Workshop Goal: learn how to establish and manage silvopasture to enhance your grazing system

About the Workshop: The workshop will begin Friday afternoon, August 3rd, with a tour of Nettle Valley Farm near Spring Grove, Minnesota, followed by dinner and a presentation and networking session at Willow Creek Ranch in Coon Valley, Wisconsin.

The workshop will continue on Saturday morning, August 4th, with presentations and small group exercises on silvopasture design and management. Saturday afternoon will feature a tour of Willow Creek Ranch’s savanna restoration and silvopasture efforts. There will also be an optional tour of incorporating native prairie in your grazing system.

Participants can sign up for either day or both days. Nettle Valley Farm rotates pastured pigs through pine and walnut plantations and is converting woodland to create additional areas for the pigs to forage and access shade. Willow Creek Ranch raises beef, pork, and poultry on pasture and is integrating the livestock into savanna restoration efforts.

Key Topics:
- Silvopasture Design and Principles
- Converting Pasture to Silvopasture
- Converting Woodland to Silvopasture
- Grazing Management in Silvopasture
- Case Study Exercises

Workshop Locations:
August 3rd afternoon: Spring Grove, MN 55974
August 3rd (evening) to August 4th: E5930 Spring Coulee Rd, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Registration: $45 for August 3rd and 4th. August 3rd only: $15; August 4th only: $30. Registration will cover dinner, a light breakfast, and lunch. Contact Diomy or Diane if the registration fee is a barrier. Register at https://www.regonline.com/SilvopastureCV

For more information about the workshop including agenda, visit z.umn.edu/silvopastureAug3-4 or contact: Diomy Zamora (612-626-9272; zamor015@umn.edu), Keefe Keeley (keefe@savannainstitute.org; 608-632-2719), or Diane Mayerfeld (dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu; 608-262-8188)

Sponsors: UW- Extension, UMN-Extension, the Wallace Center Pasture Project, NCR SARE, and the Savanna Institute, North Central SARE.
SILVOPASTURE WORKSHOP AGENDA
SPRING GROVE, MN,
COON VALLEY, WI

Friday, August 3, 2018
Location: Nettle Valley Farm, Spring Grove, Minnesota
2:30-3:00 Registration
3:00- 5:00 Pasture walk of silvopasture at Nettle Valley Farm.
5:00-6:30 Drive to Willow Creek Ranch, E5930 Spring Coulee Rd, Coon Valley, WI 54623
6:30-7:15 Panel Discussion with farmers and Bill Kizer (Sharing of Silvopasture Experiences; grouse habitat restoration)
7:15-8:15 Dinner and Networking

Saturday, August 4, 2018
Location: Willow Creek Ranch, E5930 Spring Coulee Rd, Coon Valley, WI
7:50 - 8:20 Registration and coffee
8:20 - 8:30 Welcome and Introduction – Diomy Zamora, University of Minnesota Extension
8:30 – 9:00 Silvopasture Design Principles – Diomy Zamora, University of Minnesota Extension
9:00 – 9:15 From Pasture to Silvopasture - Keefe Keeley, Savanna Institute
9:15 - 9:30 From Forest to Silvopasture – Diane Mayerfeld, UW-Extension
9:30 – 9:45 Grazing Management in Silvopasture - Yoana Newman, UWEX
9:45 – 10:00 Questions, Discussion
10:10 -10:30 BREAK
10:30-11:00 Case Studies introduction with Rod and Mitch
11:00-11:45 Small Group Case Study discussions
11:45 - 12:30 Report out and whole group discussion
12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH
1:30 – 3:30 Tour of Willow Creek Ranch
1:30 – 2:30 Silvopasture establishment and management
2:30 - 3:30 Integrating native prairie into your grazing operation