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WELCOME!

Welcome to Practical Farmers of Iowa’s 2020 field day season. As we enjoy the beauty of summer and fall in Iowa, and look forward to the abundance of food, feed and fiber the land bestows, we are reminded that some things in the world are not cancelled or delayed by a pandemic. The land continues its seasonal cycles, and farmers continue their work to plant, tend and care for their crops and livestock.

As we all observe restrictions this summer to protect our families and communities from COVID-19, we at Practical Farmers remain committed to connecting farmers with one another to share knowledge and build resilient farms and communities. As this pandemic has revealed, this knowledge and spirit of cooperation are needed now more than ever as we work to ensure all farms can withstand the unexpected, and all communities have strong local food systems they can rely on.

Field days remain a foundation of PFI. Even in this time of precaution and social distancing, they provide an opportunity for us all to connect with one another: for farmers to learn from their peers; for non-farmers to deepen their connections to local food and farmers; and for us all to share in PFI’s vision of an Iowa with healthy soil, healthy food, clean air, clean water, resilient farms and vibrant communities.

While our field days will look different this year, we are confident these events will help you stay connected as you learn from one another about production, business and conservation strategies.

FARMER-LED EVENTS

At Practical Farmers of Iowa, we have a unique learning model. Our field days (and other events!) are led by our farmer members. We know that farmers are the experts on their farming systems, decisions, challenges and solutions, and we are thankful that so many farmer-leaders believe that sharing their knowledge, discoveries, mistakes and successes benefits everyone. Be prepared to explore topics that span the agricultural spectrum. We offer field day topics on production, land stewardship, conservation, local foods and more.

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Our 2020 field days are free, and you don’t need to be a member to attend! At Practical Farmers, we take pride in our big tent that includes farmers of all sizes and production practices, as well as many non-farmers who support our work, values and the sense of community that membership brings. We welcome and invite anyone to attend and learn from our field days.

CIVILITY COMMITMENT

Our commitment is to learn from each other. We acknowledge differences in beliefs, values, politics, culture, interests and experiences.

WE COMMIT TO:

• Listen respectfully to each other
• Refrain from personal insults and other disrespectful actions
• Recognize and respect different levels of understanding
• Actively seek common ground

QUESTIONS?

Contact the PFI office at info@practicalfarmers.org or (515) 232-5661.
ATTENDING VIRTUAL PFI EVENTS

We have planned our whole field day season as virtual events. If we are able to safely hold in-person events this season, we will transition those events back to in-person gatherings.

All but one of our virtual field days will take place using either Facebook Live or Zoom, depending on the planned content for each event. The other event type is a shared learning call, which you access by calling in and entering a passcode. Each listing in the guide specifies which platform you will need to use.

We encourage you to register for field days on our website at practicalfarmers.org/field-days. By registering through our website, you’ll receive email reminders leading up to the event with instructions on how to join, and a link to participate, if applicable.

To participate in our virtual events, follow these simple steps for each platform.

VIRTUAL FIELD DAYS – FACEBOOK LIVE:
You can find the link to tune into a Facebook Live virtual field day in one of several places:

• Email: If you registered for the event, we will send the link to the email address you used to register.
• PFI website: On the field day page on our website, practicalfarmers.org/field-days, click on the event you want to attend and find the link to join listed on that event’s page.
• Facebook: Visit the Facebook event listing on our Facebook page – located on the events tab – or use the link facebook.com/practicalfarmers/events.

Once in the Facebook Live event, you’ll be able to chat with fellow attendees and ask questions in the comment box using your Facebook account.

When the Facebook Live field day has concluded, it will immediately be available to watch on our Facebook page.

Note: You are still able to watch a Facebook Live event even if you do not have a Facebook account, but you will not be able to comment or ask questions.

VIRTUAL FIELD DAYS – SHARED LEARNING CALLS:
To participate in these events, you simply need to dial a call-in number and enter a passcode. These are provided in the field day guide and on the shared learning call webpage at practicalfarmers.org/field-days.

1. Call the number provided for the call
2. When prompted, enter the passcode for the call
3. Please put your phone on mute to avoid background noise

VIRTUAL FIELD DAYS – ZOOM:
You can find the link to tune into a Zoom virtual field day in one of several places:

• Email: If you registered for the event, we will send the Zoom link to the email address you used to register.
• PFI website: On the field day page on our website, practicalfarmers.org/field-days, click on the event you want to attend and find the link to join listed on that event’s page.
• Facebook: On our Facebook page (facebook.com/practicalfarmers), click on the events tab and click on the event you want to join. The Zoom link will be listed in the event description.

To join a virtual field day on Zoom, click the link associated with the event you want to attend. This will open Zoom in a new tab on your web browser.

Unlike with Facebook Live, where you are only able to type questions in the chat box, our Zoom events allow you to ask questions in the chat box or via audio.

If you have downloaded Zoom previously, a pop-up message will open prompting you to open Zoom. Click “open Zoom.”

If you haven’t downloaded Zoom previously, click the link (circled below) to attend a PFI Zoom event. You will see a pop-up message prompting you to download the free Zoom application. Do this by clicking the link that says “download & run Zoom.” Once downloaded, click on the .exe file you downloaded. It will automatically begin the meeting.
VIRTUAL FIELD DAY SERIES

NEW THIS YEAR - VIRTUAL FIELD DAY SERIES

New this year, we have planned several event series that will let participants check in with certain farmer hosts throughout the season to learn about different facets of farm management. All of these events are free and offered a la carte: guests are welcome to attend all events in the series or pick the ones they’re most interested in.

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POP-UP VIRTUAL FIELD DAYS
NEW THIS YEAR - POP-UP FIELD DAYS

Because farmers can’t predict field, crop, livestock or weather conditions, some events can’t be scheduled far in advance – especially if the field day depends on the status of those conditions. Sometimes, farmers just can’t be sure of their schedule months out. Pop-up field days let us accommodate these variables.

To get the most up-to-date information, be sure to register for these field days at practicalfarmers.org/field-days.

Fall Lambing: Management and Marketing Opportunities
In partnership with Iowa Sheep Industry Association

Fall 2020 | Time TBA
Host: Randall Vos

Tune in to see lambing in full swing during a unique time of the year – October. Randall practices accelerated lambing, and lambs during non-traditional times of the year. Randall will discuss the marketing opportunities fall lambing provides and the management considerations for this type of system.

Randall Vos runs a 100-ewe commercial flock in New Sharon, Iowa, and serves on the board of directors of the Iowa Sheep Industry Association.

The Farm
• Fall lambing
• Commercial lamb production
• Marketing opportunities

Topics

Adam Ledvina talks about his goats at a 2019 field day.
Jenny Quiner demonstrates a paper pot transplanter at her 2019 field day.
Wayne Wangsness shows crowds a flame weeder at a 2019 field day.
Virtual Meet-Ups for Beginning Farmers

Every Third Thursday of the Month 1–2 p.m.

