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Silvopasturing when Planning for Profit with Livestock



Franklin County
Soil & Water
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District

Presented by: Cornell Department of Natural Resources,
Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District and
Lake Champlain Basin Program

Date: Tuesday May 15th, 2018

Location: North Branch Farm

208 River Road Saranac, NY 12981

Cost: Free

Time: 10:00-3:00, a bag is lunch provided if pre-registered



**To Register: Contact: Kristin Ballou, Franklin County SWCD
Phone: 518-651-2097
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Pre-register by May 4, 2018, to get free lunch**

At this field meeting, Cornell Natural Resource Specialist, Joe Orefice and team members will be presenting at a working farm that is utilizing the silvopasture techniques. Joe has implemented this practice on his own farm and will be sharing new field management techniques, evaluating the forest as a timber resource or a feed source for livestock, identifying the plants for their feed values and tips to keep your livestock operation from eating into your forest profits. Joe will also discuss tree species selection, timber quality, canopy spacing and regenerating while grazing.

Franklin County SWCD will discuss soil sampling and its benefits and assistance and funding options available. Franklin County Soil & Water will also discuss programs that are available to landowners and farmers.

Lake Champlain Basin Program representatives will be available to discuss forage identification, nutrient management and phosphorus issues from non-point sources and TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Load).

Forest management is an important skill livestock farmers can add to their toolbox, to add value to their property and reduce erosion to keep Lake Champlain waters pristine. Whether you currently are practicing silvopasture or just getting started, there is something for everyone at this meeting. Lunch is included with registration.

This class is approved for 1 NYLT, 4 Category 1 SAF and 4.5 CCA Continuing Education Credits you must register and sign in to be eligible.

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AGENDA

- 10:00 – Sign in and greetings
- 10:15 – Introduction and benefits of silvopasture
- 10:45 – Woods Walk - Identify forages and their feed value for livestock, recommended forages to plant and forage and soil testing techniques
- 12:15 – Bag lunch (provided only if pre-registered)
- 12:45 – Woods Walk - Lessons on species selection, timber quality assessment, canopy spacing and regenerating a Silvopasture area
- 2:00 – Designing your Silvopasture Area - Laying out fences, watering systems, and where to find assistance and funding when installing your silvopasture system
- 2:45 – Closing remarks and final questions

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