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Cylon Rolling Acres to host July 24 Graze River Country pasture walk

DEER PARK – A Graze River Country pasture walk be held Tuesday, July 24 at Cylon Rolling Acres in Deer Park. This event is being presented by St. Croix County Farmers Union, River Country RC&D and the Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Association. The walk will kick off at 6:30pm at 1956 240th Street, Deer Park.

Leslie Svacina owns and manages Cylon Rolling Acres, a grass-based livestock farm. This year she will raise about 130 goats for meat for both the cultural and local foods markets. Svacina manages two herds, including a Boer-Kiko cross herd and a herd of mixed dairy-breed wethers. Both herds are rotationally grazed, while the Boer-Kiko herd is entirely grass/forage fed.

The 140-acre farm includes 30 acres of pasture and hay ground, as well as crop land and woods. The goats also graze/browse other areas on the farm with the use of portable fencing. Future plans for the farm include continuing to expand the meat goat herd, practicing managed grazing in the woods and establishing more formal silvopasture/agroforestry practices within the current pastures.

Svacina has worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service over the last five years to establish rotational grazing practices on the farm, as well as set up new perimeter fencing, a seasonal waterline system, pasture planting and a tree windbreak. During the pasture walk, she will demonstrate how she moves the goats to a new paddock, including setting up fence (Smart Fence), water tanks and moving portable shelters.

Please RSVP to at wisconsinfarmersunion.com/events or to Mary C. Anderson at 715-579-2206. Learn more at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com or www.rivercountryrcd.org.

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