitality over those merely chewing grass or clover in a flat pasture paddock with nothing more exciting to jump over than the fence.

5. Outreach Plan

Enclosed is an article that appeared in the St. Albans Messenger. Additionally we hosted a pasture walk in the middle of July and explained our study with preliminary results. The final project report was printed in the Small Ruminant Dairy Newsletter produced by Carol Delaney. Bill Murphy brought his pasture management class from UVM out for a pasture walk in October where we explained the study and results. We are also scheduled to give a presentation on the findings at the annual Grassfarmers conference in Randolph VT in February.

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