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Dear Great Lakes Grazier,

Today is officially the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. I had intentions on getting this newsletter out last month, but that did not happen. It is all for good reasons though, I have been fortunate to attend workshop and classes where I taught, coordinated, and visited with many great people around this Great State that we live in. I have also been on some good farm visits, which is probably what I enjoy most about this career.

Pasture walk season is upon us, and as you will see from this newsletter, we are going to have some good events. It's a great time to get out and connect with old friends, meet new ones, learn something, and share some of your knowledge. Please see the flyers attached and do reach out to me if you have questions.

Speaking of pastures and livestock, if you are looking for information on electric fence chargers, take a look at the bulletin that MSUE just released. You can find Extension Bulletin E3470 Considerations for Selecting & Installing an Electric Fence Charger at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/considerations-for-selecting-installing-an-electric-fence-charger>

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Sincerely,

Kable Thurlow
 MSUE Beef & Grazing Educator

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.”
 Mark Twain

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August 25, 2022
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Free lunch will be provided

Field demonstration includes:

- Saturated buffer installation
- Installation of a water control structure
- Demonstration of Water-Gate valve

Speaker session include:

- Soil health, Cover crops
- Nutrient placement
- Saturated buffer
- Controlled drainage

Learn how to improve soil health and reduce phosphorus loss from subsurface-drained farms

Registration required at:

events.anr.msu.edu/drain2022

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**FREE
Event**

2022 Tile Drainage Field Day

Linking Soil Health, Nutrient Management, and Water Management for Improved Water Quality



Located at: 13000 Bird lake Rd Camden, MI 49232

Host: Michigan State University Extension

Partners and Sponsors:

Michigan Land Improvement Contractors Association
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Creek Valley Farm

CCA credits available

For questions, contact Ehsan Ghane: [517-343-4458](tel:517-343-4458) or ghane@msu.edu

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2022 Pasture Walk Series

Come see innovative agriculture practices that can improve farm soil health and increase productivity!



- July 11th 6:00—8:00 pm

Hinken Farms

9681 E 80th St, Reed City MI 49677

- August 15th 6:00-8:00 pm

Mitchell Cat Creek Farms

15412 Hersey Rd, Hersey MI 49639

- September 21st 6:00-8:00pm

Grindstone Farms

11744 50th Ave, Evart MI 49631

Please join us at each location in the series where different practices will be highlighted. NRCS & MAEAP will be on hand for discussions on programs that are available.



MAEAP Phase 1 Event

Please call 231-465-8005 or email

brandi.mitchell@macd.org to RSVP



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Michigan Forage Council's Summer Forage Tour Thursday, June 30, 2022

Summer Forage Tour

Join MSU Extension, Michigan Forage Council,
and other forage enthusiasts.

Two farms in the Thumb of Michigan will be showcasing what and how they make their forage crop.

- ◆ **Strieter Hay Farms** - Learn about the latest improvements in drying hay and making storage investments.

8334 Campbell Rd, Bay Port, MI 48720

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

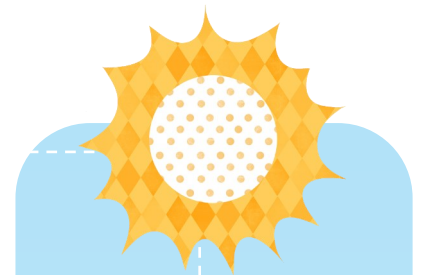
**Lunch will be provided, courtesy of
Michigan Forage Council**

- ◆ **Aquila Farms** - Learn how this innovative dairy farm has been using pure alfalfa that is harvested daily as a tool to increase their profitability.