Thursday, May 21
Thursday, June 18
Thursday, July 16
Thursday, Aug. 20
Thursday, Sept. 17

Take a quick break from farm work and join other beginning and aspiring farmers for a virtual get-together. Our purpose is to create a supportive, upbeat space for farmers to connect with one another and share concerns, ideas, successes and challenges. Build your farming network and learn from others who have similar (or different) farm ventures than you. We will also feature a different host every month to cover and facilitate various topics.

To register: Sign up online at practicalfarmers.org/beginning-farmer-socials.

Multiple Benefits of Rye: Calving, Grazing, Harvesting

Tuesday, June 2 | 10–11 a.m.

Host: Alan Zellmer

Alan will take us to his rye fields that provide spring calving pastures and forage for grazing where well try to spot calves in the tall rye. We’ll also learn about harvesting rye to make stored feed and see a demo of Alan making ryelage.

Alan and Brenda Zellmer, along with their six children, are the fifth and sixth generation of Zellmers farming a century farm in Atlantic, Iowa. Along with crop farming, the Zellmers operate a cattle feedlot and specialize in producing Wagyu breeding stock.

Topics

• Spring calving in rye
• Rye as forage
• Harvesting ryelage

Keeping Up With the Johnsons at Buffalo Ridge Orchard

Saturday, May 30 | 9–10 a.m.

Hosts: Roger & Mary Knutson & Jacob Bolson

Sliding hitches for cultivators, basic GPS guidance, autosteer, etc. What do all these terms mean? Join Roger, Mary and Jacob to learn more about these tools and how they can be put to work on an organic farm. The trio will share a broad enough perspective to provide value to any farmer interested in mechanical weed control, from a 20-acre vegetable farmer with a four-row cultivator to a 2,500-acre farmer with a 12-row cultivator.

Roger and Mary Knutson operate a diverse organic farm in Iowa’s Hardin county. Jacob Bolson, their son-in-law, Jacob lives with his wife and four children on an acreage outside of Hubbard in Hardin County, helping on the Knutson farm and working in the farm equipment industry.

Topics

• Mechanical weed control and equipment discussion
• Automation tools to support operations
• Live cultivation demonstration in organic corn

Food Safety & Packhouse Sanitation (#1 of Series*)

Tuesday, June 2 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Emma & Marcus Johnson

When your farm raises an array of vegetables in the field and high tunnels, has a full production apple orchard and is gearing up to open a farm store, there is plenty to show and learn! In this three-part series, Emma will show Buffalo Ridge Orchard’s new packhouse procedures for food and employee safety with vegetable crops. Later, well join Emma on a virtual tour of the farm’s cherry tomatoes growing in the high tunnel. Finally, we’ll see how the Johnsons test and determine when different apple varieties are ready to be picked.

Marcus and Emma Johnson operate Buffalo Ridge Orchard near Central City, Iowa, with Emma’s parents, Mary and Vernon Zahradnik. The 80-acre farm has 5 acres of diversified vegetables in the field and high tunnels, and 15 acres of orchard, including 3,600 apple trees consisting of 50 new and classic varieties. Their packhouse, completed in 2019, includes a farm store (open in 2020) and a processing and packaging area for dried apples.

Topics

• Enhanced practices for COVID-19
• Employee health
• Food safety
• Sanitizing
• Collaborative box packing and distribution

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 32); #3 (pg. 43)
**Impact of Roller-Crimping Cereal Rye**

**In partnership with Iowa State University**

**A Live Demonstration (#1 of Series*)**

**Tuesday, June 2 | 1:30–2:30 p.m.**

**Host: Levi Lyle**

Watch Levi roll-crimp a cereal rye cover crop with two goals in mind: 1) terminating the cover crop without herbicide or tillage and 2) laying down the cover crop as a mulch for weed control. Levi is a partner on a project headed by Kathleen Delate of Iowa State University investigating reduced tillage in organic crop production systems. After a few weeks, we’ll take another look at the field with Levi and he’ll also demonstrate an electric Weed Zapper.

Levi operates Levi’s Indigenous Fruit Enterprises (LIFE) near Keota, through which he seeks to facilitate the profitability and sustainability of small farms. Levi and his wife Jill also distribute fresh aronia berries to local markets. Levi formerly worked as an organic inspector for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and now consults on topics related to organic agriculture.

**Topics**

- Roller-crimping cover crops
- Reduced tillage for organic

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- Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service
- Rodale Institute Midwest Organic Center

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 25)

**Integrating Sheep and Vegetables at Sundog Farm**

**Pest & Disease Management (#1 of Series*)**

**Friday, June 5 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.**

**Hosts: Carmen & Maja Black**

Join Carmen, Maja and the rest of the crew at Sundog Farm to learn how they are addressing challenges on their farm. In this three-part series, Carmen and Maja will share how they scout for disease and manage black rot. You’ll find out how they fill CSA orders for 200 families, as Local Harvest CSA has done for 25 years. You will also see how the team manages sheep grazing through their vegetable fields.

Carmen Black owns and operates Sundog Farm & Local Harvest CSA near Solon, Iowa, with her sister, Maja. They raise vegetables for 200 families and graze a small flock of sheep. 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Local Harvest CSA, and Carmen, Maja and the team are looking forward to celebrating the milestone with former owner and farmer-mentor, Susan Jutz, who launched the CSA in 1996.

**Sundog Farm & Local Harvest CSA**

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*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 25); #3 (pg. 37)

** Garlic Production at Grade A Gardens**

**Wednesday, June 3 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.**

**Hosts: Jordan & Whitney Clasen**

Join Jordan and Whitney in the field to see how they manage various aspects of garlic production during the 2020 season. During this three-part series, they will show how they manage weeds; harvest and bundle scapes; and harvest, clean and cure garlic. Each virtual field day will be 25 minutes long, featuring demo and some time for Q&A.

The Clasens started Grade A Gardens in 2009 in Johnston, Iowa. Whitney joined the farm in 2016 after working on farms all around the world. Today, Grade A Gardens includes 8 acres of certified organic fruits and vegetables; 300 egg-laying chickens; and bees. Gourmet garlic remains a farm specialty – 2 acres of the farm are devoted to the crop. Jordan and Whitney market through a CSA, the Downtown Farmers’ Market in Des Moines and via Des Moines restaurants and specialty grocers.

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**Topics**

- Weed management
- Crop condition
- Varieties

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 20); #3 (pg. 28)

**Botany Beginners: Exploring Iowa’s Native Plants**

**In partnership with Tallgrass Prairie Center**

**Part 1 (#1 of Series*)**

**Monday, June 8 | 6–7 p.m.**

**Host: Laura Jackson**

Have you ever wondered what all those plants growing in the road ditches are? Have you wished you could identify the plants in your prairie strips, pollinator plantings or local nature areas? If you’re curious about what’s growing on your farm, join the Tallgrass Prairie Center and Practical Farmers of Iowa for a native plant identification online course this summer.

This course is designed for anyone who wants to improve their ability to identify native plants of the tallgrass prairie region through guided practice, with a special focus on common farmland prairie plants.

To learn more about this course, or to register, please visit tallgrassprairiecenter.org/botany-beginners.

