

# Pasture Establishment, Nutrient Management, and Soil Health on Organic Dairy Farms

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

**Les Holtz Organic Dairy Farm**  
6091 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Rudolph, WI 54475

**Purpose:** Learn how to establish and maintain high quality pasture for organic dairy cows.

**Please RSVP to Nadia Alber: [nalber@wisc.edu](mailto:nalber@wisc.edu) or 608-265-6437 by Sept. 24, 2019 if you will attend.** This event is free and lunch is provided.

**Topics:** Pasture establishment and renovation; extending the grazing season; nutrient management and soil health

**Speakers:** Dr. Greg Brickner, Dr. Geoff Brink, Les Holtz and Mark Kopecky

## Agenda

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Arrive – Conversation and Coffee</b>
<b>10:00-10:15 am</b>	<b>Introductions – Nadia Alber, WSBDF Director</b>
<b>10:15-11:00 am</b>	<b>Pasture establishment and renovation (no-till); extending the grazing season (annuals, outwintering, etc.) – Dr. Geoffrey Brink, US Dairy Forage Research Center, Agronomist (retired)</b>
<b>11:00 am to 12 pm</b>	<b>Farm tour – Les Holtz, organic dairy farmer, and Geoff Brink</b>
<b>12:00-12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:45-1:45 pm</b>	<b>Nutrient management and soil health on organic farms – Dr. Greg Brickner, Organic Valley, Staff Veterinarian; Mark Kopecky, Soils Agronomist, Sun to Snow Soil Solutions</b>
<b>1:45-2:45 pm</b>	<b>Hands-on soil activity – Mark Kopecky</b>
<b>2:45-3:15 pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
<b>3:15-3:30 pm</b>	<b>Evaluations</b>
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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