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**Public is welcome to a Pasture Walk at Grace Farms**

**July 24, 2014 Time: 10:30 till 2PM**

**856 Lowman Rd, Lowman NY**

CHEMUNG CO., NY -- Peggy Clarke has been intensively grazing her dairy herd for over 30 years on the family's 200 year old farm in Lowman. She will lead the pasture walk and show how she manages Grass-fed livestock to protect the environment and wildlife.

Bob Schindelbeck, an Extension Associate in the Department of Crop and Soil Science at Cornell University, will bring Cornell's "Rainfall Simulator" to demonstrate the benefits to water quality by use of pasture. During heavy rainfall events the pasture soil slows the water as it moves down hill which reduces runoff and increases water infiltration and water retention.

Fay Benson with Cornell's South Central NY Dairy Team will provide the audience with information on the human health benefits provided by grass-fed products which come from the higher levels of Omega-3 fatty acids in grass-fed products. He will also have information on USDA's Pilot Program for Pasture Insurance through the Risk Management Agency.

Mark Watts, District Manager for Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation will outline the resources they have to help livestock producers adopt grass-fed production.

RSVPs appreciated but not required. Light refreshments will be provided. To register call Sharon VanDeuson at 607-753-5078 or go to [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/GrassfedLivestockHelp\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/GrassfedLivestockHelp_211) for more information.

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