THE NEW ENGLAND GRAZING NETWORK

JULY 2022

GATHERING AND GROWING REGENERATIVE GRAZIERS ACROSS THE REGION

NETWORK UPDATES AND EVENTS RECAP:

RECAP FROM PASTURE WALK AT STONE HILL FARM:

On Saturday June 11th The Livestock Institute, UConn Extension, and NRCS met livestock producers at Stone Hill Farm in Plainfield, CT to participate in a beef ultrasound demonstration and pasture walk. Our host and livestock producer Jennie Kapszukiewicz described her 100% grass-fed operation, what she looks for to determine harvest readiness in her animals and how pasture health and management leads to those decisions. Jim Hyde NRCS CT State Agronomist demonstrated to participants techniques to assess soil and pasture quality/capacity including a pasture stick demonstration. UConn Extension Livestock Specialist Dr. Joe Emenheiser guided us through the basics of beef quality and yield,



including key aspects of market cattle visual evaluation and an ultrasound demonstration on three of Jennie's beef cattle. One animal was ready for slaughter the following day, while two others were approximately 3 weeks away from harvest. Jennie plans to use the ultrasound data to determine which animal to harvest next and when. Dr. Emenheiser will also perform a carcass evaluation of Jennie's animals at the processing facility, Meatworks. Complete data sets, videos and information will be posted on TLI's website at <u>www.thelivestockinstitute.org</u>

NEGN NEWSLETTER UPDATES:

The NEGN aims to connect grazing experts, farmers, and cross-state organizations to strengthen regional knowledge-sharing and collaboration around grazing, and pasture management in New England. To connect you can subscribe to our monthly newsletter and join our facebook group for community discussions. Sign up to receive the monthly NEGN newsletter directly to your inbox.

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UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE NETWORK:

Weeds, Seeds and Bees - Equine Pasture Walk (VGFA) Thursday, June 30, 2022, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Sheep Meadow Farm - Danville, VT Registration is required. Register with <u>Emily Finnegan</u>.

Pasture Walk at Blue Heron Farm (GSG) Thursday, July 7th, 2022, 5:30PM - 7:00PM Blue Heron Farm - New Boston, NH More **details and RSVP here.**

Hogs on Pasture (VGFA) Monday, July 11, 2022, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pigusas Meats – South Hero, VT Registration is required. <u>Register here</u>.

Ripsowing How and Why Demonstration (VGFA) Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Doe's Leap Farm, East Fairfax, VT Register by contacting <u>Lauren Weston at Franklin County NRCD</u>

Small Scale Multispecies Grazing (VGFA) Thursday, July 21, 2022, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Taste for Good Farm – Thetford, VT Registration is required. **Register here.**

Pasture Walk at Edgefield Farm (GSG) Thursday, July 28th, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Edgefield Farm, Surry, NH More <u>Details and RSVP Here.</u>

For most up-to-date info visit: https://www.negrazingnetwork.com/events/