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## Pasture Walks at Highland Springs Farms – Fitchburg and Oregon

### Advanced Grazing Training with Jim Gerrish

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

**Classroom: 8:00–12:30** DNR Customer Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI

**Pasture Walks at Highland Springs Farms**  
**Grazing Locations:**

- 1:00–2:15 Grazing Cover Crops, 2559 South Syene Road, Fitchburg, WI
- 2:30–4:00 Grazing to manage wildlife habitat at the WDNR Hook Lake Wildlife Area, McManus Road, Oregon, WI



Jim Gerrish, is an independent grazing lands consultant providing services to farmers and ranchers on both private and public lands across five continents. He currently resides in the Pahsimeroi Valley of Idaho. He writes a regular monthly column in *The Stockman Grass-Farmer* and has authored two books on grazing and ranch management. Management-intensive Grazing: The Grass-roots of Grass Farming & Kick the Hay Habit: A practical guide to year-around grazing.

Jim had educated over 3000 producers and educators from 39 states and 4 Canadian provinces. He is an instructor in the University of Idaho's Lost River Grazing Academy held twice annually near Salmon ID. He typically speaks at 40 to 50 producer oriented workshops, seminars, and field days around the US and Canada each year.

**This workshop is limited to the first 60 registered attendees. Register on-line at [www.glacierlandrcd.org/upcoming-events](http://www.glacierlandrcd.org/upcoming-events) or by contacting Kirsten Jurcek at (920) 342-9504 or [kjurcek1@centurytel.net](mailto:kjurcek1@centurytel.net).**

Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Glacierland RC&D, Dane County Land and Water Resource Department, The Pasture Project and Wisconsin Farmers Union.



**Pasture Project**  
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**LAND & WATER  
RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT**

# Water Quality & Agricultural Landscape Management Pasture Tour

## Water Quality & Agricultural Landscape Management

Jefferson County, WI  
June 18, 2019  
4:00 pm—8:00 pm

Brattset Family Farm  
N2437 Brattset Lane  
Jefferson, WI 53549



The shortage of clean water is rapidly becoming an urgent issue for Wisconsin farmers, residents and recreationists. Join us for an evening on the farm to discuss how we can all work together as farmers, local elected officials, and consumers to restore Wisconsin's long history of agricultural and environmental stewardship.

### Event Topics include:

**The World of Water:** Pat Jurcek, Senior Hydrogeologist, INTERA Inc., will explain where our water here in Jefferson County comes from & what the agro-environmental impacts are to our ground water.

**Rain, Runoff & Rivers:** A Rainfall Simulator will illustrate how soil health and water holding capacity are impacted by different agricultural production practices. We'll discuss the relationship of these properties to runoff, erosion and water quantity & will share techniques to improve soil health at farms in our county!

**Wisconsin's Water Quality Task Force:** Bobbi Wilson, Government Relations Associate for Wisconsin Farmers Union, will give an update on current legislative activities surrounding water. She will focus specifically on water issues that relate to agriculture and how farmers help protect clean water resources.

**Twilight Pasture Tour:** As we take a hayride tour around this grazing farm we'll discuss how managed rotational grazing is a restorative agricultural practice which enhances, water quality, soil health, pollinator & wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration.

**Taste of Conservation Farming:** Enjoy an on-farm diner prepared from locally sourced farm products!



### Managed Rotational Grazing

#### Increases:

- Local Economies/Legacy Value
- Farm Resilience
- Presence of Pollinators
- Water Quality/Infiltration
- Nutrient Cycling
- Carbon Sequestration

#### Decreases:

- Run Off/Erosion
- Flooding Potential
- Water Contamination
- Farm Inputs
- Farmer Risk
- Nutrient Loss

Everyone is welcome to join us! RSVP by June 10 to: Kirsten Jurcek — Call or Text: (920) 342-9504 [kjurcek1@centurytel.net](mailto:kjurcek1@centurytel.net)

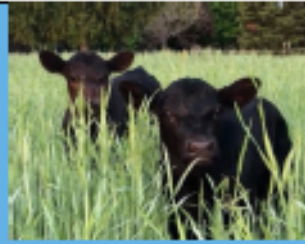


## Twilight Grazing Pasture Walk - Whitewater

### Twilight Grazing Pasture Walk

Thursday  
July 18th, 2019  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Little Red Farm's  
11902 N County Rd KK,  
Whitewater, WI 53190



Steph & Cody Brueggen graze beef cow/calf/yearling trios, pastured pork & meat and layer chickens at Little Red Farm, Whitewater, Wisconsin. These beginning farmers have converted a former dairy farm into a premier grazing farm! Utilizing NRCS cost share programs to help off-set the costs of the fencing, waterlines and pasture seeding; they are currently grazing 90 acres and are in the planning stages to convert another 100 acres to perennial pasture.

