

The Monthly Feedstuff - Register today for 2024 Field Days + Stay informed about HPAI in dairy cattle

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Equipping farmers to build resilient farms and communities.

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Evolving information about HPAI in cattle

Since highly pathogenic avian influenza A was detected in dairy cattle earlier this year, guidance on health and safety for herds and milk supplies have continued to evolve. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recommends that Iowa dairy farmers enhance their biosecurity protocols and practices,

communicate regularly with their herd veterinarian and report any unusual symptoms in cattle to IDALS at 515-281-5305.

The [IDALS webpage on avian influenza](#) provides multiple resources for useful and accurate updates. The Dairy Team at ISU Extension & Outreach has assembled excellent [resources on HPAI in dairy as well](#).

PROGRAM UPDATES

Registration now open for PFI's 2024 field days



The 2024 PFI field day season kicks off in less than a month.

Join fellow farmers and supporters to learn about a range of topics in our biggest field day season yet. [View the full schedule of events and register to attend.](#)

We look forward to seeing you for another season of on-farm, farmer-to-farmer learning!

Spring 2024 magazine: "The Roots of Community"

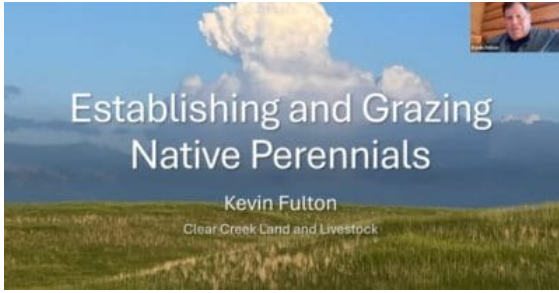


Now in its second year, [PFI's grazing cost-share](#) helps farmers achieve their unique grazing goals by reducing expenses for grazing infrastructure.

Read how the program is getting livestock on the land while helping farmers, like **Mike and Laura Kenniston and Silvino Morelos**, build new connections [in this article from our most recent magazine.](#)

Photo courtesy of Iowa Public Radio News

Winter webinar recording: "Establishing and grazing native perennials"



Integrating native perennials into your grazing system can boost drought resilience and add wildlife habitat.

However, native grasses and forbs require adaptive management to thrive. **In this webinar**, **Kevin Fulton** of Clear Creek Land & Livestock near Litchfield, Nebraska, draws on his 50+ years of experience to share how he establishes native perennial pasture and tips for grazing it successfully.

Introducing the updated PFI local foods directory



PFI's local foods directory is now part of MarketMaker's nationwide food system network.

Use this powerful new tool to identify sources among PFI membership where you can buy local, searching by a range of criteria like location, business type, product, certification and more.

Learn how to list or update your farm's info in the directory. You must be a current PFI member to be included in PFI's directory.

Getting started with goats



In this video, learn how **Adam Ledvina** started raising goats to manage his 190-acre family farm in Tama County, Iowa.

By raising Kiko goats, a low-maintenance breed, and rotationally grazing, he's been able to grow his herd to between 500 and 1,000 goats depending on the time of year.

This season, Adam is also leading field days in our Spanish-interpreted series, **"A Year in the Life of a Goat Farmer."**

BEYOND THE GATE

Grazing-related services now listed on the Midwest Grazing Exchange



The **Midwest Grazing Exchange** is familiar to many as a resource for connecting livestock owners with land owners for grazing opportunities, but did you know you can also find (and list!) grazing-related services?

Explore the listings to find or add resources for livestock hauling, shepherding, fencing, watering systems and more. Take advantage of this matchmaking tool to support your livestock operation goals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dairy Grazing, Silvopasture and Compost



Friday, June 7 | 10 a.m.-Noon | Paullina, IA

Help us kick off the field day season at Wilson Organic Dairy with **Torray and Erin Wilson**. Torray and Erin are part of Seven W Farm, a 600-acre diversified, organic farm where each family member active in the farm is responsible for a different crop or livestock enterprise.

They'll also discuss grass-based dairy and how Holistic Management training helps them manage the complexity of the farm and family. **Register for the field day.**

Upcoming PFI events

All events listed in Central Time.

**June 14: Field Day – Grazing
'Round the Farm at Crooked Gap
Farm**

Hosted by: Ethan & Becca Book
10 a.m.-Noon | Knoxville, IA

**June 20: Field Day – The Basics
of Raising Sheep for Wool at
Dresow Family Farms**

Hosted by: Stacy & Kevin Dresow
4-6 p.m. | Lonsdale, MN

**June 28: Field Day – Creating
Resiliency Through Diversity
With Crops and Livestock at KC
Stock and Crop LLC**

Hosts: Kevin Wagner & family
10 a.m.-Noon | Cuba City, WI

Friends of PFI events

**May 29-June 1: Expo – Goat
Expo 2024**

Hosted by: Meat Goat Society
All day | Sedalia, MO

**June 1: Field Day – Full Circle
Organic Experience Field Day**

Hosted by: Marbleseed
10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Seymour, WI

[View our events calendar](#)

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