

Speaker Biographies

Greg Judy
*Author of "No Risk Ranching" and
"Comeback Farm"*



Green Pastures Farm
Clark, Missouri

Gregg Judy, author of "No Risk Ranching, Custom Grazing on Leased Land" and "Comeback Farms, Rejuvenating Soil, Pastures and Profits with Livestock Grazing management". Is a grass farmer in Clark Missouri? He and his wife Jan run a grazing operation on 1400 acres of leased land. Greg and Jan went from near bankruptcy in 1999 to paying off a 200 acre farm in 3 years with custom grazing on leased land.

Doug Gunnink
*Author of "Sustainable Farming
Guide Book" and co-author of
"Agriculture That Makes Sense"*



**Wallace Farms and
The Gunnink Forage Institute, Minnesota**

Doug Gunnink is the author of "Sustainable Farming Guide Book" and co-author of "Agriculture That Makes Sense: Profitability of four Sustainable Farms in Minnesota". Doug is a 25-year veteran in the grass-growing business, and has vast experience in dealing with the delicate balance of soil nutrients, specifically as they relate to animal health.

Brandon Smith
*Conservation Agronomist
& Heidi Konesco*
Soil Conservationist

USDA Natural Resources
Conservation Service of NH

Brandon, a New Hampshire native, earned his BS and MS from UNH in 1997. Brandon later went on to earn his PhD from Cornell University in 2006.

Brandon brings his vast knowledge of cover cropping and conservation farming back home, working as an agronomist for NRCS. Heidi Smith Konesco has been planning grazing systems with farms for 16 years as a Soil Conservationist with NRCS. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science and has worked on grazing dairy, sheep, swine, and horse farms. In her spare time she grazes sheep and poultry, and plays with her dogs.

David Kennard
Owner & Operator



**Wellscroft Farm and
Wellscroft Fence Systems**
Chesham, NH

Since 1975, Wellscroft Farm has thrived as one of New England's largest working sheep farms. Owner David Kennard has made the farm what it is today. In 2005, the eleven thousandth lamb was born on the farm, which now consists of a flock of roughly 200 commercial Dorset-Cross ewes. In 1999, Wellscroft Farm earned the Farm of Distinction award. Over the last 31 years, Wellscroft Fence Systems has developed a fencing philosophy by testing and refining fencing systems on their own farm.

Gordon Jones
*Dairy Farmer
featured in "The New
American Farmer,
2nd Edition"*
Chichester, NH



Gordon and his wife, Marion, combine careful financial management and innovative forage crop and feeding strategies to achieve their goals for their family and the dairy. Grazing has enabled them to make the best use of their resources and facilities; make gains in herd health and forage quality; reap savings in feed, bedding, and labor costs; and have more time together as a family. The Joneses are the winner of 1999 New Hampshire Green Pastures Award.

Sarah Flack
*Grazing Consultant
Northern Vermont*



Sarah Flack is a Grazing consultant, independent organic inspector & author of "Organic Dairy Production". She has worked and lived on diversified, organic and biodynamic dairy, livestock and vegetable farms. Her current work includes writing, public speaking and consulting with farms and organizations to help farmers transition to new methods of farming including grass-based, diversified, and organic.

Dorothy Perkins
*Educational Program Coordinator
Agricultural Resources*

**UNH Cooperative Extension
Merrimack County**

Dot was born to a New England farm family and grew up learning about commercial vegetable production and marketing. For the past 30 years, Dot and her husband Ralph have been raising all their families' meat using various grazing systems. She earned her BS in Plant Biology in 1996 from UNH. Dot works directly with the growers in Merrimack County in the areas of IPM, plant diseases, weed identification, pasture management, pasture reclamation, poisonous livestock plants and backyard livestock. Her Masters Degree work is focused on using forages high in condensed tannins to control gastrointestinal parasites in ruminants.

