

GRAZEFEST MINNESOTA 2008 SCHEDULE

Friday, August 1st

Midd-Minn Dairy

9:00 a.m. – **Registration**

9:30 a.m. – **Grazefest Program Begins with introductions**

Concurrent Morning Sessions

Midd-Minn Dairy

9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

***Getting Started in Grass-based Dairies** – Kent Solberg, Tim Anderson, Ron Monson & Dan Middendorf*

***Low-cost / Low-labor Dairies** – Ron Monson*

***New Zealand style swing parlor / low-cost parlor design** – Dan Middendorf*

Seven Pines Dairy

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

***Selling your Carbon Credits** – Dean Current*

***Pastured Egg Production** – Craig Schaeffer*

***Pastured Egg Production** – Linda Solberg*

12:30 p.m. – **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. – **Comments & Introduction of Keynote Speaker** by *Bill Hunt, NRCS State Conservationist*

1:45 p.m. – **Keynote speaker Joel McNair**, *editor/publisher of Graze magazine*

3:30 p.m. – **The Economics of Pasture Irrigation** with *Dennis Johnson, University of Minnesota West Central Research and Outreach Center, Dairy Scientist*

4:30 p.m. - Adjourn to evening activities

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Working Dairy Parlor Tour**

England Prairie

5:00 p.m. – **Evening activities begin at England Prairie.** Including social time, informal networking, exhibits and train the trainer.

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – **A Grazing Feast Dinner at England Prairie**

9:00 p.m. – **Good-night** (end of day one activities)