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The
**MONTHLY
FEEDSTUFF**

November 2022

Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.

Grazing on Dairy Farms - Livestock on the Land



Take a look inside three Iowa dairy farms whose focus is on grazing and the soil. Beyond their land stewardship practices, these farmers are all doing something unconventional to add value to their farms and products.

Francis Thicke of [Radiance Dairy](#) near Fairfield, Iowa, sells milk, cream and value-added products like yogurt and cheese to local grocery stores and restaurants.

Kevin and Ranae Dietzel of [Lost Lake Farm](#) near Jewell, Iowa, add value to their milk through artisan cheesemaking.

And Erin and Torray Wilson produce milk at [Seven W Farm](#) near Paullina, Iowa for Wisconsin-based Organic Valley.

This video was shot during the production of our full-length film, "Livestock on the Land." If you haven't seen our film, you can [watch it here](#).

PROGRAM UPDATES

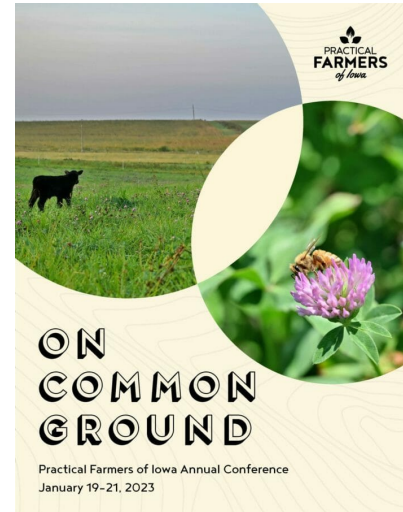
Register TODAY for On Common Ground: PFI's annual conference

Mark your calendars for Jan. 19-21 for our 2023 annual conference!

This year's annual conference explores the ways we are all On Common Ground.

The conference invites attendees to think about where we can find this common ground, and the ways we can make space for it through connection, conversation and recognition of our shared impacts and interests.

There are sessions on grazing, poultry, pigs, fiber and much more! [Register today!](#)



Autumn magazine article: "Bringing Meat Closer to Home"



The latest edition of the Practical Farmer includes an article on the state of meat processing in Iowa, and what that means for farmers. Featuring **Chad Hensley** and **Jake Bigelow**. [Learn more about how small- and medium-sized farms supported legislation to help address meat processing barriers in their area.](#)

BEYOND THE GATE

Butchery Innovation and Revitalization Fund grant application open

Small-scale meat processors seeking support can now apply for grant funding. The first step in the application process – a pre-application assessment – is due Nov. 28.

The grants are for processors to expand, refurbish or establish a small-scale meat processing facility, licensed custom locker or mobile slaughter unit.

Grants can also be used to rent or purchase cold storage or equipment needed to expand capacity.

[The assessment form and additional information can be found here.](#)



Beginner's Resource Guide to Direct Marketing Meat



The Pasture Project at the Wallace Center has released [Beginner's Resource Guide to Direct Marketing Meat](#), an interactive online guide listing resources to help farmers determine how direct marketing can work for their farming enterprises.

The guide offers resources on direct marketing, business planning, processing, marketing, labeling and where to sell.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PFI Events

All events below are listed in central daylight time.

Jan. 19-21: Conference - [PFI Annual Conference](#)

Hosted by: Practical Farmers of Iowa

Full day

Ames, IA

Friends of PFI Events

Nov. 20-21: Conference - [Iowa Organics Conference](#)

Iowa City, IA

**** Visit with PFI staff at this event!****

Dec. 8: Webinar - [Saving Great Plains Grasslands: Rangeland Management for Pollinators and Plant Diversity](#)

12-1 p.m. p.m. | Online

Dec. 1: Webinar - [Intro to Farm Animal Welfare Certifications](#)

5 p.m. | Online

Dec. 9-10: Convention - [2022 Shepherd's Holiday Convention](#)

Alexandria, MN

Dec. 2-3: Convention - [Missouri Livestock Symposium](#)
Kirksville, MO

Dec. 15-16: Workshop - [Wisconsin Shearing School](#)
Arlington, WI

[View more upcoming events on our website](#)

POLL

Where do you get your Thanksgiving turkey?

Local farmer

Select

My own farm

Select

Grocery store

Select

Hunting

Select

I don't eat turkey for Thanksgiving

Select

Previous poll results:

How many PFI fields days did you attend this year?

- **Two or three - 37.5%**
- Zero - 37.5 %
- One - 25%

Are you planning or hosting a livestock event? Do you want to host a livestock field day? Send the details to amos.johnson@practicalfarmers.org

STAY CONNECTED



Looking for more? Contact us today!

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