



# Grazing Gazette

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## Pasture Rental Rates

By Jake Overgaard, Extension Educator, Winona County

Pasture rental rates have not changed much over the years, especially when compared to cropland rental rates. Landowners should consider the quality of the pasture, real estate taxes, insurance, and any repairs or additional aspects of the property buildings, watering systems, etc, along with the return they'd like to receive for their investment.

Farmers should consider the returns they'll make off the pasture.

Rates can be set with a dollars per acre rate or dollars per animal unit. In MN, pasture rent has ranged from \$15-90 per acre or \$8-21 per cow unit, per month (for a 1000 lb beef cow). Southeast MN rates as reported by the National Ag Statistics Service were \$32/acre for Southeast MN. Average statewide rates are \$32/acre or \$12-15 per cow unit, per month.

For more information on pasture leases, visit [www.aglease101.org](http://www.aglease101.org), in the "Document library", you'll find publications with budget worksheets to estimate rent for both the landowner and cattle owner. There's also a lease template specifically tailored for pasture land.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

*For more information about any of the programs listed please contact us.*

**Research Update for Ag Professionals** ~ Jan 6 ~ 12:30-4:40 ~ Events by Saker, 401 8th Street SE, Kasson

**Minnesota Organic Conference** ~ Jan 8-9 ~ St. Cloud, MN

**Winter Dairy Series** ~ Jan 11 ~ 12:00 noon ~ by MN Dept of Ag ~ UM Extension-Scott County, 7151 W 190th St., Jordan

**Winter Crop Days** ~ January 13 ~ St. Charles

**MN Ag Expo** ~ Jan 27-28 ~ Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN

**Driftless Region Beef Conference** ~ Feb 4-5 ~ Grand River Conference Center and Grand Harbor Resort, Dubuque, IA

**Winter Dairy Series** ~ Jan 11 ~ 12:00 noon ~ by Erin Royster, UM College of Veterinary Medicine ~ State Bank of New Prague, 1101 1st St. SE, New Prague

**Nutrient Management Conference** ~ Feb 9 ~ Jackpot Junction Hotel, Morton

**Grazing/Forage Meeting** ~ Feb 19 ~ Stumpy's, 122 W Jessie St., Rushford

**Nitrogen: Minnesota's Grand Challenge and Compelling Opportunity Conference** ~ Feb 23 ~ International Event Center, Rochester

**Moses Conference** ~ Feb 25-27 ~ La Crosse, WI



## 2016 Winter Crop Days

Winter Crop Days will be held at 5 locations this year, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running until 2:30 p.m. Cash or check only, \$35 registration fee includes handout materials, refreshments and lunch.

This year the program will include: Control of Giant Ragweed, Forage Management, Cover Crops, Long-term Ag Research, Extension Update, Corn Production, Control of Pests in corn & soybean, Nitrogen Management.

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 13** ~ St Charles Community Center, 830 Whitewater Avenue.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 14** ~ Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 14** ~ Lake Crystal, Lake Sports Bar & Grill, 151 W Humphrey St.
- ◆ **Friday, January 15** ~ Kasson Events, 401 8th Street SE.
- ◆ **Friday, January 15** ~ Waseca SROC, 35838 120th Street.

**Presenters:** Lisa Behnken, Fritz Breitenbach, Diane DeWitte, Jason Ertl, Ryan Miller, Jake Overgaard, U of MN Extension; Jeff Coulter, Scotty Wells, UM Dept of Agronomy & Plant Genetics; Tom Hoverstad, Gregg Johnson, Bruce Potter and Jeff Vetsch, UM SROC.

**Freeborn County Soil Health Team Presents:**

### Soil Health Winter Workshop

**Tuesday, January 19 | \$20 registration at the door - meal provided**

**Owatonna Eagles | 141 East Rose Street, Owatonna MN**

**Agenda:**

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| 8:30-9:00   | Registration & Conversation   |
| 9:00-9:15   | Welcome & Introduction  |
| 9:15-10:15  | “It’s Not Just Dirt Anymore!” learn the foundations of healthy soil<br>Jay Fuhrer; USDA-NRCS, Soil Health Specialist  |
| 10:15-10:30 | BREAK   |
| 10:30-12:00 | “Solvita Soil Biology Process: Crop Fertility Measurements Focused on Crop Profitability!”<br>Bob Burger; Woods End Laboratories Inc., Sr. Product Specialist/Scientist |
| 12:00-1:00  | Lunch (please RSVP to Senja Viktora for meal count by January 12th. 507-373-5607 ext 105<br>or senja.viktora@mn.nacdnet.net)  |
| 1:00-2:00   | “Cover Crops: What Will My Neighbors Think?”<br>Doug Adams; No-Till/Strip-Till Farmers & USDA-NRCS Soil Con Tech, Humboldt, IA  |
| 2:00-2:45   | “Cover Crop Establishment: Interseeding into V7-V8 Corn”<br>M. Scott Wells; UM Department of Agronomy & Plant Genetics, Assistant Professor                             |
| 2:45-3:00   | Questions & Closing Remarks   |

Pending 4.5 CEU credits for CCA’s have been applied for.

