

**January 24, 2019**

8:00 **Registration**

8:30 **Welcome**

8:35 **Sharing Our Experience on a Grass Dairy**–  
*David Erb*

9:30 **Financial Insight Roundtable** – *Roman Hostetler, Vernon Mast, Norman Miller, Ray Yoder, Wade Miller (Moderator)*

10:30 **Break/Vendor Show**

11:00 **First Breakout Sessions:**

1<sup>st</sup>: **Conventional Grazing Farm Tour** –  
*Vernon Mast, Roman Hostetler*

2<sup>nd</sup>: **All Grass/Organic Farm Tour** –  
*Norman Miller, Ray Yoder*

12:15 **Lunch/Vendor Show**

1:30 **Second Breakout Sessions:**

1<sup>st</sup>: **ABC’s of Starting a Financial Grazing Group** – *Pete Lehman, Leon Mast, Ray Yoder, Wade Miller (Moderator)*

2<sup>nd</sup>: **Practical Performance** –  
*Vernon Hostetler*

3<sup>rd</sup>: **Fresh/Transition Cow Management** –  
*Ryan Leiterman*

2:30 **From Lean Pastures to Fat Pasture** –  
*Forrest Stricker*

4:00 **Adjourn**

**January 25, 2019**

8:00 **Registration**

8:30 **Welcome**

8:35 **Sweet Grass Dairy Farm Tour** –  
*Jacob Coleman*

9:30 **Thinking Outside the Box to Improve Our Dairies** – *Ryan Leiterman*

10:30 **Break/Vendor Show**

11:00 **Third Breakout Sessions:**

1<sup>st</sup>: **Making Ian Mitchell’s Concepts Work**–  
*Jacob Coleman, Forrest Stricker, Joe Amstutz*

2<sup>nd</sup>: **Milk Quality**– *Kurt Fiene, Mark Martin (Troubleshooting, bring questions)*

12:15 **Lunch/Vendor Show**

1:30 **Fourth Breakout Sessions:**

1<sup>st</sup>: **Ration Changes to Improved Butterfat** – *Gene Debruin*

2<sup>nd</sup>: **Improving Your Milk Check Through Genetics** – *David Sellars*

2:40 **Keeping Your Children Involved on the Family Farm** – *Henry Yoder / Attendees*

3:45 **Wrap Up Comments and Adjourn**

**Registration for Conference**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Fee Includes: Registration, Breaks/Vendor Show, Meals

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: **\$55.00 first person from farm for 2 days**  
**\$50.00 for each additional person for 2 days**

One-day registration is \$45.00 per person. Indicate which day: **Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>** or **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$65.00 (1-day) if registered after 1/15/19**  
**\$75.00 (2-days) if registered after 1/15/19**

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Call (330) 262-8875 or email Mike Gessel at [sgessel@aol.com](mailto:sgessel@aol.com)

Please make checks payable to **Small Farm Institute** and send registration to:

**Small Farm Institute**  
**P.O. Box 214**  
**Millersburg, OH 44654**

**Directions:**

Located in Mt. Hope, Ohio 44660 next to Mt. Hope Sale Barn.  
 From Millersburg take SR 39/SR 62 east to CR 77 north to Mt. Hope.  
 From Wooster take US 30 to SR 250 south to SR 241 south to Mt. Hope.

**Lodging:**

Berlin Grande: (877) 652- 4997  
 4787 TR 366, Berlin, Ohio. More lodging information is available from Holmes County Tourism Bureau, (330) 674-3975.

**Conference Sponsors:**

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**Speakers:**

**Joe Amstutz:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Orrville, Ohio

**Jacob Coleman:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Brickhaven, Ohio

**Gene Debruin:** Livestock Nutritionist/Organic Dairy Farmer, Cirleville, Ohio

**David Erb:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Federicktown, Ohio

**Kurt Fiene:** Dairy Hygiene Specialist, GEA Farming

**Roman Hostetler:** Dairy Grazier, Apple Creek, Ohio

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**Mark Martin:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Shiloh, Ohio

**Norman Miller:** Dairy Grazier, Apple Creek, Ohio

**Wade Miller:** Farm Development Manager, Organic Valley, La Farge, WI

**David Sellars:** Technical Manager, LIC Hamilton, New Zealand

**Forrest Stricker:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Earlville, New York

**Henry Yoder:** Retired Dairy Grazier, Millersburg, Ohio

**Ray Yoder:** Organic Dairy Grazier, Middlebury, IN

## North Central Ohio Dairy Grazing Conference



## 2019 Grazing Conference for Dairy

**January 24-25, 2019**

**Mt. Hope Event Center  
 8076 SR 241  
 Mt. Hope, Ohio 44660**