

**2014 Northeast Pasture Consortium Annual Conference & Meeting Agenda
February 4 - 5, Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
4-FEB	8:00 AM	Welcome & Introduction of Participants - <i>Jim Cropper, Executive Director (Certified Forage & Grassland Professional) presiding, Grand Ballroom</i>
	8:30 AM	<p>Session 1 – Managing Pastures in Riparian Areas for Water Quality and Forage Utilization - <i>Moderator, Les Vough, Grand Ballroom</i></p> <p>Speakers: David Butler, Organic, Sustainable & Alternative Crop Production, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN: <i>Ground Cover Impacts on Nitrogen, Sediment, and Phosphorus Export from Simulated Rotational Grazing in Riparian Areas</i> Dwight Dotterer, Nutrient Management Program Administrator, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis, MD: <i>Maryland Revised Nutrient Management Regulations as they Relate to Riparian Pastures & MDA Cost-Share Incentives to Implement Compliance</i> Patricia Engler, State Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, Annapolis, MD: <i>Cost-Share and Technical Assistance Programs to Help Maryland Farmers Implement New Pasture Nutrient Management Regulations in Riparian Areas</i></p>
	10:15 AM	Break - Chairman's Room
	10:30 AM	<p>Session 2 – Northeast Region Pasture-Based Research & On-Farm Demonstration Update (Quick Overview of current or planned research) - <i>Moderator, Andre Brito, Grand Ballroom</i></p> <p>Speakers: Sarah Goslee, Ecologist, USDA-ARS, Pasture Systems & Watershed Management Research Unit, University Park, PA: <i>What's in a species: Cultivar differences in perennial ryegrass.</i> Alison Grantham, Doctoral Candidate, Ecology and Biogeochemistry, Ecosystem Science and Management Department, Penn State University, University Park, PA: <i>Nitrogen Availability, retention, and loss in annual and perennial organic pastures in PA.</i> Denyse Schrenker, Graduate Student, Plant Science Department, Penn State University, University Park, PA: <i>Production potential of warm-season annual pastures in rotation with corn silage.</i> Aimee Hafila, Animal Scientist, USDA-ARS, Pasture Systems & Watershed Management Research Unit, University Park, PA: <i>Ultra-high stocking density grazing for dairies.</i> Les Vough, Associate Professor Emeritus & Extension Specialist, Forage Systems Management, University of Maryland, College Park, MD: <i>Bermudagrass moving North with lots to offer.</i> Andre Brito, Assistant Professor of Organic Dairy Management, Dairy Nutrition Research Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH: <i>Effects of feeding pasture supplemented with ground flaxseed on milk production and composition in organic dairy cows during the grazing season.</i></p>
	11:45 AM	<p>Producer Session - Pasture-Based Farming Research Needs Determination <i>Moderator, Joe Hatton, Chairman's Room</i> <i>Recorder, Diane Schivera</i></p> <p>Public Session - <i>Moderator, Tom Akin, Grand Ballroom</i> <i>Recorder, Les Vough</i></p> <p>Topics: Public sector views on pasture research direction helpful to educators and technicians. Current events of interest in providing grazing lands technical and education assistance.</p>
	12:30 PM	Lunch - Atrium A

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	3:00 PM	<p>Poster Paper Break – (authors present) Chairman's Room See pages 3-5 for paper titles. <i>Current research, technical assistance, and outreach programs in Pasture Management, Grazing Animal Management, Soil Management/Quality, Environmental Effects, Food Quality, and Economics of Pasture-Based Farming Systems</i></p>
	3:45 PM	<p>Session 4 – Birdsfoot Trefoil and Other Alternative Forages - Moderator, Don Wild, Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Speakers: Ed Rayburn, Extension Specialist-Agronomy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV: <i>Birdsfoot Trefoil as a Pasture Legume, Forage Characteristics and Tannins</i> Don Wild, Wild Acres Family Farm and King's AgriSeeds, Inc. Dealer, Great Valley, NY: <i>History of Birdsfoot trefoil Seed Production in the Champlain Valley of New York and New Hampshire</i> And, <i>Alternative Forages to Consider for Grazing</i></p>
	5:00 PM	Adjourn
	5:30 PM	Dinner – Atrium A
	7:00 PM- 9:00 PM	<p>Evening Session - Producer Showcase - Moderator, Kathy Soder, Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Speakers: Melanie Barkley, Maple Hollow Farm, Manns Choice, PA: <i>Maple Hollow Farm: Matching Sheep Genetics to On Farm Pasture Resources</i> Clifford Hawbaker, Hamilton Heights Dairy Farm & Emerald Valley Farm, Chambersburg, PA: <i>A Dairy Farm's Transition to Organic</i></p>
5-FEB	8:00 AM	<p>Pasture-Based Farming Research Needs Discussion Session ("Fish Bowl" room arrangement) - Grand Ballroom</p> <p align="center">Private Sector – Coordinator Joe Hatton, Recorder, Diane Schivera</p>
	9:15 AM	<p>Poster Paper Break – (authors present) Chairman's Room See pages 3-5 for paper titles. <i>Current research, technical assistance, and outreach programs in Pasture Management, Grazing Animal Management, Soil Management/Quality, Environmental Effects, Food Quality, and Economics of Pasture-Based Farming Systems</i></p>

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5-FEB	10:00 AM	<p>Session 5 – Control of Parasites in Pastured Small Ruminant Livestock through Integrated Use of Pasture Management, Botanicals, and Pharmaceuticals - <i>Moderator, Diane Schivera, Grand Ballroom</i></p> <p>Speakers: tatiana Stanton, Cornell Small Ruminant Extension Specialist, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: <i>Basics of Parasite Management of Pastured Livestock</i> Katherine Petersson, Assistant Professor of Animal & Veterinary Science, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI: <i>Organic Methods of Parasite Control in Pastured Livestock</i> Jerry Brunetti, Soil and Crop Consultant, Agri-Dynamics, Martins Creek, PA: <i>Update of research on Vermitox and tannins/phenols from bio-diverse pastures/browse blocks</i></p>
	12:00 PM	<p>Lunch – Atrium A</p>
	1:00 PM	<p>Sector and USDA Agency Reports - <i>Jim Cropper, Executive Director presiding Grand Ballroom</i></p> <p>Private Sector report – <i>Joe Hatton, Co-Chair</i> Public Sector report – <i>Tom Akin, Co-Chair</i> ARS report – <i>Mark Boggess, Washington, DC</i> NIFA report - <i>Jim Dobrowolski, Washington, DC (via speaker phone)</i> NRCS Report - <i>Sid Brantly, Washington, DC</i></p>
	3:15 PM	<p>Break – Chairman's Room</p>
	3:45 PM	<p>Business Meeting – <i>Ken Miller, Private Sector Co-Chair Elect and Andre Brito, Public Sector Co-Chair Elect, Presiding Grand Ballroom</i></p> <p>Election of Private Sector and Public Sector members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee of the NE Pasture Consortium</p> <p>Other business to come to the Floor, such as resolutions and changes to Consortium research, education, and financial & technical assistance priorities.</p> <p><i>Jim Cropper, Executive Director, Thank you to the outgoing Executive Committee members (Bob Richardson & Rob DeClue), Welcome to the new Executive Committee members, and Announcement of the 2013 Public and Private Sector Co-Chairs (Ken Miller & Andre Brito)</i></p>
	5:00 PM	<p>Adjourn</p>