Categories include: Crop Management, Soil & Water Management, and Nutrient Management.

## 2016 Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshops

Renewal of your Private Pesticide Applicator Certification IS REQUIRED if you:

- ▶ Apply pesticides to land you own, rent or lease for the production of agriculture commodities AND
- ▶ Plan to use Restricted Use Pesticides AND reside in the state of MN AND your certification expires in 2016
- ▶ Recertification must be completed by March 1, 2016

WORKSHOPS (for a complete listing of workshops, contact your local Extension Office):

<b>ROCHESTER</b>	<b>Friday, Jan 22, 12:30 pm</b>	RCTC Heintz Center–Room HB117 1926 Collegeview Rd
<b>CALEDONIA</b>	<b>Thursday, Jan. 28, 12:30 pm</b>	Houston Co. Criminal Justice Center 304 S Marshall St
<b>WYKOFF</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 2, 12:30 pm</b>	Community Center 228 Gold Street North
<b>ST. CHARLES</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 8, 12:30 pm</b>	Community Center 830 Whitewater Avenue
<b>ALBERT LEA</b>	<b>Thurs., Feb 11, 9:00 am</b>	Riverland Community College 1200 Riverland Drive
<b>PLAINVIEW</b>	<b>Thurs., Feb 11, 12:30 pm</b>	American Legion 215 3rd Street SW
<b>ROCHESTER</b>	<b>Mon., Feb 15, 9:00 am</b>	RCTC Heintz Center–Room HB117 1926 Collegeview Rd
<b>GRAND MEADOW</b>	<b>Tues., Feb 16, 12:30 pm</b>	Crazy Jane’s Place 204 4th Avenue NE
<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>Thurs., Feb 18, 12:30 pm</b>	Houston Nature Center 215 West Plum Streete
<b>PRESTON</b>	<b>Mon., Feb 22, 6:30 pm</b>	Fillmore Co Office Building–Rm108 902 Houston St NW
<b>WILSON</b>	<b>Wed., Feb 24, 12:30 pm</b>	Wilson Town/Fire Hall 29660 County Road 12

## 2016 Cow Calf Days Seminar Tour & Trade Show

Southern Tour:

January 25	5:30 pm	Kenebec County Jail, Mora MN
January 26	9:30 am	Civic Center, Glenwood MN
January 27	9:30 am	MN West CC, Pipestone MN
January 28	5:30 pm	Heintz Center, Rochester MN
January 29	9:30 am	American Legion, LeCenter MN



Topics:

- ◆ Grazinglands of MN; MN Grazinglands Association
- ◆ Increasing feeder calf value; Dar Geiss, Verified Beef
- ◆ Cow/Calf confinement systems; Tim Bickett, Hoop Beef Systems
- ◆ Trace Mineral Nutrition; Brad DeGroot, MultiMin USA
- ◆ Calf Health Protocols; Dr. DiCostanzo, U of M Beef Team

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## Rochester Tour de Forage ~ February 4th

Southeast Minnesota Forage Council & MFA Winter Meeting  
Eagles Club, 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester  
9:30 am - 3:15 pm

Topics/Speakers:

**Cover Cropping Locally; What Worked & What is Being Done** - Dean Thomas, Fillmore County SWCD

**Are Those Cows On Your Cropland?** - Jay Fuhrer, NRCS, Bismarck ND

**Available Funding for Cover Crops** - Dean Thomas, Fillmore County SWCD

**MFA/NAFA Update** - Midwest Forage Association

**Double Cropping Options to Stretch Your Forage Yield & Dairy Slurry Application on Alfalfa** - Wayne Coblentz, US Dairy Forage Research Center, Marshfield WI

**University of Minnesota Forage Update** - Scott Wells, University of Minnesota

**Practical Applications of Feeding Forages** - Jim Paulson, University of Minnesota Extension, Rochester

Registration information available at: [www.midwestforage.com](http://www.midwestforage.com) or 651.484.3888

Program information available from: Jim Paulson, [jcp@umn.edu](mailto:jcp@umn.edu) or 507-.280.2871



**31<sup>st</sup> Annual**

## **Private Treaty Bull Sale**

~ selling 60 Balancer & Gelbvieh Bulls ~

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**At the farm, Goodhue, MN**

25765 Cty. 3 Blvd.    [www.schaferfarm.com](http://www.schaferfarm.com)

Goodhue MN 55027    [brian@schaferfarm.com](mailto:brian@schaferfarm.com)



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