

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 **check-in and coffee**

9:00 **welcome and introduction**
Steve Normanton and Bill Fosher,
Granite State Graziers

9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Life in Our Midst

Dr. Hubert Karreman, veterinarian with the
Rodale Institute and Penn Dutch Cow Care

10:00 BREAKOUT SESSION I

A **Livestock health and the immune system**
Dr. Hubert Karreman

B **Watching the grass grow**
Carl Majewski and Daimon Meeh

10:55 break and refreshments

11:05 BREAKOUT SESSION II

A **Lambing on pasture**
Janet McNally

B **Pastured pork production**
Jeff Cantara

12:00 lunch break

discussion of GSG's no-till seeder initiative and
other programs, networking, time for visiting
supporters' display booths

1:30 BREAKOUT SESSION III

A **How wolves and parasites made me a better
grazier**
Janet McNally

B **Soil health for graziers**
Brandon Smith

2:25 break and refreshments

2:35 BREAKOUT SESSION IV

A **Alternative pasture crops and tillage**
Dorn Cox

B **Managing parasites in small ruminants**
Bill Fosher

3:30 Networking

Return evaluations and name tags
Questions and answers

4:15 Adjournment

SESSION TOPICS

Livestock health and the immune system

presenter: **Dr. Hubert Karreman**, Rodale Institute
veterinarian and owner of Penn Dutch Cow Care

Dr. Karreman's practice is dedicated to providing
natural treatments and herd health management
services to ecologically motivated dairy farmers in
Lancaster County, PA. His focus on botanical and other
non-chemical health protocols includes educating
producers about how the immune systems of animals
function, and what happens when they are weakened
or overcome. He'll cover the scientific basis of both
pharmaceutical and organic treatments for disease.

Watching the grass grow

presenters: **Carl Majewski** and **Daimon Meeh**, UNH
Cooperative Extension

Many graziers consider themselves grass farmers first
and foremost. Carl and Daimon will provide an
overview of what goes into growing good pasture so that
you can feed your animals well.

Lambing on pasture

presenter: **Janet McNally**, sheep producer, *Graze Mag-*
azine author and agriculture educator from Hinkley, MN
There's more to pasture lambing than just shooing the
ewes out of the barn. Janet will talk about the practices
and techniques that can make the difference between a
successful transition from lambing in a shed to lambing
on grass.

Pastured pork production

presenter: **Jeff Cantara**, farmer at New Roots Farm,
Exeter, NH

Swine can serve many functions on pasture-based farms,
from land clearing to crop gleaning, and can provide an
additional revenue stream using land that might other-
wise be unproductive. Jeff has raised pigs on his farm
since its inception, and will talk about the ins and outs
of raising pigs on pasture.

How wolves and parasites made me a better grazier

presenter: **Janet McNally**

When wolves were introduced to her region of Min-
nesota, Janet had to radically change how she managed

her sheep. At the same time, she began to see problems
with parasitism on a whole new scale. These two
challenges to her flock caused her to increase stocking
density and extend the rest period of her pastures. As a
result she has been able to improve her pasture to the
point where she can graze through droughts that have
her neighbors feeding hay in July and August.

Soil health for graziers

presenter: **Brandon Smith**, NRCS agronomist

For many decades, farmers were told that they should
test their soils and apply amendments to provide the
correct soil pH and macro-nutrients (N, P, and K) to
obtain optimal yields. In this talk, Brandon will discuss
the many other factors such as the soil's physical prop-
erties and biological activity that can affect productivity,
and provide some insights into how we can manage our
soils to improve their overall health.

Alternative pasture crops and tillage systems

presenter: **Dorn Cox**, director of Green Start, Lee, NH

Working with four generations on his family's 250-acre
diversified organic farm, Dorn has worked to select
effective cover crops, grains and oilseed coupled with
animal rotations for food and energy production, and
developed no-till and low-till techniques to reduce
energy use and increase soil health in New Hampshire
conditions. Graziers can use many of these same crops
and tillage systems to extend growing seasons, renovate
pastures, or increase pasture biomass.

Managing parasites in small ruminants

presenter: **Bill Fosher**, diversified farmer,
Westmoreland, NH

A monthly dose of dewormer medication no longer
passes for effective parasite management in sheep and
goats. Bill, a shepherd with 23 years of experience in
managing large and small flocks of sheep, will discuss
how to keep flocks healthy in the face of dewormers
that are losing efficacy, and the increased prevalence of
killer worms in the Northeast. Bill will discuss the
strengths and weaknesses of tactics like the FAMACHA
test, wormer rotation, and genetic selection.

REGISTRATION

Registration is available
online or at the door.

Register online at
<http://www.grazenh2014.eventbrite.com>

*Online registration ends
February 21, 2014 at noon.*

REGISTRATION FEES

Fees until February 17, 2014

Conference registration: \$65
or

Registration plus membership
in GSG (\$25 value): \$80

Starting February 18, 2014,
add \$10 to both fees.

*Fee includes a lunch of beef stew,
made using local beef and vegetables,
plus salad and locally-baked breads.
Coffee and water available at breaks.*

LOCATION

NH Audubon's McLane Center
84 Silk Farm Road
Concord, NH 03301
Take Exit 2 from Interstate 89



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Granite State Graziers
presents the eighth annual
**New Hampshire
Grazing Conference**

Getting It Done

featuring a keynote address by

Hubert Karreman

staff veterinarian for
the Rodale Institute



Saturday, February 22, 2014

NEW LOCATION

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