

Initial Startup

* Who will be involved?

- * Farmers
- * Ag Business
- * Agency Staff
- Elect Officers/Select Coordinating Committee
- Develop Goals and Objectives
- Financial Support
 - Meeting Notices
 - * Postage
 - * Refreshments



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Group Structure

- Organizational Committee is Made up of Three Individuals
 - makes decisions on the direction of the group
 - makes a list of farmers willing to hold pasture walks
- Group Coordinator is Chairmen of this Committee
 - Coordinates Pasture Walks and Field Days with Input From the Committee
 - Coordinates PlanningMeetings for the Committee



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Initial Goals and Objectives

- * Simple Discussion Group
- * Farmer to Farmer
- Farmer Owned and Operated
- * A Support Group for Farmers Already Grazing or Interested in Grazing

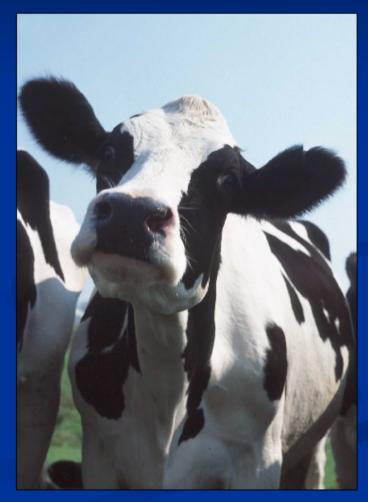


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Financial Support

- Penn State ExtensionFunds Printing of PastureWalk Notices and Postage
- Field Days IncorporateSponsors for Lunch



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Tips For New Groups

* Organize as an Independent Group

- Do not Rely on Local Agency Staff to Organize or Conduct Meetings
- Develop the Purposes and Goals for Group
- Adopt Specific Meeting Times and Dates
 - * i.e. 2nd Tues @ 10:00
- Select Host and Notify the Location of Pasture Walk
- Maintain Proper Lines of Communication with "Local Agency Staff" when involving State Staff Specialists
- Open Discussion Should be Utilized for a Pasture Walk
- * Key to the Success of the Group is Honesty in Discussion

Tips Cont'd

- * An Open discussion Pasture Walk Should Have a Walk Leader.
 - The Leader Could be the Grazing Group Coordinator or Another Member of the Group
 - * The Host should **NOT** be the Leader
 - * The Leader's responsibilities are:
 - ❖ Watch the Clock
 - Initiate Discussions by asking Questions
 - * Keep the Whole Group Focused on Pasture Walk
 - * Make Sure the Discussion is Conducted in the Pasture not at the Barn
 - * Industry Personnel Welcome for Discussion, no Sales

Questions?

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