

NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2025 PASTURE & ORCHARD WALKS

All Walks are FREE!

Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District (NCSWCD) will be hosting free pasture and orchard walks in the upcoming months. The walks will showcase NCSWCD grant projects that include micro-irrigation for orchard trees, a heavy-use feeding area, and fencing. Please join us for one or all of the walks to learn more about grazing options and new technology.

For more information or to sign up for any of these events please contact the Niagara County SWCD office at 716-434-4949 ext 4.

August 6, 2025, 11-1pm – Bittner Singer Orchards Hall Farm location, Phillips Road Appleton

Bittner Singer Orchards worked with NCSWCD on a Climate Resiliency Farming grant and was awarded funding to install a micro-irrigation system in several of their orchards. The system sensors will monitor the trees water needs and send a signal to a monitoring network when the tree requires water so that the irrigation system can be turned on. Not only does the micro-irrigation system allow for water savings but also the wear and tear on the orchards from farm traffic.

August 26, 2025, 6-8pm – C&H Farms, Mann Road Akron

C&H Farms is new to grazing and has started with ten beef cows on almost 15 acres of pasture. Their plan is to expand to 30 cows and add an additional 15-20 acres of pasture. The farm has started using hot, plastic fencing that the landowner is very happy with.

Come out to view, discuss, and learn what is working and what needs some adjusting. Representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension and USDA NRCS will also be on site to discuss the project.

October 23, 2025, 5-7pm – Feor Farms, Randall Road Ransomville

Feor Farms is experienced at grazing beef, handling up to 36 animals on pasture. The landowner has had issues with animals damaging pasture during the sometimes wet and muddy fall season. Feor Farms is currently working with Niagara County SWCD on an AEM BMP grant project to construct a heavy use feeding area for round bales, along with a manure management system, and fencing to keep the cows away from Twelvemile Creek.

Come watch as Feors put their animals on the system for the first time and discuss the how and whys of the project. Also learn more about possible AEM BMP grant opportunities.

Representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension and USDA NRCS will also be on site to discuss the project.