# THE NEW ENGLAND GRAZING NETWORK

GATHERING AND GROWING REGENERATIVE GRAZIERS ACROSS THE REGION

### NEW ENGLAND GRAZING NETWORK RECEIVES FUNDING TO EXPAND GRAZING OUTREACH ACROSS THE REGION

Wolfe's Neck Center has been awarded a cooperative agreement with the <u>USDA NRCS Grazing</u> <u>Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI)</u> to support the New England Grazing Network's growing shared regional outreach program. This funding will expand the network's capacity to:

- Host the biennial grazing & livestock conference and annual on-farm educational series,
- Strengthen peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and mentorship through state-level grazing education in conference off-years,
- Enhance technical assistance and outreach for grazing farmers through training, curriculum development, and mentorship for technical assistance providers and farmers.

This funding marks an important milestone for the collaborative efforts of the New England Grazing Network. Learn more here.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL GRAZING LANDS COALITIONS CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER

We're excited to partner again with the <u>Northeast Pasture Consortium</u> to offer scholarships for Northeast farmers and technical assistance providers to attend <u>NatGLC's 9th Annual Grazing Lands Conference</u>, December 4-6 in Tucson, Arizona.

The application is quick and simple, and scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. **<u>Apply here by October 1, 2024</u>**, for priority consideration.



Know of an upcoming grazing, grass-farming, or livestock event you'd like funding for? Tell us a bit about the event you're interested in attending <u>here.</u> We'll be offering more regional scholarship opportunities later this fall!

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#### AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST LIVESTOCK PRODUCER GRANT OPENS

Starting October 1, AFT will be accepting applications for their <u>2025 New England</u> <u>Regenerative Livestock Farming Grant.</u> The application will be open until November 29, 2024. This grant provides funds to livestock farmers in select counties in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut for the adoption of regenerative agriculture practices. The funds are intended to support field-based conservation practice projects that improve soil health, water quality, and pollinator habitats. Have questions about this opportunity? Contact Kristen Irvin: <u>kirvin@farmland.org</u>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION:**

Registration details, RVPSs linked for each event below.

<u>September 11th - Preparing the Ground for Successful Agroforestry Plantings</u> (NOFA-VT), 4-6pm, Bread and Butter Farm, Shelburne, VT

September 12th - Dancing Bear Farm Pasture Walk (GSG), 5pm, Claremont, NH

September 17th - Pasture Walk, Reading Your Pastures to Help Make Management Decisions (VGFA/UVM), 10-12PM, Barnard, VT

<u>September 23rd - Understanding and Accessing the Halal Markets in the</u> <u>Northeast (UVM/VGFA),</u> 10-3pm, Middlebury, VT

November 8th - Granite State Graziers Farmer Mixer - 5-8pm, Plymouth, NH, tickets required

**November 8th - Maine Forage Conference,** Waterville, ME. Registration details coming soon.

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