3201 W Soper Rd, Bad Axe, MI 48413

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

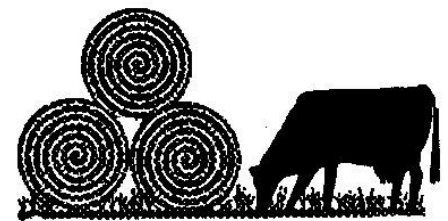
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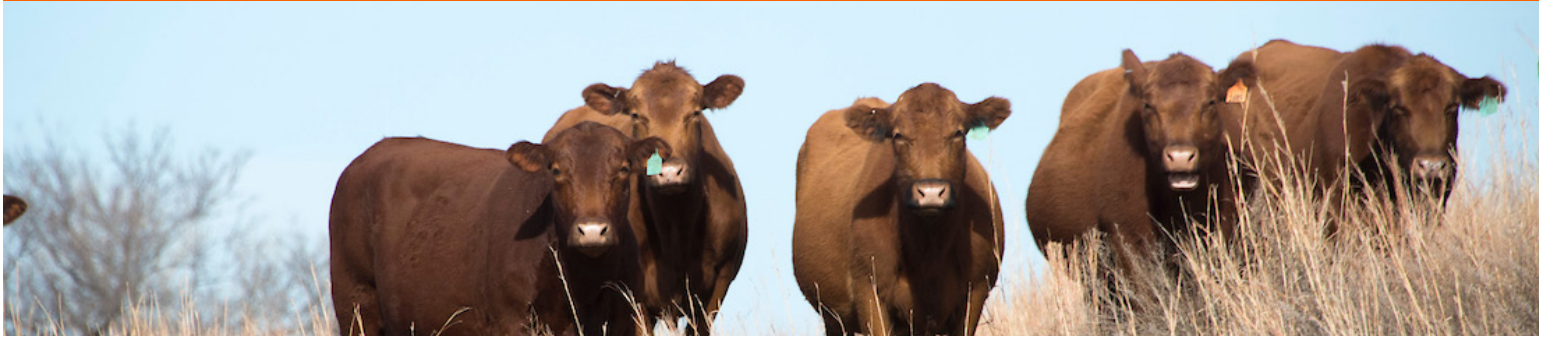


No Registration

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Extension
and
Michigan Forage Council





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RANCHER'S THURSDAY LUNCHTIME SERIES

Reducing Costs in a Cow/Calf Operation

- ▶ **June 23, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Minimizing cost in a cow/calf enterprise
- Dave Delaney, King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management
- ▶ **June 30, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Meeting vitamin and mineral needs of the cow herd
- Jason Banta and David Lalman, Extension Specialists for Beef Cattle
- ▶ **July 7, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Managing fescue and bermudagrass pastures to extend fall and winter grazing
- Brian Pugh, Northeast Area Agronomy Specialist
- ▶ **July 14, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Fall seeding legumes to reduce fertilizer inputs
- Mike Trammell, Pottawatomie County Ag Educator | Regional Agronomist
- ▶ **July 21, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Should I deworm cows? How do I know? What products?
- John Gilliam, Veterinary Clinical Sciences Professor
- ▶ **July 28, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Protein sources; what are the options to reduce cost?
- Paul Beck, Extension Specialist for Beef Nutrition
- ▶ **August 4, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Tax strategies for the cow/calf enterprise
- JC Hobbs, Agricultural Economics Extension Specialist
- ▶ **August 11, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Controlling brush while increasing revenue with goats
- JJ Jones, Ada Area Agricultural Economics Specialist
- ▶ **August 18, 2022 | 12 p.m.**
Minimizing winter supplement cost
- David Lalman, Extension Specialist for Beef Cattle

ABOUT

Join our Beef Cattle Extension team, experienced ranchers and scientists to learn and share beef cattle production, management and marketing tips. These free Zoom webinar sessions are scheduled for Thursdays at noon.

LIVE WEBINARS

- ▶ **Register Online:**
[dasnr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__OALH-FY9T965cgS0_swRUQ](https://dasnr.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=register/WN__OALH-FY9T965cgS0_swRUQ)



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MSU-E PASTURE WALK



**Nick & Annie
Rodgers**

**10327 Wilson
Road**

**Montrose, MI
48457**

Date:

**Thursday July
21, 2022**

Red Leg Farms

Just us for an evening pasture walk on the
Red Leg Farm.

You will be able to participate in discussions
surrounding the following topics:

- Stock Densities
- Making hay when the grass gets away
- Parasites and Fecal egg count testing
- Fencing and Water projects
- Working with Agencies (NRCS, MSUE, MAEAP)

In 2018, Nick and Annie Rodgers founded RedLeg Farms. As a Post 9/11 Army Veteran, adaptability and improvisation are Nick's second nature. This ability led to a deep study of building soil, the multi-layered benefits of rotational grazing, significant carbon sequestration, and utilizing nature to provide the inputs most farmers pay for.

At RedLeg Farms, you won't find wild antibiotic regimes, grain silos or commercial farming; you will find happy cows, sheep, hogs, chicken, horses and Veterans.



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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting **Beronica Conner** at **MSUE Gladwin County , (989) 426-7741 or pfen20@anr.msu.edu** by **July 18, 2022** to make ar-rangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.