Directions to the Southern NH University:

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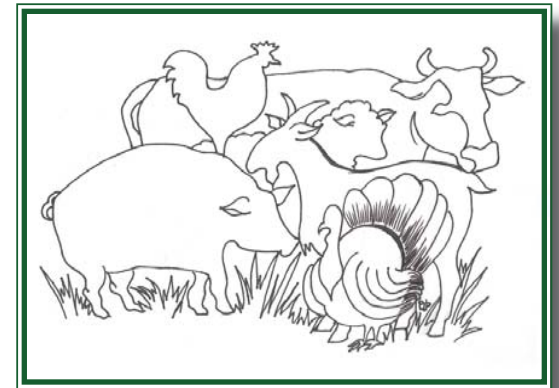
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4th New Hampshire Grazing Conference

GRAZING GREENER PASTURES

**Saturday, March 6, 2010
8 AM - 4 PM**

**Southern NH University
Manchester, NH**



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Granite State Graziers



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GRAZING GREENER PASTURES**

The 4th NH Statewide Grazing Conference will be held at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH. With a focus on land utilization and building soils to increase herd health, Gregg Judy, author of "No Risk Ranching" and "Comeback Farm", will discuss his success with holistic high density grazing, multi-species and custom grazing on leased land, while Doug Gunnick, author of "Sustainable Farming Guide Book", will guide folks through the fundamentals of growing grass with animal nutrition and health in mind. Throughout the day, area speakers will lend insight into grazing fundamentals and developing a grazing plan, parasites as they relate to grazing practices, organic feeding systems, and fundamentals of balanced rationing, the benefits and how-to's of converting your dairy to a pasture based operation, and fencing fundamentals.

Registration: \$30.00 per person and \$25.00 for each additional person from the same farm. If registering an additional person from the same farm, you will need a coupon code. Call Mary at 603-796-2151.

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch. **Registrations postmarked after February 20th - does not guarantee meals.**

We encourage you to register on line at: https://www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=6502.

If you do not wish to pay on line with a credit card, you may send a copy of the registration form along with a check made payable to UNH Cooperative Extension. Please mail to: UNH Cooperative Extension, attn: Grazing Conference, 59 College Road, Taylor Hall, Durham, NH 03824.

No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay. Those requiring special accommodations or scholarships should contact Dorothy Perkins at (603) 796-2151 or dorothy.perkins@unh.edu by February 20,2010.

- 8:00 *Registration & Coffee*
- 9:00 *Welcome and Introduction*
Lorraine Merrill - *NH Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets & Food*
- AM SESSIONS:
"Grazing Greener Pastures"**
- 9:15 **The "Comeback Farm" Story**
Greg Judy - *(Author of "Comeback Farm" and "No Risk Ranching" Green Pastures Farm, Missouri)*
- 9:45 **Breakout Session I**
 - (A) **Growing Grass with the Animal in Mind - Part I**
Doug Gunnink - *(Author of "Sustainable Farming Guide Book" and co-author of "Agriculture That Makes Sense" The Gunnink Forage Institute, Minnesota)*
 - (B) **Developing a Grazing Plan**
Brandon Smith - *Conservation Agronomist*, and Heidi Konesko, *Soil Conservationist with USDA NRCS*
- 10:45 **Break - Refreshments**
- 11:00 **Breakout Session II**
 - (A) **"Comeback Farm" - the details**
Greg Judy
 - (B) **Making Your Grazing System Work**
Sarah Flack
Grazing Consultant, Northern Vermont
 - (C) **Grazing Dairy Cows**
Gordon Jones - *Dairy Farmer Chichester, NH*

- 12:00 **Lunch**
- PM SESSIONS:**
- 1:00 **Breakout Session III**
 - (A) **Growing Grass with the Animal In Mind - Part II**
Doug Gunnick
 - (B) **Grazing & Parasites What You Should Know**
Dot Perkins - *UNHCE Agriculture Program Coordinator Merrimack County*
- 2:00 **Break - Refreshments**
- 2:15 **Breakout Session IV**
 - (A) **"Comeback Farm" - the Details, Part II**
Greg Judy
 - (B) **Fencing Fundamentals**
Dave Kennard - *Owner & Operator Wellscroft Farm and Wellscroft Fence Systems*
 - (C) **Multi Species Grazing**
Sarah Flack
- 3:15 **Discussion/Questions & Answers Evaluations**
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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