



SOUTHWEST BADGER

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Dear Producer,

As a livestock producer in Southwestern Wisconsin you are invited to attend the following workshop:

Expanding Your Pasture Resources Through Leasing Relationships ***A free workshop for livestock producers***

Date/Time: February 09, 2013/ 9:00am – 1:00pm (Lunch provided)

Location: Sam and Maddies Restaurant
3656 State Rd 23, Dodgeville, WI

Topics:

- Building partnerships for renting: What grassland owners expect & working with a grazing plan
- Logistics and economics of leasing pastures
- Identifying available grasslands and other resources needed to establish productive pasture

Presenters:

Laura Paine- WI Dept. of Ag. Trade & Consumer Protection: Grazing Specialist / Producer

Jean Stramel- Natural Resources Conservation Service: Area Grazing Specialist, Southwest Area

Gene Schriefer- University of Wisconsin Extension: Iowa County Agricultural Educator/ Producer

Darlene Severson – Grassland owner and leaser, Crawford County

This workshop is for livestock producers interested in managed grazing and expanding their operation through opportunities for leasing expiring CRP and other grassland acres. Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council, as a partner in the Southwest Wisconsin Grassland Stream and Conservation Area Initiative (SWGSCA), is working towards expanding grazing in the region as an economic development and conservation tool. Our goal is to identify grassland owners who may be interested in the benefits of grazing practices on their land and partnering them with local graziers. The purpose of this workshop is to review with attendees the expectations of grassland owners, establishment of leasing agreements, and grazing plan options. The goal is to identify producers who are interested in leasing grassland for managed grazing and help them connect with grassland owners identified through this initiative.

Lunch will be provided and space is limited so **please RSVP to Erin Holmes at 608-935-2791x141 or at erin.holmes@wi.usda.gov**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Holmes - Farm Bill Biologist
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