

Green Lands Blue Waters



Midwest Perennial Forage Working Group

Update: 06/07/16

Greetings! This is the first official e-update of the Working Group. I will be sending out monthly updates. If you have an event, workshop, new publication, etc. that you would like to announce to this group, please send it to me for inclusion in the next update: jewet006@umn.edu

Please feel free to pass this update along and invite other colleagues to join my email list for updates.

- The web page that holds Working Group organizational information is updated and available here: http://greenlandsbluwaters.net/Perennial_Forage/MPFWG/
- Ten people from the Midwest Perennial Forage Working Group attended an all-day meeting at the Hotel Winneshiek in Decorah, Iowa on May 3, 2016. Notes from that meeting are here: http://greenlandsbluwaters.net/Perennial_Forage/MPFWG/mpfwg_mtgnotes_decorah_050316.pdf (or follow the links on the above web page).
- Grazing of Cover Crops was discussed at the May 3 meeting. Meghan Filbert provided some examples of resource fact sheets. MPFWG will collaborate on a project to develop a more comprehensive fact sheet about herbicide restrictions for grazing of cover crops. Meanwhile, here's a new web page with the fact sheets: http://greenlandsbluwaters.net/Perennial_Forage/grz_covercrops.html
- The group sketched out a plan for a mini-grant program (see notes) to be offered beginning this fall, pending funding approval. The funding is not settled yet; will pass along information as soon as I have some.
- MPFWG will be involved with planning for the 2017 Green Lands Blue Waters conference (see 5/03 meeting notes), which will be hosted by the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dick Cates and Gene Schriefer will represent our group on the planning committee. Laura Paine is also planning to attend the initial planning meeting, which will be on June 16. Please contact Dick, Gene or Laura if you have ideas about speakers or topics for the conference:

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- Call for Presentations for the 2017 GrassWorks Conference:
<https://misanews.wordpress.com/2016/06/06/call-for-presentations-for-2017-grassworks-grazing-conference/>
- Vance Haugen's 2016 Pasture Walk schedule:
<https://counties.uwex.edu/crawford/files/2015/09/2016-Great-River-Graziers-Crawford-County-Pasture-Walk-Schedule.pdf>
- Diomy Zamora's Grazing in the Woods tour:
<https://www.morningagclips.com/grazing-in-the-woods-tour/>
- Iowa Beef Center's Grassroots Grazing program:
<http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/news/GrassrootsGrazingBP2016.html>
- Don't forget that we have the Grazing Educator Webinar series from last summer available as a resource!
http://greenlandsbluewaters.net/Perennial_Forage/grz_ed_webnr.html