*Other Sessions in This Course: #2 (pg. 16); #3 (pg. 17); #4 (pg. 20); #5 (pg. 24)

For details including speaker bios and more, visit practicalfarmers.org/field-days.
Working With Neighbors to Integrate Livestock and Improve Soil

Thursday, June 11 | 2:15-3:15 p.m.
Host: Tom Wind

Tom’s goal is to improve the soil on his family’s century farm. To do this, he has been working with neighbors Jim Funke, Jon Merrill and Conner Allender to integrate cattle, sheep and poultry into his cropping system in a variety of ways. They’ve been practicing management-intensive grazing for four years on selected areas. We’ll see areas where unrolled hay bales were fed prior to cash crop planting and where stockpiled grazing took place. We’ll also see how chickens follow cows, along with pictures showing how soils that were once poor have become productive again. Not only is Tom seeing life come back to the soil and farm, he is building community in rural Iowa in the process.

Tom and Sue Wind steward their family’s century farm in Jamaica, Iowa. Tom has declared his life goal is to manage his soils in order to increase soil organic matter by 4%. To do this, he has partnered with nearby farmers to integrate diverse crops and pastured livestock.

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Pasture Farrowing: Infrastructure, Scheduling and Seeding

Friday, June 12 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Host: Jude Becker

For experienced producers and newcomers alike, scaling up a swine enterprise to include farrowing can be challenging. Jude will share how he manages his organic farrow-to-finish operation and we will see how his waterline and fencing on pasture are set up. Jude will also highlight sow scheduling, controlling herd size and establishing a steady production flow, and provide tips on farrowing.

Jude Becker raises organic pork on his sixth-generation family farm, Becker Lane Organic Farm, near Dyersville, Iowa. He directly markets his pork to restaurants and retail locations in the U.S. and Asia. Jude continues to learn innovative ways to retain product value and boost farm income.

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Prairie Strips and Conservation on Rented Ground

**Thursday, June 18 | 3-3:30 p.m.**

**Host: Eric Hoien | Speaker: Tim Youngquist, ISU STRIPS**

Prairie strips are a practice that more farmers and landowners are using to reintegrate prairie into Iowa’s agricultural landscape, providing numerous water quality and wildlife benefits in the process. Join landowner Eric Hoien, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the ISU STRIPS team to learn more about designing, establishing and managing prairie strips and how to work with land tenants to achieve conservation goals.

In part 1 of this virtual event, landowner Eric and Tim Youngquist, ISU STRIPS farmer liaison, will discuss prairie strip management and prescribed fire. See pictures and videos from Eric’s recent prairie burn and learn more about how fire can be used by landowners to manage prairie strips.


**Topics**

- New versus established prairie strips
- Updates on science, research and cost-share programs from the STRIPS team
- Working with farmland tenants to implement conservation

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 33)

For details including speaker bios and more, visit practicalfarmers.org/field-days.

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Termination Dates for Cereal Rye In Soybeans

**Wednesday, June 17 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Hosts: Sam Bennett & Jon Bakehouse**

Join hosts Sam and Jon to discuss their experiences and findings from trials investigating delayed termination of cereal rye in soybeans. They’ll give some background about their motivations to conduct on-farm research and explain how their original research questions evolved into an on-going trial looking at the impacts of not terminating cereal rye and leaving it to re-seed itself.

Sam Bennett and his wife Danielle raise corn, soybeans and small grains on a third of the Bennett family’s 2,000-acre operation near Galva. They use cover crops, no-till and strip-till to work toward their goals of improving soil health, conservation, nutrient management, water quality and creating habitat.

Jon Bakehouse is a lifetime member of PFI who farms with his wife Tina, son Anderson and parents near Hastings, Iowa. The Bakehouses raise corn and soybeans and are integrating goats for grazing with their small cow-calf herd. As the fifth generation farming his family’s land, Jon has conducted PFI on-farm research for over five years and unofficial field trials his entire farming career.

**Topics**

- Delayed termination of cereal rye in soybeans
- Leaving a cereal rye cover crop to re-seed itself before corn
- Conducting on-farm research: evolving questions and motivations

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Harvesting Fruit and Nut Crops at Red Fern Farm

**Wednesday, June 24 | 12:30-1:05 p.m.**

**Hosts: Tom Wahl & Kathy Dice**

Check in throughout the season with Tom Wahl and Kathy Dice of Red Fern Farm to see what fruit and nut crops are on for harvest, how they are grown and harvested and how they taste. During these virtual visits, you will also learn a bit about each crop’s growing method and profitability.

Tom Wahl and Kathy Dice are lifetime members of PFI who own and operate Red Fern Farm near Wapello, Iowa. Established in 1988, they now grow over 75 species of common and not-so-common fruits and nuts. The farm is the site of ongoing research on a variety of tree crops and forest farming systems, a pick-your-own chestnut (and other fruit and nut) operation and container-grown tree seedlings well-suited to the Midwest. Tom and Kathy also raise hair sheep, which they rotate throughout their farm, and are past recipients of PFI’s Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award.

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No-Till Oat and Rye Production

**Wednesday, June 24 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Host: Martin Larsen**

Martin has been a long-time user of no-till and cover crops. It was his cover crop that got him into growing rye for his own cover crop seed. He then decided to further diversify his farm with an oat crop. This virtual farm tour will showcase both rye and oats in the field, and Martin will share the lessons he’s learned about producing both crops, from no-till planting in soybean residue to harvesting and cleaning the product.

Martin Larsen is a fifth-generation farmer using no-till and cover cropping practices to grow conventional corn, soybeans, oats and rye near Byron, Minnesota. Martin also works for the Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District, where he has done research on cover crops and nitrate reduction in local waterways, and he serves as president of the Minnesota Caving Club.

**Topics**

- Growing oats and rye
- Cover crop seed production
- No-till and extended rotations
- Small-grain cost-share opportunities

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Martin has been a long-time user of no-till and cover crops. It was his cover crop that got him into growing rye for his own cover crop seed. He then decided to further diversify his farm with an oat crop. This virtual farm tour will showcase both rye and oats in the field, and Martin will share the lessons he’s learned about producing both crops, from no-till planting in soybean residue to harvesting and cleaning the product.

Martin Larsen is a fifth-generation farmer using no-till and cover cropping practices to grow conventional corn, soybeans, oats and rye near Byron, Minnesota. Martin also works for the Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District, where he has done research on cover crops and nitrate reduction in local waterways, and he serves as president of the Minnesota Caving Club.

**Topics**

- Growing oats and rye
- Cover crop seed production
- No-till and extended rotations
- Small-grain cost-share opportunities

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Part 4 (4 of Series*)

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Scape Harvest. Bundling & Marketing (4 of Series*)

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**Topics**  
- Scape harvest  
- Scape bundling  
- Scape marketing and sales  
- Crop condition

*Other Events in This Series: #1 (pg. 14); #3 (pg. 28)

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**Early Interseeding of Cover Crops for Grazing**  
In partnership with University of Northern Iowa’s Center for Energy & Environmental Education

**Friday, June 26 | 12:15-12:45 p.m.**

**Host: Seth Smith**

Seth will show videos of a cover crop he interseeded in early June, and we’ll check in on how it’s growing. He will discuss his corn planting population, row width and hybrid selection. We’ll see how he has rigged up his cultivator to interseed multi-species cover crops and discuss how he does this in both organic and conventional crop fields. Seth’s goal is to get several weeks of fall grazing out of the cover crop in order to save money on feed.

