



Grass Fed Beef All Year Long
Professional Development for Service Providers
Producer Training
Briar Ridge Farm 215 Kinney Road Amston, CT
July 11, 2012
10:00am – 1:00pm



10:00 Welcome

Rich Meinert, UConn Cooperative Extension – welcome and introductions.
Michael Keilty, UConn – Tri-state Grass fed beef all year long project.
Marc Baribault, Owner – History/overview of the farm.

10:30 Tour of Heavy Use Area for Winter Housing: Background and Basics

Marc Baribault, Briar Ridge Farm, James Hyde, William Purcell, USDA NRCS

- Review of the construction project; what did it accomplish in regards to natural resource protection? Did it meet farmer's production and management goals?
- Operation and maintenance of the heavy use area bedded pack facility.
- How could the design have been improved?
- Review of Soil and Nutrient Management

11:30 Tour of pastures and supporting infrastructure:

- *Marc Baribault, Briar Ridge Farm, James Hyde, William Purcell, USDA NRCS*
- Fencing system, and watering system.
- Managing the beef herd and goats on pasture (multi species grazing)
- Pasture forage production and **showing how to read a forage analysis test result.**
- Opportunity for plant ID questions and weed management

12:00 Year round breeding for continuous market availability: Background and Basics to ideas related to year round market supply.

Rich Meinert, UConn Extension Educator, Livestock and Dairy Program

12:30 Wrap up and Feedback:

Rich Meinert, UConn Cooperative Extension
James Hyde/William Purcell, USDA NRCS

- How to access NRCS financial assistance programs that support pasture based livestock systems.
- Final questions.
- Feedback for future programming.