

# Building Soil for Farm Profitability



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Key Steps to Successful Financial Decision-Making

with North Dakota Farmer & Rancher, **Joshua Dukart**



**Tuesday January 22nd 5:30-8:30pm Alexandria**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**

221 Seventh Ave.W

**\$10 for adults**

**\$25 for families**

**Event includes light supper**

**Sign-in begins at 5 pm**

**Please RSVP by January 21st**

**An important and emerging voice in soil health, Joshua Dukart** leads workshops throughout the Great Plains, the Midwest, and overseas. His ability to address on-farm financial decision-making in the context of soil health makes him a unique presenter. Dukart also works with land managers and farm families to develop grazing, cropping and cover cropping plans to enhance soil, plant, animal and human health.

## **To improve profitability...**

- **What expenses do we need to think about cutting?**
  - **What farm investments should we make?**
- **How do we improve both soil health and farm profitability?**

## **Farmer Panelists:**

**Jessica Blair, Starbuck**—Jessica raises cattle and sheep in a rotational grazing system with warm and cool season grasses, as well as grazing cover crops following annual crops.

**Terry Barchenger, Brooten**—Raises beef on rotationally grazed pasture, cover crops for fall grazing and also grows hay, wheat, row crops.

**Please RSVP to LSP's Robin Moore by January 21st by calling 320-269-2105 or emailing her at [rmoore@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:rmoore@landstewardshipproject.org)**

***"A great presenter, very knowledgeable. Joshua Dukart helps us look at the economics, family quality of life, and the environment, and how it all needs to fit together. Whether it's with livestock or with cropping, he understands where farmers are coming from."***

**—Jon Luhman, Crop & Livestock Farmer, Goodhue, MN**

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## About Joshua Dukart....



Dukart’s simple financial planning teaching approach aims to help farmers understand the big picture view as well as make critical production decisions based on a clear sense of cost of production for different enterprises. His career has spanned from engineer and conservationist to educator, rancher and business owner. The Soil & Water Conservation Society gave Dukart their *Excellence in Conservation Award* in 2017. *Cattle Business Weekly* presented Joshua with a Top 10 National Industry Leaders Award in 2015 and Joshua was recognized as one of North Dakota’s Top 40 Professionals Under Age 40 in 2012. He has a degree in Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering from North Dakota State University. Dukart and his wife, Tara, are two of the country’s leading instructors in Holistic Management (profit, environment, family, quality of life). The Dukarts speak, teach and consult regularly on an international basis. In addition, they own & manage Seek First Ranch in Hazen, ND.

**Faced with challenging financial pressure and growing weather extremes, how do we go about building soil and improving yields and profits?**

**What are the financial considerations and decisions we need to make to move our farms forward? Whether farming conventional or organic, raising grain or livestock, this workshop is a chance to focus a financial lens on soil building methods like cover crops, intensive grazing, reduced tillage and no-till.**

*Save the Dates on these Upcoming  
“Rented Land” Workshops. For more info, call LSP’s  
Robin Moore at 320-269-2105*

- Jan. 10th Managing for Stewardship—  
Intro to Land Management and  
Stewardship Communication
- Feb. 7th Managing for Stewardship –  
Digging Deeper for Women Landowners

*\*Both events will be held at the  
Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN.*



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