

Western Regional Grazing Conference – March 17th & 18th, 2010.

March 17th – Wednesday: Grazing Fundamentals and Soil Fertility

- 7:00 – 8:00 Registration/Trade Show
8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Overview
8:15 – 9:30 Principles of Grazing Theory: Roger Ingram UCCE Placer/Nevada County
9:30 – 10:30 Balancing your soils – the basics. Jerry Brunetti, Agri-Dynamics
11:00 – 12:00 New Zealand style grass-based dairy production and its application in the U.S.–
Tony Coltman, General Manager, Focal Dairies, LP and Farm Consultant,
Dairy Grazing Services Consulting
12:00 – 1:00 Impacts of grazing on meat & milk nutritional content – Cindy Daley, CSUC
1:00 – 2:00 Lunch / Trade Show
- 2:00 – 5:00 Hands-on Workshops - choose 1 of 3
1. Grazing basics/pasture ecology – designing a grazing system for your operation – Roger Ingram and Betsy Boyd
 2. USDA Pasture Rule presented by eOrganic on-line resource webinar – everything you need to know about the new Pasture Rule – Dr. Kerry Smith, NOP (remote link)
 3. Mineral nutrition and herd health – Jerry Brunetti, Agri-Dynamics (walk through cowherd at CSU Chico and talk about mineral nutrition programs)
- 5:00 – 6:00 Trade Show and Wine/Beer
6:00 – 8:00 Dinner – catered

March 18th – Thursday: Managed Intensive Grazing and Key Economic Indicators

- 8:00 – 9:30 Grazing behavior and effect of supplementation on milk production:
Darrell Emmick: USDA/ NRCS
9:30 – 10:30 Forages that work in Western environments – Mike Gamroth, OSU Extension
10:30 – 11:00 Break / Trade Show
11:00 - 12:00 Key economic indicators of successful grass-based dairy operations – Jason Karszes, Cornell Extension
12:00 – 1:00 Breeding for profit: genetics for grass-based production – Phil Wicks, General Manager, Livestock Improvement Corporation USA
1:00 - 2:00 Lunch / Trade Show
- 2:00 – 5:00 Hands-on Workshops – choose 1 of 3
1. Animal behavior - impacts on grazing - Darrell Emmick
 2. How to participate in the Cornell Dairy Farm Business Program on-line. – Jason Karszes - Cornell
 3. Business plans for niche dairy and meat marketing – Roger Ingram UCCE

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