



# THE GRAZING SCHOOL

## AUGUST 2008

Beginning and experienced graziers who would like to learn about the tools and resources needed to develop grazing systems and how to improve animal growth or production through better pasture management are invited to attend a Grazing School to be held as part of the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) summer conference on Saturday, August 9th.

The Grazing School offers seven workshops, including a pasture walk at the UMass South Deerfield Farm and Pasture Research Center. All registered conference attendees are welcome to participate in the Grazing School workshops, which include:

- Grazing 101•
- Principles of Dairy Nutrition on Pasture•
- Finishing Meat Animals on Pasture•
- Pastured Poultry Feed and Feeding•
- Behavior Based Animal Management
- Multi-species Grazing
- The Economic Benefits of Intensive Grazing

The pasture walk at the UMass Pasture Center will include a field tour of test plots (28 mixtures) and discussions on species identification, grazing management and fencing.

Register online at: [www.nofamass.org/conferences/s2008/index.php](http://www.nofamass.org/conferences/s2008/index.php).

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For more information about Mass Grass or the Grazing School workshops, visit [www.massgrass.org](http://www.massgrass.org), or contact Kate Rossiter, NOFA/Mass Organic Dairy Coordinator, (413) 498-2721, or [krossiter@nofamass.org](mailto:krossiter@nofamass.org).

The Grazing School was organized by Mass Grass, a state-wide grazing group of Massachusetts livestock farmers, leaders and educators from agricultural organizations, including UMass Extension and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

