

Grazing and Soil Health Workshop at Sheffer's Grassland Dairy



**Wednesday, September 21st,
74 Sheffer Road, Hoosick, NY
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Sheffer's Grassland Dairy is owned and operated by Eric and Wally Sheffer. The Sheffer's started with 100 milking cows and have grown to 240 cows. They manage 250 acres of intensive grass and run an additional 350 acres of crop ground, primarily for baleage.

The workshop will feature the **New York Grazing Coalition Pasture Soil Health Trailer**. Fay Benson from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) will demonstrate how prescribed grazing impacts pasture productivity, conservation, and soil health. The trailer contains a rainfall simulator, water infiltration demonstration equipment, a soil quality and water movement kit, and several other items. Fay is the Small Dairy Extension Specialist with CCE South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops.

Aaron Gabriel from CCE will lead a pasture walk to discuss managing the biological, physical, and chemical aspects of soil health in a grazing system. Aaron has worked in CCE for 20 years and is the Agronomy Educator in the CCE Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$10/person which includes lunch. To register, please contact Tove Ford at 518-765-3518 or tff24@cornell.edu.

The workshop is sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rensselaer County Soil and Water Conservation District and the New York Grazing Coalition.