Steph & Cody are proud to provide a sustainably raised, nutritious food source for their customers. They direct market their beef, pork, chicken and eggs. To learn more about their farm visit their web page at [www.littleredfarms.com](http://www.littleredfarms.com)

#### Pasture Walk Highlights include:

- Pasture tour on grazing operation
- Converting dairy farm to beef grazing
- Grazing Farm start up lessons learned
- Federal, state, and local cost-share options
- Direct marketing strategies



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## Herbicide Tank Mix, Soybean Injury from PRE & Rotational Restrictions for Industrial Hemp Crop

Check our latest blog posts and video:

- [Can brand or generic herbicides be tank-mixed? Part 2](http://www.wiscweeds.info/post/can-brand-or-generic-herbicides-be-tank-mixed-part-2/) (article link: <http://www.wiscweeds.info/post/can-brand-or-generic-herbicides-be-tank-mixed-part-2/>)

In this article I describe some of the considerations regarding tank mixing S-metolachlor/safened metolachlor, atrazine &/or mesotrione products for weed control in corn (in other words, mixing your own Lumax EZ-equivalent program).

- [Early-Season Soybean Injury Symptoms from PRE-Emergence Herbicides \(Groups 5, 14 & 15\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aAp5nmuWcs) (YouTube video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aAp5nmuWcs>)

In this video, I describe the different types of early-season soybean injury potentially caused by commonly used PRE-emergence herbicides.

- [Herbicide rotation restrictions before planting industrial hemp](http://www.wiscweeds.info/post/herbicide-rotation-restrictions-before-planting-industrial-hemp/) (article link: <http://www.wiscweeds.info/post/herbicide-rotation-restrictions-before-planting-industrial-hemp/>)

Growing Industrial Hemp in Conventional Agricultural Fields? Don't forget to check what herbicides were sprayed last year(s) and adjust your spray program moving forward if Industrial Hemp will become part of your crop rotation. Remember, the label is the law.

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# Veterans Affairs Pilot Program for Food & Agriculture Rehabilitation and Employment Support

What is **VA FARMS**? Veterans Affairs pilot program for Food & Agriculture Rehabilitation and Employment Support provides tuition and housing subsidy for 1 or 2 year certificates and workshops at Madison College Institute for Sustainable Agriculture or University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course; paid internships on farms in south-central Wisconsin, including livestock, cash grain, and fruit and vegetable operations; whole health approach to support mental and physical health needs of participating veterans: empower and equip people to take charge of their health and well-being, and live life to the fullest.

The VA FARMS includes internships on active farms.

We are seeking farmers interested in providing hands-on working experiences and mentoring.

Veterans are interested in all kinds of farms – livestock, commodity crops, fresh fruits and vegetables, big and small!

## VA FARMS Opportunities

Demand for farm workers has never been stronger, especially in organic and sustainable agriculture!

Many kinds of jobs are open in agriculture and food systems:

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Seasonal
- Rural or urban
- Be an owner or employee
- Long term careers or short term income.

