

Grazing in the Woods Tour **Gary Wyatt, University of Minnesota Extension**

Woodland grazing is a common practice in Minnesota. While uncontrolled livestock grazing can degrade woodlands, well managed woodland grazing has potential benefits for both livestock and marketable trees.

Learn more about Silvopasture practices that can be profitable on your property at the **“Grazing in the Woods”** tour, Wednesday, June 22, 2016, from 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM at the Sunup Ranch (Greg Booth and Vicki Kettlewell – Operators); 12316 County 18 SW, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Property owners and experts will discuss how trees, livestock (cattle), and forage can coexist as one system for economic production and environmental protection. Researchers and Extension educators from the University of Minnesota will also discuss the results of the LCCMR-funded project “Enhancing Environmental and Economic Benefits of Woodland Grazing”. Farmer Cooperators (Greg Booth and Vickie Kettlewell) and project collaborators (Jeff Duchene – NRCS Grazing Specialist; Jim Chamberlin – Happy Dancing Turtle) will also share their perspectives on Silvopasture as an approach to improving and enhancing the benefits of woodland grazing.

The tour site is one of three sites that are part of the 3-year University of Minnesota Extension research study in Crow Wing County that demonstrate practices employed in woodland grazing called Silvopasture, which is an agroforestry practice, <http://nac.unl.edu/practices/silvopasture.htm>.

The cost of the tour is \$10 which includes refreshments and materials. Please register online at <https://www.regonline.com/woodlandgrazingtour>.

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