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SE MN Forage Field Day & Dairy Tour
C/O Midwest Forage Association
4630 Churchill St. #1
St. Paul, MN 55126

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA FORAGE FIELD DAY & DAIRY TOUR

Tuesday, August 5

Host Farm:
Hyde Park Holsteins
61944 Wabasha County Rd 6
Zumbro Falls, MN 55041

EVENT ORGANIZERS



The event is free and open to all.
RSVP requested via email or
phone by **July 28:**
mfa@midwestforage.org
651.484.3888

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**FARM LOCATION: 61944 WABASHA COUNTY RD 6,
ZUMBRO FALLS, MN 55041**



If coming from Plainview, head west on MN-247, turn right onto Wabasha Co Rd 2, left onto Division St/Wabasha Co Rd 2, left onto MN-60 W, left onto Wabasha Co Rd 6, then left to the farm.

If coming from Rochester, take N Broadway Ave to US-63. In Zumbro Falls turn right onto MN-60 E/Main St., turn right onto Wabasha Co Rd 6, then left at the farm.



Event Organizers:

Midwest Forage Association
Minnesota Dairy Initiative
Southeast Minnesota Forage Council

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA FORAGE FIELD DAY & DAIRY TOUR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 • 9:45 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

HYDE PARK HOLSTEINS: 61944 WABASHA COUNTY RD 6, ZUMBRO FALLS, MN 55041

FORAGE FIELD DAY & DAIRY TOUR AGENDA

9:45 a.m. Arrival and Welcome

10:00 a.m. Farm Overview

- The Siewerts' high production herd performance reflects top-tier genetics, nutrition, and management; the farm overview gives a glimpse at what goes into their farm management.
 - Chelsea Russell, Midwest Forage Association, St Paul, MN
 - Kevin Siewert, Hyde Park Holsteins, Zumbro Falls, MN

10:15 a.m. Overcoming the Diseases Challenging Alfalfa

- An overview of the most damaging alfalfa diseases, how to identify them, and strategies for reducing diseases from establishment to harvest; with current research on emerging diseases.
 - Debby Samac, USDA – ARS, St. Paul, MN

10:45 a.m. Alfalfa and Corn Silage Management Considerations

- A discussion on considerations for alfalfa and corn silage management and a look at how alfalfa is managed at Hyde Park Holsteins.
 - Luke Daninger, Ag Partners Coop, Goodhue, MN
 - Kevin Siewert, Hyde Park Holsteins, Zumbro Falls, MN

11:15 a.m. Field Walk, HarvXtra® Alfalfa Field (Planted Fall 2024)

- Kate Meyer, CROPLAN, Winona, MN
- Randy Welch, Forage Genetics International, Madison, WI

11:45 p.m. MFA and MDI Updates

- Chelsea Russell, Midwest Forage Association, St Paul, MN
- Dale Heintz, Minnesota Dairy Initiative, Eyota, MN
- Makenzie Alberts, Minnesota Dairy Initiative, Pine Island, MN

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Alfalfa Quality Trends, Targeted Cutting Strategy, and Ration Forage Inclusion

- A look at the alfalfa quality trends and cutting strategy at Hyde Park Holsteins that targets different animal groups while allowing regrowth. Includes highlights of their high-alfalfa feeding strategy, which helped them achieve production levels averaging 8.5 lbs of milk fat and protein per cow/day in 2024.
 - Ben Flueger, Ag Partners Coop, Goodhue, MN

1:20 p.m. Sand Separation Lane Discussion and Tour

- Using sand lanes is a way to reclaim bedding and improve cow comfort. Discussion and tour to show how it works at Hyde Park Holsteins.
 - Dale Heintz, Minnesota Dairy Initiative, Eyota, MN
 - Kevin Siewert, Hyde Park Holsteins, Zumbro Falls, MN

While the event is free, you are encouraged to RSVP by July 28 for meal planning and communication on weather changes.

RSVP at mfa@midwestforage.org or 651.484.3888