

Guest Speakers:



Russ Wilson, his wife, and two children operate Wilson Land & Cattle Co, a 220-acre

farm in Forest County, PA. They raise cattle, sheep, goats, poultry and honey bees and custom graze for other producers. They employ adaptive management techniques to make the farm more profitable. Russ enjoys sharing his unique management strategies with other farmers and ranchers with a hope to make them more sustainable.



Dave Hartman is an extension educator based at the Lycoming County Penn State Extension. Dave has a bachelor's in Animal

Production and master's in Forage Agronomy from Penn State. He has over 31 years of experience in agricultural work and is currently a member of the livestock team. His main area of interest is the management of forage and grazing systems. Dave is also owner/operator of Clovermont Grazing Company, specializing in grass-finishing of cattle, at his farm in Montour County.

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Show Me the Money: Grazing Strategies for Farm Profitability

Daylong Conference at
Alfred State College



Friday, June 30, 2017

8 AM – 3:00 PM

Central Dining Hall in the
Allegany Room



Agenda

8-8:30 AM – Registration - Central Dining Hall in the Allegany Room

8:45 AM - Adaptive Grazing Management & Using Multi-species Covers as part of a Grazing System – Russ Wilson

Russ incorporates cool season and native warm season grasses along with both warm and cool season multi-species cover crop mixes to allow him to graze as much of the year as possible. Learn how to adapt to your farm’s grazing needs through simple, practical management, and tailor your grazing plan for your operation.

Break 10:45-11:00 AM

11:00 AM - Using Annual Forage Species to Improve Grazing Systems - Dave Hartman, Penn State Extension

The crop species we can use for cover crops and grazing is extensive. Diverse mixes can serve the purpose of improving soil health, holding soil, and providing cheap forage. What strategy will work for your grazing system? Learn how to make decision to best utilize your farm resources.

Lunch Noon – 1:00 pm

1:10 – Optional tour of Alfred State College Farm for those that are new to campus.

Afternoon sessions at the College Farm - dress for outdoors.

1:30PM - Seeing is Believing When it Comes to Soil Health - Fay Benson, CCE

The National Grazinglands Coalition Soil Health Trailer is equipped to measure and demonstrate vital physical, chemical, and biological components of soil health. Workshop participants will use penetrometers to measure soil compaction, and see a demonstration of the Active Carbon test and Aggregate Stability that measures how much food the soil contains for the biological organisms that support soil health.

2:15 PM - Adding Annuals to Your Pastures for the Livestock Above Ground and Below - Jonathan Barter, SWCD

An Alfred State pasture which has been overgrazed and underutilized will have different plots of annual pasture species and mixes planted for attendees to view their effectiveness in; establishment and effectiveness at improving the forage base and the soil health.

3:00 PM Wrap-Up

Contact Phil Schroeder at 607-587-3983 for more information. Campus maps available at: www.alfredstate.edu/maps

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Registration Form

Cost - includes hot lunch.

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