

2006 Provincial Pasture Tour – Southwestern Manitoba

Agenda

July 25, 2006

- 8:30 Registration & visit displays
9:20 Welcoming Remarks
9:30 Guest Speaker - **Trevor Atchison** – The cost of leaving more – How much will it pay?
10:30 Travel
11:00 **Brandon Research Farm**
 - ◆ 10 yrs of grass vs. alfalfa/grass pasture research
 - ◆ Annuals for pasture finishingNoon Travel
12:30 Lunch at Zero-till Farm
1:30 **Zero-till Farm**
 - ◆ Alfalfa in annual crop rotation
 - ◆ Alfalfa grazing using Alfasure
 - ◆ Alfalfa seeding rate demo2:30 Travel
3:30 **SW Bull Development Center/Batho Farm Ltd.**
 - ◆ Ration processing for bulls
 - ◆ Purebred herd development4:30 Travel to Oak Lake Community Center
4:45 **Happy Hour & visit displays**
5:45 **Steak BBQ (guest speaker TBA)**
6:45 **Electric Fencing Workshop**
8:15 Return to Brandon

July 26, 2006

- 7:00 Breakfast & visit displays
8:00 Guest Speaker – **Glen Duizer** - Management practices for breaking disease cycles and improving animal health and productivity.
9:00 Travel
9:30 **Leafy spurge – Prairie Region Greencover Project**
 - ◆ Can increasing forage yield help control leafy spurge?
 - ◆ Integrated pest management for better biocontrol establishment10:30 Travel
Noon Lunch at Glen and Doreen Hicks
1:30 **Glen & Doreen Hicks**
 - ◆ The journey from cow/calf and grain to grassers
 - ◆ Using Holistic Management on the farm
 - ◆ Farm-made equipment for making the installation job easy – fence and water2:45 Travel
3:15 **Kelly VanDoorne**
 - ◆ Mobile winter watering system
 - ◆ Bale grazing and portable wind breaks
 - ◆ Solar water pipeline

4:45 Depart for home

Electric Fencing Workshop

July 25 Starting at 6:30 pm

- 1) **Hans Rindlisbacher** – Ever been frustrated working with electric fence wire? Here's the workshop for you. Hans will teach you how to tie, join, break, and do corners, proper connections and much more.
- 2) **Wil Rex (Gallagher)** – How much power do you need for your system and is your grounding system cheating you out of that power? Wil is going to talk about understanding power needs and will show you how to determine if your grounding system is functioning correctly.
- 3) **Grant Howes** – Temporary fence – tape, string, winter, summer, pigtailed, and posts! With so many options what's right for your purpose? Grant is going to help you sort through all the options and the pros and cons.

Each session repeats every 30 minutes so you can take them all in.

Register Now: Contact Jane Thornton (204) 729-1387 or jthornton@gov.mb.ca