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**Northern Indiana
GRAZING CONFERENCE**
LaGrange Co. SWCD
910 S. Detroit St.
LaGrange, IN 46761

Current Resident or



**Friday, February 6, 2026
&
Saturday, February 7, 2026**
At the Michiana Event Center,
Shipshewana, IN



Featured Speakers Include:

Keynote Speakers:

*Kerry Estes, Fountain Town, IN
David Miller Jr., Sugar Creek, OH*

Dairy Farmer Panel:

*Ezra W. Schrock, LaGrange, IN
Raymond Miller, Topeka, IN
Norman Frye, Middlebury, IN
(Moderator)*

Glen Mast, Topeka, IN

Breakout Sessions:

*Kenneth Imhoff, Tippecanoe, IN
Gerald Yoder, Wawaka, IN
Martin Gingrich, Shipshewana, IN
Floyd Bowman, North Manchester, IN
Paul Miller, LaGrange, IN
Dale Helmuth, Shipshewana, IN
Daniel Miller, Holmes County, OH*

Round Table Farmer Panel:

*Sam Mast, Topeka, IN
Vernon Miller, Topeka, IN
Corneal Troyer, Wolcottville, IN
(Moderator)
Leroy Miller, Wolcottville, IN*



Shepherd's Campfire Sessions:

Keynote Speakers:

*Shaun Laub, Cedar County MO
Leroy Kuhns, Fredericksburg, OH*

Shepherds Panel:

*Perry Hershberger, Howe, IN
Merlin Bontrager, Millersburg, IN
Lamar Miller, Millersburg, IN
(Moderator)*

John Miller, Millersburg, IN



Food Services for the 2026 NIGC provided by NE Indiana Special Education support group.

*This organization provides a hand-up to
those who struggle, a light for those who have seemed
to lose hope. It enables the community to especially
benefit those who find it difficult to progress within
their own age-group.*

*“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of
the least of these...ye have done it unto me.”
Matthew 25:40*

NIGC Hosted by:

LaGrange County Soil and Water
Conservation District

**910 South Detroit Street
LaGrange IN 46761
(260) 463-3166 Ext.3**





Back this year!
Lunch provided by the
Local Special Education
Committee!

NIGC Hosted at



455 E. Farver Street
Shipshewana, IN 46565

- Local Lodging Options
- Super 8 (260) 768-4004
 - Old Carriage INN (260) 768-7217
 - Der Ruhe Blatz (260) 768-7750
 - Farmstead INN (260) 768-4595
 - Blue Gate Garden Inn (260) 768-4725

Northern Indiana Grazing Conference	
Friday February 6th	Saturday February 7th
8:00 - 8:15 am -Welcome –Wayne Helmuth: Chairman Room 1	8:00-8:15 am Welcome - Wayne Helmuth: Chairman Room 1
8:15-9:30 am -Keynote Speaker Kerry Estes: <i>The Fun, Frustrating, Fantastic, Flabbergasting, Fulfilling, Fiasco, of Farming with Your Family!</i> Room 1	8:15 -9:15 am Keynote Speaker– David Miller Jr: <i>Agrarian Roots Supporting Communities</i> Room 1
9:30-10:00 am - BREAK	9:15-9:45 am BREAK <u>Breakout Sessions</u>
10:00– 11:30 am- Dairy Farmer Panel: Room 1 Norman Frye, Raymond Miller, Ezra W. Schrock, Glen Mast (Moderator)	9:45-11:15 am -Sam Mast, Vernon Miller, Corneal Troyer, Leroy Miller (Moderator) Room 1 Round Table Farmer Panel Discussion: <i>Grazing- Past and Present</i> Daniel Miller Room 2 <i>Farm Safety</i> <u>11:15 am -12:30 pm - LUNCH</u> <u>Breakout Sessions:</u>
11:30-1:00 pm - LUNCH	12:30-1:30 pm –Dale Helmuth: Room 1 <i>Farm Tour Opportunities of a Dairy Farmer</i> 12:30– 1:30 pm - Floyd Bowman: Room 2 <i>Winter Pasture Walk to the Dinner Table</i>
<u>Breakout Sessions:</u>	1:30– 2:00 pm - BREAK Keynote Ending Session 2:00-3:00 pm –Paul Miller: Room 1 <i>Farm Life & It’s Changes</i>
1:00-2:00pm– Kenneth Imhoff: Room 1 <i>Biodiversity on a Dairy Farm</i>	<u>Shepherd’s Campfire Sessions (Room 3)</u> <u>(running simultaneously with above schedule)</u>
1:00-2:00 pm –Gerald Yoder: Room 2 <i>Herbs plants for Food & Medicine</i>	9:15-10:30am - Indiana Shepherds Panel: Perry Hershberger, Merlin Bontrager, Lamar Miller, John Miller (Moderator): <i>Raising a Quality Lamb</i>
1:00-2:00 pm - Martin Gingerich: Room 3 <i>Balancing Soil for Animal Health</i>	10:35-11:00 am - BREAK
2:00–2:30 pm - BREAK	11:00-11:45 am Shaun Laub: <i>Managing Sheep for Profit</i>
<u>Breakout Sessions:</u>	11:45-12:45 pm - LUNCH
2:30-3:30 pm - Kerry Estes: Room 1 <i>How to Make a Sunny Day out of a Mud Puddle</i>	12:45-1:30 pm Leroy Kuhns: <i>What It Takes to Stay in Business</i>
2:30-3:30 pm - Gerald Yoder: Room 2 <i>Herbs-Plants for Food & Medicine</i>	1:30-1:45 pm - BREAK
	1:45-2:30 pm Shaun Laub: <i>Maximizing Returns with Multi -Species Grazing</i>

<u>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</u>	
LIST ALL NAMES for registration attendance and specify which day for each:	
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<u>Registration Fees: 2YEARS AND UNDER FREE</u>	
Reduced rate until January 21 (indicate # attending)	
Per day (FRI) \$45	(SAT) _____ Both \$65 _____
Seniors (65 and over) and Children (3-15 years)	
Per day (FRI) \$25	(SAT) _____ Both days \$40 _____

After January 21 (indicate number attending)	
Per day (FRI) \$60	(SAT) _____ Both \$90 _____
Seniors (65 and over) and Children (3 -15 years)	
Per day (FRI) \$30	(SAT) _____ Both days \$45 _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____	
Receipts will be available at the registration table upon request at the event (1:00/2:00pm)	
<u>Checks payable to:</u>	
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