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**Topics**  
- Cover crop interseeding during June cultivation  
- Grazing cover crops

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 15); #3 (pg. 17); #5 (pg. 24)

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**Early-Season Organic Weed Control**  
In partnership with Iowa Organic Association

**Thursday, June 25 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Host: Matt Miller**

In this virtual field day, Matt will show video of various passes of tine harrows and rotary hoes he made through the field earlier in June, and then we’ll take a live look at the field. He’ll also go over why and when he uses particular pieces of equipment, as well as the adjustments he makes. Learn about a European tine harrow Matt says is uncommon in Iowa but is starting to gain more attention.

Matt Miller farms near Bristow, Iowa, and has been certified organic since 2000. His current operation is around 1,000 acres, which are split between organic and conventional crops. His organic crop rotation consists of corn, oats and clover, corn and soybeans.

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- Scape marketing and sales  
- Crop condition

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Using Conservation to Improve Farm Profitability

Saturday, June 27 | 5-5:30 p.m.
Host: Nathan Anderson

Nathan and Sarah farm using in-field conservation practices that reduce soil loss, increase soil health, reduce inputs and provide forage for livestock. They also target edge-of-field conservation on marginal lands to provide water quality and wildlife benefits while improving return on investment on farmed acres. Well chat with Nathan twice over the course of the season to learn about conservation he's using on his farm to increase profitability.

In part 1, Nathan will discuss planting corn in 60-inch rows with interseeded cover crops, and he'll share the environmental and agronomic benefits he sees – or hopes to see – from the practice.

Nathan and Sarah Anderson are lifetime members of PFI who own and operate Bobolink Prairie Farms near Aurelia, Iowa. Nathan, Sarah and family have worked to grow their cattle herd while improving grazing management and incorporating cover crops through on-farm research. Nathan is also a PFI board member.

Topics
- 60-inch-row corn
- Using cover crops to extend forage chains
- Soil health and water quality

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 40)

Zoom Meeting

Cover Crops and Grazing in Mahaska County
In partnership with South Skunk Watershed Project

Monday, June 29 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Hosts: Doug De Bruin & Jake De Bruin

Get a first-hand view of how the De Bruin family farm integrates cover crops with their operation. This virtual field day includes a video tour of the farm in which Jake and Doug will discuss their journey with cover crops and how they use cover crops to benefit their cattle operation. After the video tour, Jake and Doug will host a live facilitated discussion and Q&A session.

The De Bruin family farms near Oskaloosa, Iowa. They believe farming and family are interconnected, and that regenerative farming is necessary to provide security to future generations. Jake and his uncle Doug De Bruin believe that improving soil health can help solve financial challenges of farming and have a positive environmental impact on land and water.

Topics
- Custom grazing of cover crops
- Seeding date and methods
- Cover crops with no-till
- Soil health

Flame-Weeding and Crop Rotation for Weed Control
In partnership with University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy & Environmental Education

Tuesday, June 30 | 10-11 a.m.
Hosts: Noah Wendt & Caleb Akin

Learn how Noah and Caleb use a flame-weeder as one of many tools for weed management on their organic farm. Well check out a field that was previously flame-weeded, and Noah and Caleb will show video from a few weeks prior of the flame-weeder in action. They'll also discuss the importance of including a small-grain crop in the rotation for their weed management strategy.

Caleb Akin started A & W Farms with Noah Wendt near Cambridge, Iowa, in 2006. A & W Farms feeds cattle, produces conventional corn and soybeans and grows a variety of organic grain.

Topics
- Flame-weeding
- Crop rotation with small grains

Zoom Meeting

Working Towards Farm Succession

Tuesday, June 30 | 7-8:30 p.m.
Hosts:
Martha McFarland, Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch
Kim Anderson, Zihlman Family Farms & Blueberry Bottom
Regina Frahm, Esther Purl Fibers

Creating a farm succession plan takes time, moves slowly and involves many different people. Understanding and sharing your goals is an important step in putting together a plan. During this event, Martha, Regina and Kim will share some of their farm succession goals. We will hear what has worked from them so far and what has been a challenge.

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Approaching Oats as a Cash Crop

Wednesday, July 1 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Hosts: Scott & Catherine Wedemeier

Oats are becoming a hot commodity as more grocery shoppers reach for oat-based products – but in the field, we're still treating them like a second-class crop. This virtual field day will showcase the steps Scott has taken to step up oat production on his organic crop and livestock farm, including his participation in a trial aimed at better oat variety selection. The field day will also explore how the Wedemeiers use interseeding cover crops and relay cropping with small grains to manage nutrients, erosion and weeds on their farm, from underseeding clover with oats to relay cropping spring wheat and soybeans.

Scott and Catherine Wedemeier own and operate a 911-acre family farm near Maynard, Iowa. Scott is the third generation to farm this land. The Wedemeiers raise organic corn, soybeans, oats and hay and have dairy cow, goat, pig and beef livestock enterprises. In 2019, Scott began growing oats for Seven Sundays as part of a supply chain pilot project with PFI.

**Topics**
- Oat production
- Cover crops and green manure
- Interseeding and relay cropping

Impact of Roller-Crimping Cereal Rye

Thursday, July 2 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Host: Levi Lyle

Levi will show us the field where he previously roller-crimped a cereal rye cover crop and planted soybeans. He will also demonstrate the Weed Zapper, which uses electricity to kill weed escapes that have grown taller than the soybean canopy. In lieu of traditional cultivation, both roller-crimping cover crops and zapping weeds are part of Levi's strategy for reducing tillage in his organic row crop system.

Levi operates Levi's Indigenous Fruit Enterprises (LIFE) near Keota, through which he seeks to facilitate the profitability and sustainability of small farms. Levi and his wife Jill also distribute fresh aronia berries to local markets. Levi formerly worked as an organic inspector for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and now consults on topics related to organic agriculture.

**Topics**
- Roller-crimping cover crops
- Using a Weed Zapper to control weeds

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**Topics**
- Cut production
- Cut selector tool trial
- Transition to organic
- Cover crops and green manure
- Interseeding and relay cropping

Integrating Sheep and Vegetables at Sundog Farm

Friday, July 3 | 12:30-1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Carmen & Maja Black

Join Carmen, Maja and the rest of the crew at Sundog Farm to learn how they are addressing challenges on their farm. In this three-part series, Carmen and Maja will share how they scout for disease and manage black rot. You'll find out how they fill CSA orders for 200 families, as Local Harvest CSA has done for 25 years. You will also see how the team manages sheep grazing through their vegetable fields.

