



**What:** Grazing Field Day

**When:** August 10, 2017

**Where :** 4:00 PM @

**Shane & Jessica Blair's Fire Rock Farm**  
 24245 County Road 41  
 Starbuck, MN

**RSVP By: Please RSVP by**

**August 7 to reserve a meal.**

**Bryan's Phone: 320-492-2526**

**Walk-ins welcome.**



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Pope County

## ► Grazing Management Field Day

**August 10, 2017**

- ◆ Tour of Shane and Jessica Blair Grazing Systems
- ◆ Cover Crops and Grazing Systems
- ◆ Evening Meal Provided By Land Stewardship Project

# AGENDA

**4:00 Meet at the Blair Site**

**4 :00 Overview of Shane & Jessica's  
Grazing Systems**

**4:15-5:00 Tour of Ranum Pasture**

- \* Solar Well
- \* Native Pastures

**5:00 - 6:00 Tour of Erickson Pasture**

- \* Native prairie/pasture restoration
- \* Fencing
- \* Working with Partner agencies

**6:00 - 7:00 Tour of Home Site**

- \* Haney Tests
- \* Cover Crops
- \* Managing RIM Land

**7:00– 8:00 Evening Meal**

**8:00 Depart**



**P**ope County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and the Land Stewardship Project (LSP), present the 2nd annual grazing field day in Pope County.

The Grazing Field Day will consist of a tour of Shane and Jessica Blair's rotational grazing systems where they will share information on their projects which includes fencing, watering systems, utilizing cover crops, and grazing native pastures. LSP will provide an evening meal.

## **Shane & Jessica Blair's Grazing System**

Shane and Jessica's operation is located south of Starbuck MN, near Glacial Lakes State Park. Their operation consists of 40 cow/calf pairs and 300 ewes, on 470 acres of which over half is grazed.

Shane and Jessica rotationally graze their animals on a combination of native grass and cool season grass pastures. At times during the grazing season they may move their animals daily. They feel their system is unique because they graze cattle and sheep following one another on the pasture.

Shane and Jessica believe in keeping the land covered. They also utilize cover crops for improving soil health and for added forage for their operation which allowed them to graze until December of last year.

The Blair's have worked on developing their native pastures. Some of the practices that the Blair's have installed to accomplish their goals include a solar well, fencing (utilizing common sense fence), cover crops, pasture seeding, winter water facilities with concrete pads, and deep buried pipeline.

Shane and Jessica are excited to welcome you to their operation. They welcome any questions that you may have!

