

Strategies for Land Stewardship Summit Agenda

June 20-22, 2022 | Walworth and Rock counties, WI

Monday, June 20, 2022

5:00-7:00pm Welcome reception
Holiday Inn Elkhorn, 200 W. O'Connor, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – Field Day

7:00am Complimentary breakfast for overnight guests
Holiday Inn Elkhorn

7:45am Load bus, prepare to leave for field sites

8:00am Depart Holiday Inn Elkhorn, travel to Lasch farm

8:45am Arrive at Lasch Farm
N4077 County Rd NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Welcome and brief project introduction
Amanda Gumbert (Univ of KY) and Jenny Seifert (UW-Madison)

Lasch Farms presentation
Adam and Betsy Lasch (WI farmers)

- History of Lasch Livestock
- Current production system and how conservation has been integrated
- Innovative practices; early adopter mindset

*Food for
Thought...*

Think about a time when you were faced with a stewardship challenge in your operation. What were your options? What resources did you need to implement a solution?

How have you been influenced by an effective leader (specifically, another farmer, friend, or community member)?

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The Wisconsin Integrated Cropping Systems Trial (WICST) - Resilient agricultural landscapes
Gregg Sanford (UW-Madison)

Conservation opportunities in Walworth County
Brian Smetana (Walworth County Land Conservation Department)

12:00 pm Lunch at Lasch Farm

12:30pm Depart Lasch Farm

1:30pm Arrive at Rebout Farm
5606 W Mineral Point Rd, Janesville, WI 53548

Rebout Farm presentation
David, Daniel, and Doug Rebout (WI farmers)

- History of Rebout Farm
- Current conservation practices and how conservation has been integrated
- Discovery Farms participation; being a farmer leader

Discovery Farms Monitoring
Matt Ruark (UW-Madison)
Ryan Heiderman (Wisconsin Discovery Farms)

Conservation Opportunities in Rock County
Chris Newberry (Rock County Land Conservation Department)
Willie Hughes (Farmers on the Rock)

Watershed leadership discussion
Amanda Gumbert (Univ of KY)

Q & A

4:00pm Depart Rebout Farm

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Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – Land Stewardship Discussion – Michael Fields Institute

- 8:00am Arrive at Michael Fields Institute
N8030 Townline Rd, East Troy, WI 53120
- 8:15am Welcome and Coffee
Perry Brown (Michael Fields Institute)
- Cover Crop, Kernza, and Alfalfa Research Initiatives
Nicole Tautges (Michael Fields Institute)
- 8:45am Field Day Debrief: Connecting Stewardship and Climate-Smart Agriculture
Beth Baker (Mississippi State Univ)
- 9:00am Sustainable Agriculture Under Global Climate Change
Wei Ren (Univ of Kentucky)
- 9:30am Strategies and Challenges for Profitability and Success with Land Stewardship –
Farmer Perspectives
Panelists: Adam Braun (IL farmer), Lance Klessig (MN farmer), (Pheasants Forever farmers-TBD)
(WI farmers)
- 10:15am Break
- 10:30am Q & A
- 10:45am Success Across the Mississippi River Basin Through Small Projects
Beth Baker (Mississippi State Univ)
- 11:00am Partners for Expanded On-farm Stewardship Roundtable –
Agency/University Perspectives
Panelists: Sharmin Syed – (US EPA), Melissa Bartz (NRCS), Gregg Sanford (UW-Madison), Wei Ren (Univ of KY)

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- 11:45am Ways to Stay Connected and Share Knowledge to Cultivate a Culture of Conservation
Jenny Seifert (UW-Madison)
- 12:15pm Adjourn/boxed lunch to go
- Optional tour of Michael Fields facilities

Resources:

Farmer to Farmer Conservation Learning and Leadership <https://northcentralwater.org/watershed-leadership/farmer-to-farmer-conservation-learning-and-leadership/>

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute <https://www.michaelfields.org/>

One Good Idea <https://goodideafarm.org/>

The Confluence for Watershed Leaders <https://northcentralwater.org/watershed-leadership/the-confluence-for-watershed-leaders/>

Wisconsin Discovery Farms <https://uwdiscoveryfarms.org/>

Wisconsin Integrated Cropping Systems Trial (WICST) <https://wicst.wisc.edu/>

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