Carmen Black owns and operates Sundog Farm & Local Harvest CSA near Solon, Iowa, with her sister, Maja. They raise vegetables for 200 families and graze a small flock of sheep. 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Local Harvest CSA, and Carmen, Maja and the team are looking forward to celebrating the milestone with former owner and farmer-mentor, Susan Jutz, who launched the CSA in 1996.
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**Rotational Pasture Series**

**Monday, July 13 | 2–2:30 p.m.**

**Host:** Bill Borrenpohl

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**The Farm**

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*T&O Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 30); #3 (pg. 33)*

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**Farm Manager Panel**

**Friday, July 17 | 3–4 p.m.**

**Hosts:** Mollie Aronowitz, Peoples Company; Brent Larson, Sunderman Farm Management; Morgan Troendle, Hertz Farm Management

Professional farm management services can provide landowners with valuable tools and expertise for managing farmland. Hear from farm managers Mollie Aronowitz of Peoples Company, Brent Larson of Sunderman Farm Management and Morgan Troendle of Hertz Farm Management about how they work with landowners, tenants and conservation professionals to implement conservation on working lands. Bring your farm management questions — this event will include substantial time for Q&A.

**Topics**

- Farm management
- Landowners and tenants
- Farmland ownership
- Conservation
- Stewardship
- Renting farmland
- Conservation leasing

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**Making the Land Affordable for the Next Generation of Farmers**

**Tuesday, July 14 | 4–5:30 p.m.**

**Host:** Dale Nimrod

**Speakers:**

- Karl Knudson, Decorah-based lawyer
- Matt Roberts, Syverson Strege

Dale Nimrod and his siblings, Faith Sherman and Vance Nimrod, sold their southwest Iowa farmland to a local farm family at below market value in 2005. Currently, Dale is working with lawyer Karl Knudson to value land he and his wife Sunny own in northeast Iowa at production value as they set up plans for transferring their farm to their heirs. Dale, Karl and Matt Roberts, a certified financial planner with Syverson Strege, will discuss farm transfer strategies with affordability for the next generation in mind.

Dale Nimrod bought land near Stanton in southwestern Iowa. He and his siblings sold their 240-acre farm to a local couple as a way to give back to the community that had supported his family and helped them farm after the untimely death of their father. Dale and his wife Sunny now live and own farmland near Decorah, Iowa. In 2015, Dale and his siblings received Practical Farmers’ Farmland Owner Legacy Award.

**Topics**

- How to value land at production versus market value
- Legal tools for facilitating farm transfer, including wills and sale contracts
- Tax implications of potential farm transfer strategies

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**Topics**

- Weed management
- Crop condition
- Varieties

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**Watering Systems**

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Integrating Cover Crops on a Vegetable and Poultry Farm

Termination & Turnaround to Planting (#1 of Series*)

Monday, July 20 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Rob & Tammy Faux

In this three-part series, join Rob to learn about the different ways he integrates cover crops throughout his vegetable and poultry farm. From spring-seeded and fall-seeded cover crops to interseeded, quick-turnaround covers in the summer and fallow beds for running poultry, Rob has tried almost everything and will show a good mix (and single-species stand!) during these virtual field days.

Rob Faux and his wife, Tammy, operate Genuine Faux Farm, a CSA, produce and poultry operation near Tripoli, Iowa. Since launching the farm in 2005, Rob has been an inquisitive farmer, testing products and concepts on his own and through PFI’s Cooperators’ Program.

The Farm

Genuine Faux Farm
genuinefauxfarm.com

*Other Events in This Series: #2 (pg. 37); #3 (pg. 39)

FACEBOOK LIVE

PRODUCCIÓN AVÍCOLA EN UN SISTEMA PERENNE CON MAIN STREET PROJECT

Thursday, July 23 | 12:15–1 p.m.

Host: Wilber De La Rosa

Chickens are versatile and serve as powerhouses in regenerating a farming system. Wilber will share his experience managing a biodiverse system of symbiotically connected livestock and perennials (hazelnuts and elderberries) at Main Street Project in Northfield, Minnesota. Join Wilber as he covers tips and tricks for managing poultry, and the challenges and benefits poultry bring to perennial crops.

Nota: This field day will be hosted primarily in Spanish.

Las gallinas son versátiles y eficaces en la regeneración de un sistema de cultivo. Wilber De La Rosa compartirá su experiencia manejando un sistema biodiverso de ganado y plantas perennes simbióticamente conectados (avellanas y bayas de saúco) en el Proyecto Main Street en Northfield, Minnesota. Únase a Wilber mientras cubre consejos y trucos para el manejo de aves de corral, y los desafíos y beneficios que las aves de corral aportan a los cultivos perennes.

Nota: Este evento será presentado principalmente en español.

Main Street Project
mainstreetproject.org

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Laying Hens (#2 of Series*)

Monday, July 20 | 2–2:30 p.m.

Host: Susan Young

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In part 2, we’ll learn how Susan is raising laying hens on pasture as part of her silvopasture system. With the help of a movable chicken coop and temporary fencing, she is able to rotate her laying hens across the pasture. Susan will lead a virtual tour of her chicken coop set-up and share tips for raising poultry rotationally on pasture.

Susan Young owns and operates Lucky Star Farm, located on a 20-acre stretch of land on the outskirts of Iowa City, Iowa. The farm is home to about 100 chickens, a small flock of turkeys, a dozen Nigerian dwarf goats and a trio of dogs and llamas. Susan is dedicated to organic practices and currently offers pasture-raised eggs year-round, along with turkeys for the holidays.

The Farm

Lucky Star Farm
theluckystarfarm.com

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Rotational Pasture Series

Goat Paddock Moves (#3 of Series*)

Monday, July 27 | 2–2:30 p.m.

Host: Adam Ledvina

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In part 3, we’ll learn about fencing – which is a key part of developing a rotational grazing system. Adam will show us how he uses temporary electric netting to rotate his Kiko goats through new pastures. He will also demonstrate how he plans a paddock move and show some easy steps to setting up temporary fencing.

Adam Ledvina started raising goats six years ago and has since started two businesses, Iowa Kiko Goats and Blue Collar Goatscaping. Adam also works for Red Earth Gardens, the Meskwaki Nation farm located in Tama, Iowa.

The Farm

Iowa Kiko Goats & Blue Collar Goatscaping
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*Other Events in This Series: #1 (pg. 28); #2 (pg. 30)
**Keeping Up with the Johnsons at Buffalo Ridge Orchard**

**Tuesday, July 28 | 12:30-1:05 p.m.**

**Hosts: Emma & Marcus Johnson**

When your farm raises an array of vegetables in the field and high tunnels, has a full production apple orchard and is gearing up to open a farm store, there is plenty to show and learn! In this three-part series, Emma will show Buffalo Ridge Orchard’s new packhouse procedures for food and employee safety with vegetable crops. Later, we’ll join Emma on a virtual tour of the farm’s cherry tomatoes growing in the high tunnel. Finally, we’ll see how the Johnsons test and determine when different apple varieties are ready to be picked.

Marcus and Emma Johnson operate Buffalo Ridge Orchard near Central City, Iowa, with Emma’s parents, Mary and Vernon Zahradnik. The 80-acre farm has 5 acres of diversified vegetables in the field and high tunnels, and 13 acres of orchard, including 3,600 apple trees consisting of 50 new and classic varieties. Their packhouse, completed in 2019, includes a farm store (open in 2020) and a processing and packaging area for dried apples.

