Match Made in Heaven: Livestock + Crops

Illinois Field Day

Thursday, June 27, 10a-3p
Hanson Family Farms
Danforth, IL

9:45 Gather, sign-in, pick up materials

10:00 Welcome and introduction (Crystal Siltman, The Land Connection)

10:30 Morning pasture walk at Doug's Hanson's farm

- Forage cropping plan review for grazed & non-grazed acres
- Decisions based on Federal Crop Insurance, forage needs, soil health
- Summer annuals planted for summer slump
- Discuss fall annuals used for spring grazing

Drive to Maddie Hanson's farm: Gilman, IL

12:30 Lunch at Maddie's Hanson's farm

- Visit displays from partners including: IL Beef Association, IL Forage and Grasslands Council, Illinois Grazing Lands Coalition, IL Soy Association, The Land Connection, National Resources Conservation Service, ProHarvest Seeds, University of Illinois Extension

1:30 Presentations

- The "Match Made in Heaven: Livestock + Crops" project: what we've learned from farmers who have integrated annual crops and livestock (survey and case study results)
- Programs available for soil health goals
- Using local byproduct feeds, soybean hulls, Incobrasa & ProHarvest Seeds
- Using beef embryo technology for beef & show cattle
- Feedlot management
- Bringing on the next generation: FSA Beginning Farmer Loan, direct marketing beef

3:00 Evaluations and adjourn

- Evaluations at https://z.umn.edu/mmih-eval
- Thank you!

For more information on the Hanson family farms:

- Hanson Land & Cattle: www.hansonlandandcattle.com
- Hanson Family Meats: www.hansonfamilymeats.com

“Match Made In Heaven: Livestock + Crops” is a 3-year, 6-state grant project that creates opportunities for farmers to share their interests, challenges, and needs, and for the crop and livestock organizations that they engage with to hear from their members and meet their needs with their programming and resources. The project is a collaboration between 50+ groups including crop & livestock associations, universities, public agencies, and soil/water groups. The project includes a regional farmer survey, case studies of 8 integrated farms highlighting their unique systems and innovations, a series of field days in 2024, and a resource library of materials on crop and livestock integration.
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