

# MASS GRASS

# GRAZING EVENTS 2009

BEGINNING AND EXPERIENCED GRAZERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S MASS GRASS GRAZING EVENTS. JOIN US TO LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP GRAZING SYSTEMS AND IMPROVE ANIMAL GROWTH AND PRODUCTION THROUGH BETTER PASTURE MANAGEMENT.

**LIVESTOCK FIELD SCHOOLS** | TUFTS CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE - GRAFTON, MA  
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES LUNCH

Learn how to raise and graze four different kinds of livestock during these intensive one-day classes.

- SHEEP FIELD SCHOOL | JUNE 18
- POULTRY FIELD SCHOOL | JULY 9
- SWINE FIELD SCHOOL | AUGUST 22
- BEEF CATTLE FIELD SCHOOL | OCTOBER 17

**GRAZING WORKSHOP SERIES** | VARIOUS DATES & LOCATIONS IN MASS. AND CT.  
COST: \$5.00 FOR EACH WORKSHOP

Visit farms in Massachusetts and Connecticut to learn about a wide variety of grazing topics from livestock farmers.

- SMALL-SCALE DAIRIES & ON-FARM PROCESSING | JUNE 27  
Sidehill Farm & Sangha Farm - Ashfield, MA
- MULTI-SPECIES GRAZING FOR MEAT ANIMALS I | JULY 29  
Chestnut Farms - Hardwick, MA
- RAISING MEAT GOATS & THE FAMACHA SYSTEM | AUG. 4  
Erica Fearn Meat Goats - West Suffield, CT (additional \$12 fee)
- GRAZING BASICS | AUG. 25  
Blue Hill Farm - Great Barrington, MA
- MULTI-SPECIES GRAZING FOR MEAT ANIMALS II | SEPT. 15  
Pete & Jen's Backyard Birds - Concord, MA
- PASTURE MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AT UMASS | SEPT. TBA  
Research & Education Center Farm - Deerfield, MA

**THE GRAZING SCHOOL** | AUGUST 8 | NOFA SUMMER CONFERENCE - AMHERST, MA  
COST: VISIT [WWW.NOFA SUMMER CONFERENCE.ORG](http://WWW.NOFA SUMMER CONFERENCE.ORG)

Attend seven Grazing School workshops and a take a pasture walk on August 8 during the NOFA Summer Conference.

- GRAZING 101  
Sarah Flack, Grazing Consultant
- PASTURING IN EXTREME CONDITIONS  
Dr. Stephen Herbert, Professor of Agronomy, UMass
- ALTERNATIVE HEALTH PRACTICES FOR LIVESTOCK  
Michael Keilty, Sustainable Agriculture Researcher, UConn
- PLANT SPECIES DIVERSITY & PASTURE MANAGEMENT  
Matt Sanderson, Agronomist, ARS USDA in PA
- CHEESE FROM SUNLIGHT & RAIN  
Jonathan White, Farmer and Cheesemaker
- COMPARING GRASS-FED & GRAIN-FED STEERS  
Tom Galagher, Cornell Extension Specialist
- PRODUCING NATURAL, LOCAL MEAT FOR CONSUMERS  
Joseph Bonelli, Research Economist, UConn Dept. of Extension  
Kristen Castratar, Marketing Specialist, URI Dept. of Extension
- PASTURE WALK AT UMASS PASTURE RESEARCH CENTER  
Dr. Stephen Herbert, Professor of Agronomy, UMass

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