

Registration

Note: Choose breakout sessions you wish to attend (select letter from agenda) for the morning & afternoon (ex. A/C) beside your name.

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Registration Fees

Deadline March 6, 2025

Attending _____ x \$45

Total Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

**No Refunds *Free for Ages 18 & Under*

Mail registration & check payable to:

Clarion Conservation District
249 S. Second Avenue Clarion PA 16214

Or Register Online



www.westernpagrazing.com

Questions? Contact:

Clarion CD at 814-393-6147 or
Jefferson CD at 814-849-7463

Registration fee includes a
continental breakfast & hot buffet lunch

Clarion Conservation District

249 S. Second Avenue

Clarion PA 16214

27th Annual



Thursday, March 13, 2025



Featuring

Dr. Matt Poore & Eli Mack

At the Trinity Point Church of God
180 W. Trinity Drive Clarion, PA 16214

Presented by the Western PA
Grazing Conference Committee

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 8:40 Welcome

8:40 - 9:00 Introductory Presentation

*-J.B. Harrold, NRCS & Chris Leiden,
Leiden Land & Cattle Co.*

9:00 - 10:30 Making the Most of Your Pastureland
Ecology with Adaptive Grazing Management

-Dr. Matt Poore

10:30 - 11:15 Visit our Vendors/Sponsors

11:15 - 12:00 Breakout Sessions

A. The Importance of the Unseen: Holistically
Managing Our Land & Our Minds - *Caleb
Schneck, Deer Run Acres*

B. Solar Grazing on Farms - *Daniel Dotterer,
Daniel Dotterer Farms, Agrivoltaic Innovations*

C. Bale Grazing to Improve Soil Health &
Productivity of Highly Degraded Soils - State
of the Art & Perspectives for PA - *Dr. Sjoerd
Duiker, PSU & Allegheny Grass Fed Coop.*

D. Cornell Meat Pricing Tool - *Matt LeRoux,
Cornell University Coop. Extension*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 Starting with Nothing/Using What you
Have & Low Input Grazing/Farming While Full-
Time - *Eli Mack*

2:30 - 3:00 Visit our Vendors/Sponsors

AGENDA continued

3:00 - 4:00 Breakout Sessions

- A. Making Sense of Nutrition for Pasture-
Raised Beef Cattle - *Dr. Matt Poore*
- B. Tying Nutrient Cycling, Manure Utilization,
& Soil Health Together - *Dr. Robb Meinen,
PSU*
- C. Considering Input Costs to Establish Prices
- *Aaron Miller, Miller Livestock Company*

4:00 - 4:45 Speaker Panel

4:45 - 5:00 Closing Remarks, Door Prizes,
Evaluations



Nearby Hotels

Hampton Inn (814) 226 - 4444

4 Hospital Dr., Clarion PA 16214

Microtel Inn & Suites (814) 227 - 2223

121 North Point Dr., Clarion, PA 16214
**right across from the event*

Holiday Inn Express (814) 223 - 4010

325 Perkins Rd., Clarion, PA 16214



Western PA Grazing Conference Committee Members

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Jefferson, Clarion, Clearfield Conservation Districts
NW & SW PA Project Grass
Penn State Extension
Local Farmers
*With grant support from the
PA Grazing Lands Coalition*

Meet Our Keynote Speakers



Dr. Matt Poore

Dr. Matt Poore has devoted his career to pasture-based agriculture in the Southern USA. His training in forage utilization in mixed diets by beef and dairy cattle at the University of Arizona stimulated his interest

in the complex interactions of the ruminant animal and the forages they depend on. During his career at NCSU, Dr. Poore has done research on a wide variety of forage topics. The impactful extension program he directs "Amazing Grazing" teaches ecological principles relevant to the effective management of pasture-based production systems to diverse audiences. Currently Dr. Poore continues with his own programming while providing leadership to the NC Cooperative Extension Animal Agriculture Program Team. While much of his energy has been invested in these professional programs, he also is engaged in production and continues to manage his family's farm in Virgilina, VA, where they raise 110 brood cows and finish most of the steer calves on pasture for the local beef market.



Eli Mack

Eli Mack grew up on the original acreage at Mack Farms (the "Home Farm"), in Brush Valley, PA. They always

had a few animals around the barnyard for enjoyment but never really utilized the rest of the farm. From a young age, he felt called to the land; knowing he wanted animals, specifically cattle. At the age of 12, he saved up money and bought his first cattle; a bull and a heifer. That was the beginning. Eli and his father started scraping together more fences, and their little herd grew. Wanting to do things naturally and without major inputs, not to mention a complete lack of funds for feed and equipment, his attention was drawn to "rotational grazing." Mack Farms offers consulting, installations, farm tours, mentorships, and a variety of products and animals. Eli is also a product manager at Kencove.