**Zoom Meeting**

**Restoring Rare Habitats for Wildlife and Water Quality**

In partnership with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**High Tunnel Cherry Tomatoes (#2 of Series*)**

**Oxbows (#1 of Series*)**

**Friday, July 31 | 3-4 p.m.**

**Host: Eric Hoien**

**Speaker: Ryan Schmidt, INHF**

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Farmland owners will work on setting goals that can help them in the process of creating a farmland legacy that reflects their values. They will also learn about how to take the next steps to begin the transition period when the time is right.

Diana Tourney is an accountant and operations professional with the Clackamas Small Business Development Center in the Portland suburb of Clackamas, Oregon. She is a rancher and farmer who works extensively with agricultural enterprises as they plan transitions to both family and non-family members. Diana also has experience helping a wide range of other small businesses with all stages of growth, from inception to transition.

Getting Ready for Land Workshop
Wednesday, Aug. 5 | 5-7 p.m.

Speakers: Greg Padget, Hannah Breckbill, Kate Edwards & Amber Mohr

Aspiring and beginning farmers will walk through the process of setting goals and determining their farming purpose, as well as planning the next steps to acquiring farmland.

Greg Padget joined Practical Farmers of Iowa’s staff in 2016. He oversees the next generation programming, ensuring resources, events and learning opportunities are available for beginning farmers and farmers looking to transition their farm and land.

Kate Edwards began Wild Woods Farm in 2000. On her farm near Iowa City, she raises vegetables for a 200-family CSA, delivering to Iowa City, Coralville and Solon.

Amber Mohr farms with her family at Fork Tail Farm, a vegetable, fruit and poultry farm near Amana, Iowa. Amber also serves as project director of Amana Main Street, whose mission is to promote, preserve and enhance the town’s downtown district as an economic, cultural and social center of the community.

Hannah Breckbill has been farming since 2009 and started Humble Hands Harvest in Decorah, Iowa, in 2013. In 2018, Emily Fagan joined as a partner. The farm sells primarily at farmers markets and through a CSA. Hannah and Emily are developing a perennial polyculture system and incorporating livestock.

Farm Succession Workshop
Tuesday, Aug. 4 | 2-4 p.m.

Speaker: Diana Tourney

This year we will be offering the summit virtually in three parts, spread over three days.

Next Generation SUMMIT
Virtual Conference
Aug. 4, 5 and 7

This virtual event will bring together aspiring farmers and farmland owners in a way that allows for education and networking help to overcome the challenge of farmland access.

Cost is free, but pre-registration is required by Aug. 3 at practicalfarmers.org/next-generation-summit.
You are welcome to attend the whole summit, or only the workshops that most interest you.

Event Contact:
Greg Padget, next generation director at PFI
(515) 232-5661 | greg@practicalfarmers.org

Beginning farmers are urgently needed in Iowa! We are experiencing a monumental transfer in farmland ownership. According to a 2017 Farmland Ownership and Tenure Survey, 60 percent of Iowa farmland is owned by people over the age of 65, and 35 percent is owned by people over the age of 75. Over half of Iowa farmland is owned by someone who does not currently farm. Many farmers and landowners are considering their plans to transition their land, while aspiring and beginning farmers are seeking land.

Are you one of these people? Are you a farmland owner thinking about the next steps for your land and the legacy you would like to leave? Or are you an aspiring farmer looking for land to begin your farming dream? Then we invite you to join Practical Farmers’ Next Generation Summit.

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Bison 101: Raising and Selling Bison

Thursday, Aug. 6 | 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Host: Martha McFarland

Martha, of Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch in Fredericksburg, will share the benefits of and considerations for raising and selling bison. She’ll discuss bison behavior (they are not cattle!), her fencing infrastructure and handling facilities, markets selling bison products and state regulations related to bison. Martha will also walk us through on-farm videos as part of a live Q&A session.

Martha McFarland farms with her father Dan near Fredericksburg, Iowa. They operate Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch on 250 acres of pasture and timber where bison and cattle graze. Martha gives educational tours to provide historical information about bison, the prairie and the history of their homesteading family who settled in Iowa over 150 years ago.

Topics
- Bison behavior and bison handling
- Fence infrastructure
- Markets and regulations for selling bison

Integrating Sheep and Vegetables at Sundog Farm

Friday, Aug. 7 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Carmen & Maja Black

Join Carmen, Maja and the rest of the crew at Sundog Farm to learn how they are addressing challenges on their farm. In this three-part series, Carmen and Maja will share how they scout for disease and manage black rot. You’ll find out how they fill CSA orders for 200 families, as Local Harvest CSA has done for 25 years. You will also see how the team manages sheep grazing through their vegetable fields.

Carmen Black owns and operates Sundog Farm & Local Harvest CSA near Solon, Iowa, with her sister, Maja. They raise vegetables for 200 families and graze a small flock of sheep. 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Local Harvest CSA, and Carmen, Maja and the team are looking forward to celebrating the milestone with former owner and farmer-mentor, Susan Jutz, who launched the CSA in 1996.

The Farm
Sundog Farm & Local Harvest CSA
solonsundogfarm.com

Integrating Cover Crops on a Vegetable and Poultry Farm

Monday, Aug. 10 | 12:30–1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Rob & Tammy Faux

In this three-part series, join Rob to learn about the different ways he integrates cover crops throughout his vegetable and poultry farm. From spring-seeded and fall-seeded cover crops to interseeded, quick-turnaround covers in the summer and fallow beds for running poultry, Rob has tried almost everything and will show a good mix (and single-species stand) during these virtual field days.

Rob Faux and his wife, Tammy, operate Genuine Faux Farm, a CSA, produce and poultry operation near Tripoli, Iowa. Since launching the farm in 2005, Rob has been an inquisitive farmer, testing products and concepts on his own and through PFI’s Cooperators’ Program.

The Farm
Genuine Faux Farm
genuinefauxfarm.com

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Using Conservation to Improve Farm Profitability

Edge-of-Field Conservation (#2 of Series*)

Saturday, Aug. 29 | 5-5:30 p.m.
Host: Nathan Anderson
Nathan and Sarah farm using in-field conservation practices that reduce soil loss, increase soil health, reduce inputs and provide forage for livestock. They also target edge-of-field conservation on marginal lands to provide water quality and wildlife benefits while improving return on investment on farmed acres. Well chat with Nathan twice over the course of the season to learn about conservation he’s using on his farm to increase profitability.

In part 2, Nathan will discuss edge-of-field conservation and how his family has created wildlife habitat on the farm while increasing overall farm profitability. Nathan and Sarah Anderson are lifetime members of PFI who own and operate Bobolink Prairie Farms near Aurelia, Iowa. Nathan, Sarah and family have worked to grow their cattle herd while improving grazing management and incorporating cover crops through on-farm research. Nathan is also a PFI board member.

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In this three-part series, Regina will lead us on three tours showing different aspects of her wool operation.

