



## **GRASS-BASED LIVESTOCK WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA**

March 19, 2010

Quality Inn & Suites, Ankeny, Iowa

- 10:00 a.m.     Introductions and announcements
- 10:15 a.m.     [Dorian Garrick](#), ISU Animal Science professor, will talk with us about science-based strategies for improving your herd's potential to perform on a grass-based diet and how to build upon the genetic foundation present on your farm.
- 11:15 a.m.     [Steve Radakovich](#) of Radakovich Cattle Co. in Earlham, Iowa, will discuss objectives of and experiences from his seedstock business, including some about his marketing and wildlife management.
- Noon             Lunch and update on the future of the working group
- 1:00 p.m.     [Larry Tranel](#), ISU Extension Dairy Field Specialist, will talk with us about the potential for profitability and sustainability in grass-based dairy, especially in light of turbulent market conditions. You can see some of Larry's wide diversity past presentations and factsheets [here](#).
- 2:00 p.m.     A yet-to-be-identified dairy grazer will discuss how they weathered the recent slump in the milk market, as well as which management strategies have worked well in their grazing/forage system, and which have not.
- 2:45 p.m.     Closing thoughts/discussion
- 3:00 p.m.     Adjourn

### **Core Organizations:**

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