

# ESTABLISHING AND EVALUATING PRAIRIE STRIPS ON FARMS

## In partnership with Tallgrass Prairie Center

Join Randy Luze on his farm to learn about practical ways to use prairie on farms to help improve water quality and pollinator habitat. In 2015 and 2016, Randy established prairie strips on his farm with help from the Tallgrass Prairie Center's Prairie on Farms Program, based at University of Northern Iowa. Learn about the process for adding prairie strips, how to evaluate prairie plantings and best practices for maintaining them. You'll also see comparisons of mowed and un-mowed plots, and three different prairie seed mixes. This event is also a perfect opportunity for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and technical service provider staff to learn more about how prairie strips can be strategically used on farms to assist pollinator recovery and water quality improvement efforts. **Note: The field day will begin at the listed address; mid-morning the group will move to a location 6 miles away.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 • 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch will follow the field day

### HOST:

**Randy Luze • Luze Farm**

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### TOPICS:

- Evaluating prairie seed mixes
- Site preparation and planting
- Identifying seedlings
- Cues for successful establishment
- First- and second-year maintenance
- Weed control

### SPEAKERS:

- **Laura Jackson** – Director, Tallgrass Prairie Center
- **Ashley Kittle** – Prairie on Farms Program Manager, TPC
- **Justin Meissen** – Research & Restoration Program Manager, TPC

### THE FARM:

Luze Farm Corp is a fourth-generation family farm. Randy raises seed corn and soybeans under contract for Pioneer Hi-Bred with his father, Larry. Randy is an accredited farm manager with Peoples Company and works with his daughter, Mollie, also a farm manager, to incorporate conservation projects for their absentee landowner clients.



### RSVP FOR MEAL TO:

Lauren Zastrow, [lauren@practicalfarmers.org](mailto:lauren@practicalfarmers.org);

(515) 232-5661 by **Friday, September 9.**



### DIRECTIONS:

Luze Farm is about 3 miles northeast of Dysart. **Heading east IA Hwy 8:** Turn left (north) onto 12th Avenue and go about 1 mile; the farm is on the right.