In partnership with Iowa Sheep Association

Raising Sheep for Wool

Sheep Facilities (#1 of Series*)

Tuesday, Sept. 1 | 2-3 p.m.
Host: Regina Frahm
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The Art of Grass-Finishing Cattle

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Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day

In partnership with Midwest Mechanical Weed Control Field Day and The Land Connection

Episode 1: Drone Wars
(An Exploration of Camera-Guided Cultivation in Row Crops) (#1 of Series*)

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FACEBOOK LIVE
Harvesting Fruit and Nut Crops at Red Fern Farm

Wednesday, Sept. 16 | 12:30-1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Tom Wahl & Kathy Dice

Check in throughout the season with Tom Wahl and Kathy Dice of Red Fern Farm to see what fruit and nut crops are on for harvest, how they are grown and harvested and how they taste. During these virtual visits, you will also learn a bit about each crop's growing method and profitability.

Tom Wahl and Kathy Dice are lifetime members of PFI who own and operate Red Fern Farm near Wapello, Iowa. Established in 1986, they now grow over 75 species of common and not-so-common fruits and nuts. The farm is the site of ongoing research on a variety of tree crops and forest farming systems, a pick-your-own chestnut (and other fruit and nuts) operation and container-grown tree seedlings well-suited to the Midwest. Tom and Kathy also raise hair sheep, which they rotate throughout their farm, and are past recipients of PFI's Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award.

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FACEBOOK LIVE
Keeping Up With the Johnsons at Buffalo Ridge Orchard

Tuesday, Sept. 22 | 12:30-1:05 p.m.

Hosts: Emma & Marcus Johnson

When your farm raises an array of vegetables in the field and high tunnels, has a full production apple orchard and is gearing up to open a farm store, there is plenty to show and learn! In this three-part series, Emma will show Buffalo Ridge Orchard’s new packhouse procedures for food and employee safety with vegetable crops. Later, we’ll join Emma on a virtual tour of the farm’s cherry tomatoes growing in the high tunnel. Finally, we’ll see how the Johnsons test and determine when different apple varieties are ready to be picked.

Marcus and Emma Johnson operate Buffalo Ridge Orchard near Central City, Iowa, with Emma’s parents, Mary and Vernon Zahradnik. The 80-acre farm has 5 acres of diversified vegetables in the field and high tunnels, and 15 acres of orchard, including 3,600 apple trees consisting of 50 new and classic varieties. Their packhouse, completed in 2019, includes a farm store (open in 2020) and a processing and packaging area for dried apples.

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Raising Sheep for Wool

Building Community Around Wool (#2 of Series*)

Thursday, Oct. 22 | 2–3 p.m.

Host: Regina Frahm

Wool production can be a profitable enterprise with certain niche markets. In this three-part series, Regina will lead us on three tours showing different aspect of her wool operation.

In part 2, we’ll learn how Regina markets her wool – and builds community in the process. When she owned Enter & Company, it wasn’t just to sell wool from her farm: it was also a place she could find community. While raising sheep and selling their wool, Regina found joy in processing and dyeing these fibers to share with others. We will tour this modern-day mercantile and hear how Regina has found community in connecting her farm to consumers.

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In part 3, we’ll learn what happens to wool fleece before it’s turned into yarn. Join Regina and shearer Emily Chamelin-Hickman on shearing day. They will show us how they prepare for shearing to create a smooth and safe process for everyone involved. We will see how a fleece is skirted and prepared before moving to the next step.

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JUNE

Overcoming Barriers: An Online Panel Discussion With Two Direct-Sales Farmers
June 8 • 6:30-7 p.m.

Virtual Event
This event will feature Hannah Esch, of Oak Barn Beef near Unadilla, Nebraska, and Jay Wolff of Wolff Produce near Norfolk, Nebraska. These two beginning farmers will answer audience questions after a 90-minute video conference. In advance, viewers will have the opportunity to view interviews with each farmer to familiarize themselves with Hannah’s and Jay’s operations, challenges and approaches to overcoming their barriers.
Questions: Erin Schenck (402) 499-2783 erin@cfra.org | cfra.org/events

North Iowa Local Food Connection Field Day at Apples on the Avenue
June 13 • 2-4 p.m.

Virtual Event
Explore the orchard of Darin and Arlene Teeters on Augustana College’s campus in Iowa City. In the background—the scenes look at the numerous varieties of apples they grow and what goes into their U-pick operation. This will also highlight their ewes, who will likely be lambing during this time. To participate, visit the Healthy Harvest of North Iowa Facebook page. Questions: Marie Boyd (531) 337-2445 | info@healthyharvestni.com

Implementing On-Farm Conservation Practices to Create Habitat for Pheasants, Reduce Soil Erosion and Increase Bird Diversity
June 16 • 5:30-6:50 p.m.

Virtual Event
Join in on this virtual event for a series of videos posted to the ISU STRIPS program’s social media platforms. You’ll have a chance to see prairie integrated into a row crop field and hear from speakers with ISU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The farm owner and grower will discuss his experience with integrating prairie strips into his farm. You’ll also learn about USDA cost-share programs, using prairie to create habitat for pheasants and other birds, soil movement in fields with and without prairie strips, and many other types of plants found in prairie strips.
Questions: Tim Youngquist (720) 289-0692 | tmyoungquist@iastate.edu

“Beefing” Up Your Soil
June 23 • 3-6 p.m.

Virtual Event
This event will feature information on soil quality and how corn and soybeans can be managed to improve soil quality. You’ll also learn about USDA cost-share programs and many other types of crops found in prairie strips.
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June 23 • 3-6 p.m.

Virtual Event
2587 130th St. | Traer, IA 50674
facebook.com/jewtex

Join Tama Soil & Water Conservation District for its 2020 soil health event! This free event will emphasize integrating cattle and soil health. Lance Gunderson will share his soil health expertise. We’ll also hear from NRCS soil health specialists Doug Peterson and ISU Extension and Outreach beef specialist Denise Schwab. A complimentary meal will follow the event, RSVP by June 17 to (641) 484-2702, ext. 305 or melody.broia@nacdn.net.

Solving Soil Compaction on Your Farm
June 26 • 5-7 p.m.

Virtual Event
11150 New Highway Road | Walcott, IA 52773
silonfarm@msn.com

Are you tired of fighting compaction on your farm? Do the last few wet years have you spending your time cutting and ripping more than you used to? Feeling like you need more and more horsepower to get the work done on your farm? Join the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District and Jim Hoorman to learn about your soil is compacted and how to fix it.
Jim Hoorman owns Hoorman Soil Health Services in Jenera, Ohio. He has worked as an extension educator and soil fertility professor for The Ohio State University, and as a national soil health specialist for the National Resources Conservation Service. Jim helped start the Putnam County Soil Health Agricultural Research Plots (SHARP) program and was on a 20-by-200-foot plots using conventional tillage, no-till and no-till plus cover crops. Now he travels around the Midwest and the globe to teach farmers about healthy soil and soil health.
The workshop will feature information on soil structure and how compaction forms; improving water quality with soil health; making cover crops economical; and how to successfully no-till corn. The afternoon will feature a field tour and in-field Q&A with local farmers. There is an optional late-afternoon session on using cover crops to adjust to adverse weather.

