



**LAND
STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT**

GRAZING GROUPS KICK-OFF

with Land Stewardship Project

Join us for one of our kick off meetings

DECORAH, IA NOVEMBER 11TH 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

GOODHUE, MN NOVEMBER 18TH 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

All livestock farmers are highly encouraged to participate!

Thursday, November 11th

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Canoe Creek Dairy —

Dan, Bonnie, Sam, Parker,
Jen, & Esther Beard

2954 Middle Sattre Rd, Decorah, IA

Look for LSP event signs!

Lunch is sourced and provided by the farmer in partner with LSP. Suggested \$3-5 contribution.



Dan and Bonnie Beard along with sons Sam and Parker and their wives Jen and Esther, operate Canoe Creek Dairy near Decorah Iowa. Dan and Bonnie started milking in 1983, began rotationally grazing in 1993, transitioned to Organic in 2003 and became 100% grass fed in 2017. In addition to pasture for their dairy and beef animals, they raise hay, corn, oats, rye, triticale and sorghum sudan grass.

At the kick off event the Beard family will show the cow herd and 35+ heifer calves born this spring that have been grazing since they were two weeks old. Dress for weather! Discussion around maximizing the grazing season without compromising next year's growth potential.



RSVP by Nov 9th by registering online at www.landstewardshipproject.org

****COVID PRECAUTIONS will be in place at all in-person events, details will be available soon.****

Questions? Contact LSP's Alex Romano at 641-220-6000 or aromano@landstewardshipproject.org

GRAZING GROUP KICK-OFF MEETINGS—NOV. 11 & 18

Thursday, Nov. 18th 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

The Goodhue Historical Society

1166 Oak Street Red Wing, MN 55066

Featured Grazer: Zach Knutson

Join Bairet, LSP organizer to learn about grazing groups at the Goodhue Historical Society! We will have facilitated small group discussions, a presentation from our featured grazer, time to connect with other grazers and enjoy the exhibits at the museum! Zach Knutson, of Knutson Shorthorns, is a 4th generation farmer in Pine Island, MN. Originally a dairy, beef cattle were added in 2011 as an integral part of a low input, rotational grazing regenerative farming and direct beef operation. In 2016, Zach spent six months traveling across Australia to learn about the genetics and management practices by working on over 60 cattle and sheep operations. He brought the lessons learned back to the farm, and in 2020 he started transitioning row crop land to pasture in order to expand the grazing enterprises.



Grazing groups will come together to:

- ◆ Be in community with other local grazers
- ◆ Develop grazing skills and know-how
- ◆ Dig into a range of grazing topics
- ◆ Engage in peer to peer learning
- ◆ Enjoy local food!

RSVP by Nov. 16th, register online at www.landstewardshipproject.org

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Questions? Contact LSP's Bairet Eiter at bairret@landstewardshipproject.org

Alex and Bairet will work with group members to plan and facilitate farmer-driven meetings year-round. We are committed to working with group members to offer family-friendly get-togethers. You do not need to be an LSP member to join, but members make these opportunities possible.



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