The Seventh Annual Winter Green-Up Grass-Fed Grazing Conference
Grassfed to finish, management intensive grazing, building soil health with animal impact, winter feeds
Friday, January 30, 2015
8:30 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 31, 2015
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
The Century House
Rte 9
(Exit 7 off the Northway)
Latham, NY 12210

Friday, January 30, 2015
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Registration, coffee, pastries, vendor set up

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Tom Kilcer, Advanced Ag Systems, will discuss best management practices for planting, harvesting and storing brown mid rib sorghum sudan. He will also discuss triticale as a pasture and hay crop.

10:30 am - 11:00 am
Break, visit with vendors

11:00 am - Noon
Neil Dennis, Sunnybrae Farm, will cover a topic with a very interesting title, “If You Are Going To Be Lazy, Get Good At It.” He will talk about how he handles 1,000 animals without stress to the animals or the operator.

Noon - 1:30 pm
Lunch, visit with other producers & vendors

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Jim Taylor, Sunny Acres Farm, will discuss how his farm has transitioned over the past 40 years from a cow/calf operation to a meat goat operation while at the same time moving from a traditional management style to a grass-based one.

2:30 - 2:45 pm
Stretch break

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm
Neil Dennis will continue his talk about designing paddocks and tools to make cattle handling easier.

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Speaker Panel

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Networking with speakers and other producers

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Banquet with a variety of grass-finished meats

Saturday, January 31, 2015
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Vendor booths open, speaker books for sale

9:00 am - 10:15 am
Gary Kleppel, Professor of Biology at SUNY Albany, will talk about the changing paradigm in food production in the United States and its effect on the environment, the economy and society-at-large.

10:15 am - 10:45 am
Break, short vendor presentations

10:45 am - Noon
Allan Nation, Editor, Stockman Grass Farmer, will discuss the trends in grassland agriculture and how to profit from them.

Noon - 1:30 pm
Lunch and visit with other producers and vendors

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Paul VanAmburg and Tim Joseph will talk about how they transitioned from feeding their cows conventionally to a grass based dairy. Tim will discuss how the Maple Hill Creamery brand of yogurt has grown and Paul will discuss his role as a milk supply manager.

2:30 - 2:45 pm
Stretch break

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
Allan Nation will continue his discussion on trends in grassland agriculture.

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm
Wrap up, final questions and participant suggestions for 2016 topics and speakers

Thank you for attending

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Black Queen Angus are proud to present the 7th Annual Winter Green-Up Grazing Conference.

We are really excited about our lineup of speakers this year including our two keynote speakers, Allan Nation who is well known for the many articles and editorials he writes as managing editor of the Stockman Grass Farmer and Neil Dennis, a Saskatchewan farmer who has spoken at many conferences on various topics related to grazing and holistic management.

A couple of reflective comments from participants at previous Green Up Conferences...

- “This conference has brought the grazing community together.”
- “Local sourced food puts this conference over the top!”
- “I always return home with lots of food for thought.”
- “The soil health topic was a life changer.”

Thanks again to our sponsors:
SPEAKER BIOS

Allan Nation, Editor, Stockman Grass Farmer
Ridgeland, Mississippi
The Stockman Grass Farmer is an international publication which currently is the only monthly publication in North America devoted solely to management-intensive grassland farming in all its aspects. Allan has been the featured speaker at many grassland based conferences and has authored several books including Grassfed to Finish Profits With Stocker Cattle. Land, Livestock and Life, Pasture Profits and his latest book, Moving Feast; a Cultural History of Heritage Foods in Southeast Mississippi. Allan received the 1993 Agriculture Conservation Award from the American Farmland Trust for spearheading the drive behind the grass farming revolution in the United States.

Neil Dennis, Sunnybrae Farms
Saskatchewan, Canada
Practicing holistic management has changed Neil’s outlook on life. Prior to practicing holistic grazing, Neil ran 200-300 head of cattle on his 1,170 acres. Now he has 800-1,000 head on the same acreage. Neil received much of his early holistic training from Terry Gompert, a former Green-Up speaker. In addition to Neil practicing holistic grazing, he has come up with ways to reduce his workload and improve his farm in terms of efficiency and ecology. Some of his innovations include a 4 wheeler that drives over fences, timed latches that spring open to new paddocks, and color coded tin cans. Neil’s enthusiasm for grazing and it’s benefits to land, people and the pocketbook are contagious.

Tim Joseph, Maple Hill Creamery
Sunny Acres Farm, Athens, NY
Tim started a new career as a private crop consultant, he has conducted cutting edge research in the summer. In the winter Tim transitioned to a grass fed Dairy and Beef operation with an eye to named markets. Neil’s outlook on life. Prior to practicing holistic grazing, Neil ran 200-300 head of cattle on his 1,170 acres. Now he has 800-1,000 head on the same acreage. Neil received much of his early holistic training from Terry Gompert, a former Green-Up speaker. In addition to Neil practicing holistic grazing, he has come up with ways to reduce his workload and improve his farm in terms of efficiency and ecology. Some of his innovations include a 4 wheeler that drives over fences, timed latches that spring open to new paddocks, and color coded tin cans. Neil’s enthusiasm for grazing and it’s benefits to land, people and the pocketbook are contagious.

Gary Kleppel, SUNY Albany
Gary Kleppel is professor of Biology at the State University of New York at Albany. His current research is focused on the ecology of human-dominated landscapes and includes studies of sustainable agriculture, the coupling of grazier-plant-soil microbial communities, and the use of grazing to achieve conservation objectives.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom at 518-765-5511. Cancellations will be accepted until January 16, 2015. (a $10.00 cancellation fee will be charged) "Rooms are being held for Thursday - Saturday night at The Century House for $114.00 per night" 518-785-0331 or https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WinterGreenUp2015_201

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