Fielding for the Black Hawk Creek Watershed is provided by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in cooperation with Monona County and the Iowa DNR. Lunch is sponsored by the Iowa Ag Water Alliance and a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
This event is free and open to the public.
RSVP to the Grundy County SWCD at (319) 824-3004, ext. 3 or derek.freeseman@iowastate.edu. Questions: Erin Schenck (402) 499-2783 erin@cfra.org | cfra.org/events

SILT and Women: Land and Legacy Showcase Day
June 26 • 6-7 p.m.

Virtual Event
facebook.com/healthyharvestni/events

This is an online panel discussion “Could They Are They Top-Notch?” which explores the beekeeper’s hive, the bees, the honey and the pollinators and showcases that has converted some production space to growing hemp. This is an opportunity to have an in-person conversation with experts from around the world to discuss ideas about hemp varieties and production techniques here in Iowa. Seed germination, clones and finished products will be shown.
Questions: Ross Krieger | (525) 298-1867 nkrieger@hotmail.com

Women’s Learning Circle: Focus on Prairie Restoration
June 30 • 6-8 p.m.

Virtual Event
This event is currently being planned as an online learning circle, taking place via Zoom. If things change, we may add an in-person option for local participants. Find more information at cfra.org/events. Sarah Hall, greenhouse manager and national program associate at the Iowa State University Ag Resource Institute, will lead this learning circle. Women landowners, beekeepers, and pollinator and plant enthusiasts should consider attending! Please register at cfra.org/events and you will be sent the Zoom link for the meeting.
Questions: Erin Schenck | (402) 499-2783 erin@cfra.org | cfra.org/events

North Iowa Local Food Connection Field Day at Apples on the Avenue
July 10 • 2-4 p.m.

Virtual Event
facebook.com/iowavalleyrcd/events

If social distancing is still in place, a virtual field day will be held. Questions: Jacob Kendert (641) 362-3264 | jake@ivrcd.org | iowavalleyrcd.org

Ag Arts Field Day
July 13 • 8:30-4:30 p.m.

1259 Robertson Rd SW | Oxford, IA 52322
agarts.org/events

This field day will grant us to treat a delicious meal of outdoor oven-baked pizza on their diverse farm, which is also the home of the Land Alliance Folk School near Oxford, Iowa. Enjoy an afternoon learning about folk schools with a talk by Jean Graham, public art coordinator for the festival. Texas. Jean will show excerpts from her graphic novel capturing her experiences with her AgArts Farm-to-Artisan residency on the Geyer farm in the summer of 2019. This session will also talk cover crops and economics.
Registration and dessert will begin at 6 p.m., and the event will start at 6:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the field day will take place Aug. 5. The Wobeters planted their 32-acre Conservation Reserve Program pollinator field four years ago and enjoy the wide variety of wildlife it attracts. On the farmstead scale, Jan has two large gardens and her pollinator-friendly flower beds are legendary. RSVP is preferred by contacting (641) 484-2702, ext. 3, or melody.broia@nacdn.net, by Aug. 3.

North Iowa Local Food Connection Field Day at Honey & Ewe
Aug. 8 • 2-4 p.m.

Virtual Event
facebook.com/healthyharvestni/events

Tour of the Honey & Ewe farm owned by the Elshbourn family in Mason City, Iowa. You visit their animals, including bees, sheep and chickens; tour their hives, which is also the home of the Land Alliance Folk School near Oxford, Iowa. They participate in the Healthy Harvest of North Iowa Facebook page. Questions: Marie Boyd (531) 337-3445 | info@healthyharvestni.com | healthyharvestni.com

Economics in the Field
July 9 • 9 a.m.

Grundy County Fairgrounds
150th St | Grundy Center, IA 50638

Come learn about economics in the field at the Grundy County Fair. Northern Iowa farmer Wayne Fredericks and Jerry Hatfield, farmer from Minnesota, will share his soil health expertise. We’ll have an open discussion and exchange of ideas. Questions: Anna Geyer | (319) 325-6609 geyerfarm@gmail.com | landalliancefolk.org

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### NORTH IOWA LOCAL FOOD CONNECTION FARM SHOWCASE DAY AT STEVE’S SWEET CORN

**Aug. 30 • 2 - 4 p.m.**

Steve Rachut started his sweet corn business as a youth project to keep him busy. Steve, along with his wife Beth, now raise approximately 11 acres of sweet corn each year near Osage, Iowa. Their season runs mid-July through mid-September when they run a roadside stand and sell at local farmers markets. Join us for a virtual tour of their farm and learn more about what goes into getting the crops from field to market.

**Questions:** Jake Kandert | (319) 622-3284

### FALL TBD

**Installing Prairie Strips to Benefit Soil, Water and Wildlife**

**Fall 180 • 10 - 11 a.m.**

The intersection of Missouri Route 129 and 127th Street (follow the signs)

Unionville, MO 63365

Integrating prairie strips into your farming operation can provide a wide variety of benefits to soil, water and wildlife. Join us in beautiful Putnam County, Missouri to see prairie integrated into a farming operation and hear from a variety of speakers:

Experts will be on hand from Iowa State University, Boone alternate Energy, Smithfield Foods and Quail Forever. You’ll hear about research results on prairie strips, wildlife habitat, soil health and prairie establishment. The event is free and open to the public.

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### OCTOBER

### OPEN HOUSE: ETSUL SUGAR GROVE FARM AND RODALE INSTITUTE MIDWEST ORGANIC CENTER

**Sept. 5 - 9 a.m.**

3704 S. Peters Road | Marion, IA 52302

rodaleinstitute.org/events/iowaoopenhouse

Please join Indian Creek Nature Center, Rodale Institute and Frontier Co-op as we celebrate our innovative agricultural education and research partnership.

Farm tours will highlight permaculture production, pasture-raised poultry and ongoing agricultural and specialty crop research. You will have the chance to visit with our farm manager and research scientists and hear their visions for the future of the farm. Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to join us!

**Note:** We are monitoring the COVID-19 guidelines by local, state and federal officials and we will post event updates on our website:

**Questions:** Kristine Lang | (319) 449-1970, ext. 324

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### SEPTEMBER

**SILT Showcase Day: Protecting a Legacy**

**Sept. 2 • 1 - 4 p.m.**

5025 120th St | Saylorville, IA 52333

This event is organized by the Sustainable Iowa Land Trust (SILT), and is for landowners interested in permanently protecting their land to grow table food.

Farm hosts Carmen and Maja Black of Sundog Farms in Solon, Iowa, will start with a farm tour. SILT representatives will then discuss ways to determine what table food can be grown on a particular farm. We’ll learn about SILT’s new “Landowner’s Guide to Sustainable Food Crops,” provided free to guests, and hear how to give the gift of healthy, food-producing land to future generations. Refreshments and handouts with legal, tax and appraisal information will be provided.

**SIIT farm specialist Joe Klingelhoitus is available for free land consultations through the support of SILT and the NBCS. RSVP by Aug. 31 at info@silt.org.**

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