



Early-Summer Pasture Walk

Monday, June 14, 2010

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Jackie Flynn-Batista Farm, 9027 Best Road, Pecatonica, IL

Jackie and her husband have 25 Murray Grey beef cows and about 90 to 95 acres of grass-legume hay and pasture. Jackie received an EQIP grant for installation of pasture fencing and watering. Last summer a strip-grazing system was implemented. Goals are to move toward grass finishing and maintain an organic system.

This event will be held rain or shine and may involve walking across uneven terrain, so please dress accordingly. There is no fee, but reservations are encouraged (please call the Winnebago County Extension Office, 815-986-4357; or go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/winnebago/programs.html> and click on the Pasture Walk icon).

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Overview of Operation**
- **Discussion and Observation of Grazing Practices**
 - Fencing
 - Watering
 - Pasture management and forage quality

Resource Presenters:

Ed Johnston, Winnebago County NRCS
Jim Morrison, University of Illinois Extension

Handout material will be provided.



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If you have an interest in pastures and grazing, I hope you can join us for this informal, timely, and practical event. There will be plenty of time for discussion and sharing. Call if you have questions.

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Directions:

From the south: From Pecatonica, go north on Pecatonica Road 4 miles, turn left (west) on Trask Bridge Road. Go 1 mile, turn right (north) on Best Road and continue to farm on the right (watch for signs).

From the north: From Davis go east on IL Route 75 about 2½ miles to Pecatonica Road, turn right (south) and go 3 miles to Trask Bridge Road. Turn right (west) and follow the above directions.

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