Pasture Walk to Feature Pasture Management for Dairy

ISU Extension & Outreach will host a pasture walk near Garnavillo from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27 at the Andy Schaefer’s dairy farm. Andy grazes 118 cross-breeds and will lead attendees on a walking tour with a focus on remote paddocks for bred heifers with incorporated water lines and high tensile fencing. Pasture management will be discussed with the group and Clayton County NRCS will be available to answer questions.

The pasture walk is located at 25037 Lake Rd., Garnavillo. From Garnavillo, go east on C17 3.5 miles, then south on 232 Street for 1.1 mile, then south on Lake Rd. for 2.3 miles. Farm is on the right.

The Northeast Iowa Graziers plan pasture walks to local farms to help producers learn how better pasture management can result in healthier profits and a healthier environment. The walks are organized by area graziers and supported by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Pasture walks are informal educational programs designed to demonstrate one or two key areas of pasture management, as well as answer any questions you might have. Each has a slightly different focus and all producers who are dependent on forage production are invited to attend to improve their own pasture management.

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Iowa dairy farmers say they prefer to receive information from other farmers when it comes to learning about the business and running a dairy farm. Young Dairy Producer Peer Groups allow new and fellow young producers to gather together to discuss topics of interest within the group to provide farmer to farmer learning and interaction.

The first session will include topics surrounding “What is it costing to raise my heifers and do I really need to raise them all?” With costs of raising heifers higher than their current market value if sold, precision management is needed as there are many ways to add value to these heifers before they join the milking string.

Two sites are being planned. Thursday, August 28 at the Allamakee County Extension Office, 21 Allamakee Street, Waukon and Friday, August 29 at the Bremer County Extension Office, 720 7th Ave SW, Tripoli. Both sessions will be held from 10 AM – Noon.

If you’d like to attend or would like more information contact Jenn Bentley at jbentley@iastate.edu or 563-382-2949.

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