

Learn About Grazing Management at MSU Extension Program

Farmers and livestock producers looking for grazing information can attend a Michigan State University (MSU) Extension grazing school in northern Michigan this fall.

Participants will hear presentations and get hands-on experience involving principles of pasture management, fencing, watering systems and livestock management for intensive grazing systems.

"This hands-on school is offered to a variety of livestock producers, whether beef, sheep, dairy or horse owners, who want to maximize the potential of their pastures and reduce their dependency on supplemental feeding," says Norman Suverly, district livestock MSU Extension educator.

Presenters will include MSU Extension livestock educators, forage specialists, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff members and Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program technicians.

The program will take place at the Steve Fitzner Farm in Wolverine, Mich., September 17 and will be repeated at the Byelich Farm in Harrisville, Mich., September 24. Both sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The \$30 registration fee is due September 9 and includes lunch and a reference book. Additional family members can register for \$15. To register, call Suverly at (989)724-6478 or e-mail him at suverly@msu.edu.



Lewis Named 2005 OYDC

Bruce and Jennifer Lewis of Jonesville, Mich. have been named MMPA's Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperators. The Lewises were selected by a panel of judges after the annual OYDC Conference held August 3-5. They represent MMPA District 1 and the Hillsdale-Litchfield Local. As MMPA OYDC, they will represent MMPA at various events including the National Milk Producers Federation Annual Meeting in November.

Leroy and Stephanie Schaffer of Pewamo, Mich. were named the OYDC Runners-up. The Schafers represent MMPA District 6 and the Mid-Michigan Local.

Highlights of the OYDC conference appear on page 18 of this issue.

The Lewises and the Schafers will be featured in the October *Messenger*. All of the District OYDC representatives will be featured in upcoming issues of the *Messenger*.

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