

News release

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Maine Grass Farmers Annual Conference Saturday Feb 27th, Fairfield Maine

The Maine Grass Farmers Network (MGFN) will hold its Fifth Annual Conference on **Saturday, February 27th from 8:30-4 pm** at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield. Featured Speaker Troy Bishopp "The Grass Whisperer" <http://www.thegrasswhisperer.com/> will inspire all who attend with his presentations on land regeneration and grass management. Well known in grazing circles for his passion for grass land farming, Troy will energize the audience and provide insights into his experiences and success. Also speaking will be Dr. Rachel Gilker from University of Vermont on Soil Quality and Grazing and Seth Wilner from University of New Hampshire discussing Holistic management. A grassfed cook-off will also be part of this year's program for anyone who thinks their steaks are the best!

Non-member registration including lunch is \$50 with \$25 for each additional farm participant. Member registration is \$35. Yearly membership fees for MGFN are \$35 per year.

Registration and further conference details are available on-line at <http://www.umaine.edu/umext/mgfn/> MGFN is a collaboration of The University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners (MOFGA), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and member farms. For more information, contact Rick or Sonia at 1-800-287-1426 (in Maine) or 207-342-5971.