

# Heart of America Grazing Conference

February 20-21, 2023

Ferdinand Community Center – Ferdinand, IN

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## Schedule of Events

### February 20, 2023

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Trade Show Setup
- 12:30 Registration, Trade Show, Silent Auction
- 1:25 Conference Welcome  
Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension Educator, Dubois Co.
- 1:30 **“Designing a Managed Grazing System –  
A Practical Approach before the First Post is Set”**  
Led by Dr. Keith Johnson, Purdue University Forage Extension Specialist and  
Jason Tower, Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, Superintendent  
“The Producer’s Objectives”  
Mr. Zach Moore - Paoli, Indiana  
“Current Inventory Shown by Pictures and Video”  
Mr. John Scott, Purdue University Digital Agriculture Extension Coordinator  
“Learning About the Land with the Web Soil Survey and Pasture Evaluation Sheet”  
Mr. Lee Schnell, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist-Orange County  
“Taking Soil Samples to Determine Lime and Fertilizer Needs”  
Dr. Keith Johnson, Purdue Extension Forage Specialist
- 2:45 Break, Trade Show, Silent Auction
- 3:15 “Determining Fencing Needs”  
Mr. Jason Tower, Southern IN Purdue Agricultural Center, Superintendent  
“Developing the Water Resources on the Farm”  
Mr. Robert Zupancic, USDA-NRCS Grazing Specialist  
“Forage Seeding Options to Improve the Pasture System”  
Mr. Miles Kuhn, Allied Seed Company  
“How Much Livestock Can the Pasture Support?”  
Dr. Nick Minton, Purdue University Beef Systems Specialist  
Discussion time with the presenters
- 5:00 to 6:00 Registration for those not attending the afternoon program  
Visit Trade Show and Silent Auction

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Dinner

### After Dinner Program

6:45 p.m. **“The Power of One Wire”**  
Mr. Johnny Rogers, Extension Associate, North Carolina State University

7:30 **“Twenty Years of the Heart of America Grazing Conference -  
Reflections by the Founders”**  
Narrated by current Indiana representative Jason Tower

7:45 Meet Tomorrow’s Speakers – A Self-Introduction

8:00 The best of Jason Tower’s lyrics and Social Time

9:00 Hall closes

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### February 21, 2023

- 7:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee and Pastries, Trade Show, Silent Auction
- 8:00 Conference Welcome  
Ms. Elysia Rodgers, Indiana Forage Council President
- 8:15 **“What is Soil Health and What Affect Does Grazing Have on It?”**  
Dr. Alan Franzluebbbers, USDA-ARS North Carolina
- 9:15 **“Opportunities in a Grazing Program with Small Ruminants”**  
Mr. Johnny Rogers, North Carolina State University
- 10:15 Break, visit Trade Show, and Silent Auction
- 10:45 **“Livestock Disorders Associated with Stored Forages”**  
Dr. Grant Burcham, Director, Purdue University Heeke Animal Diagnostic Lab
- 11:15 **“A Review of the Blue River Watershed Project”**  
Mr. Pete Huff, Wallace Center: Pasture Project
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. **“Our Stories”** – Devon Churchill, Harrison County cow-calf producer  
Ronnie Boehm, Spencer County custom cow-calf producer  
Aaron and Danielle Walker, Washington County sheep producers
- 1:15 Questions and answers with the producers
- 1:30 Break, visit Trade Show, Silent Auction ends
- 2:00 **“Bale Grazing: Feeding Hay the Rotational Grazing Way”**  
Dr. Greg Halich, University of Kentucky
- 2:55 **“Traditional vs Biological Soil Tests -  
What Do They Tell Us and How Do We Use the Data”?**  
Dr. Alan Franzluebbbers, USDA-ARS North Carolina
- 3:45 **“What Data Should be Recorded and Improved Ways to Do It”**  
Jason Tower, Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, Superintendent
- 4:15 Questions for the speakers and complete the conference survey
- 5:00 Adjourn