**Endless Opportunities!**

## Department of Veterans Affairs

William S.  
Middleton Memorial  
Veterans  
Hospital & Clinics



**Therapeutic and Supported  
Employment Services**  
345 West Washington Ave  
Suite 501  
Madison, WI 53703

**Contact: (608) 256-1901**  
Amy Ferkey, VRC Ext. 16433  
Denise Chapin, Prog Mgr. Ext. 16431

## Veterans - Is Farming in your future?



**VA FARMS**  
(Veterans Affairs pilot  
program for Food & Agriculture  
Rehabilitation & Employment  
Support)

**A partnership between:**

- Madison VA Hospital
- UW-Madison FISC
- Madison College

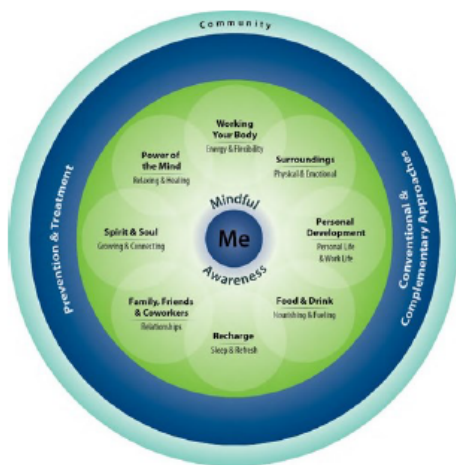


**VA** | U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**Goals**

**Vision:** Veterans will improve their health and well-being and thrive in their communities through increased access to training opportunities in agricultural fields, meaningful therapeutic work, and Whole Health care.

**Mission:** To increase support for Veterans entering or re-entering the workforce in agricultural vocations by partnering with community organizations to provide high quality education, on-the-job training, therapeutic interventions, and Whole Health care (with an emphasis on Mental Health). This will revitalize interest and entry into the agricultural workforce and empower Veterans to thrive through Whole Health well-being.

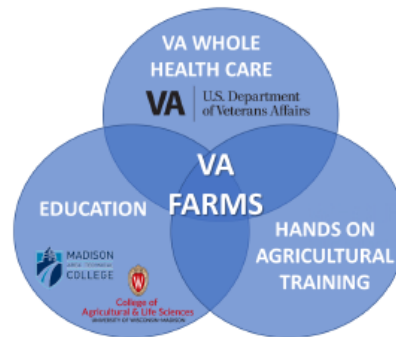


**Benefits**

**Classroom Education:** Tuition for certificate program or agricultural workshops from Madison College for Sustainable Agriculture, or University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm & Industry Short Course.

**Training Placements:** Paid work experiences on farms in south-central Wisconsin, including livestock, commodity crops, fruits and vegetables.

**Therapeutic Support:** Whole health approach to support mental and physical health needs of participating Veterans. Empowering Veterans to take charge of their health and wellbeing to live life to the fullest.



**Getting Started**

1. **Apply:** If you are not yet enrolled in VA Healthcare, please visit: [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/) or call 1-877-222-VETS.
2. **Obtain referral:** If you are enrolled in VA Healthcare, please ask your medical or mental health provider for a referral to Therapeutic and Supported Employment Services (TSES).
3. **Get Started:** Meet with your TSES provider to receive guidance in creating a plan outlining your training, vocational and therapeutic goals.



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Coolbeans!

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## Wisconsin Pest Bulletin

Now available at: <http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/pb/index.jsp>

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**LOOKING AHEAD:** True Armyworm, European Corn Borer, Codling Moth, Eurasian Hemp Borer, Corn Earworm, Lily Leaf Beetle

**FORAGES & GRAINS:** Alfalfa Weevil, Plant Bug, Potato Leafhopper, Pea Aphid

**CORN:** European Corn Borer, Black Cutworm, Stalk Borer

**SOYBEANS:** Soybean Aphid, Bean Leaf Beetle

**FRUITS:** Codling Moth, San Jose Scale, Rose Chafer, Obliquebanded Leafroller, Tarnished Plant Bug, Grape Phylloxera

**VEGETABLES:** Potato Leafhopper, Striped Cucumber Beetle, Imported Cabbageworm, Variegated Cutworm

**NURSERY & FOREST:** Dogwood Anthracnose, Oak Leaf Blister, Forest Tent Caterpillar, Fletcher Scale, Columbine Leafminer

### DEGREE DAYS:

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Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

(608) 220-7378 Mobile | (866) 440-7523 Pest Hotline

## Wisconsin Crop Manager – June 13th

[https://ipcm.wisc.edu/download/wcm-pdf/WCM2019/WCM2019\\_10c.pdf](https://ipcm.wisc.edu/download/wcm-pdf/WCM2019/WCM2019_10c.pdf)



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<http://columbia.uwex.edu/ag-calendar-and-deadlines/>

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