



Better Pastures. *Better Returns.*

■ MORNING

8:30 AM

Registration, Coffee & Doughnuts

Arrive and sign in. Grab a coffee and meet your hosts. Opening ice breaker — brief introduction of the farm, the family, and today's agenda.

9:00 AM

01 Pasture Management & Farm Tour

Wagon or walking tour of the operation. See rotational grazing in action — paddock layout, pasture recovery, stocking decisions, and what the host producer has learned the hard way.

9:50 AM

02 Infrastructure & Equipment

Fencing systems, water development, and practical low-cost solutions. What to prioritize first, what to skip, and what pays back fastest in a MN grazing operation.

10:45 AM

03 Livestock Handling on Pasture & Animal Movement Strategies

Low-stress handling techniques built for rotational systems. How to move animals efficiently, read behavior, and set up temporary paddocks. Live demonstration.

12:00 PM

LUNCH & NETWORKING · Hot lunch included · Connect with producers from across Minnesota

■ AFTERNOON

1:00 PM

04 Clipping Demo & Grazing Stick

Use a grazing stick to estimate forage availability and make real stocking decisions. Clipping demonstration shows how to assess pasture quality before and after a grazing event.

1:45 PM

05 Plant ID & Forage Testing

Identify key forage species — desirable, undesirable, and toxic plants common to MN pastures. How to pull a representative sample, submit for forage testing, and read the results.

2:20 PM

06 Pasture Renovation & Cover Crop Grazing

Location-dependent session covering renovation options: interseeding, no-till, and bale grazing. Integrating cover crops into your grazing rotation — real costs and realistic timelines.

2:50 PM

WRAP UP & QUESTION / ANSWER SESSION · Ask the questions you came with — and the ones the day gave you.

Agenda subject to minor adjustments based on location and field conditions. Dress for the weather — boots recommended.