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25-JAN 8:00 AM **Welcome & *Introduction of Participants*** *- Jim Cropper, Executive*

 *Director presiding,* Main Ballroom

 8:30 AM **Session 1 – Riparian Area Management in Pastures, -** *Moderator,**Susan Parry, USDA-NRCS State Grassland Specialist, Harrisburg, PA*. Main Ballroom

 **Speakers:**

**Peter Kleinman**, USDA-ARS Research Leader, Pasture Management & Watershed Management Research Unit, University Park, PA. *Evaluating Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Riparian Buffers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed*

**Erik Hagan**, Riparian Conservation Planning Project Coordinator for ARS, Graduate student in Ecology, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. *Riparian grazing management through a flexible planning approach*

**Morgan Hartman**, Owner and Operator, Black Queen Angus Farm, LLC, Berlin, NY. *Farmer Perspective on Managing Riparian Area Pastures.*

 10:00 AM **Break** – Main Ballroom

10:30 AM **Session 2 – Private** **Sector Breakout Session** – *Moderator, Angus Johnson, Recorder, Cliff Hawbaker*. Hudson-Halfmoon Room

 Renew Stakeholder Action Committee - select members and Chairperson

If time permits, begin reviewing previous research, education, and technical assistance priorities. Ascertain progress, and new direction if needed.

**Session 2 - Public Sector Breakout Session -** *Moderator, Jenn Colby,* *Recorder, Jessica Williamson*. Main Ballroom

Topic: *Riparian Area Grazing Management – How do we implement a flexible planning approach to enhance riparian areas and water quality without breaking the bank or the farmer’s trust?*

 12:00 PM **Lunch -** White Ballroom

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25 JAN 1:00 PM **Session 3 –** **Pastures and Soil Health -** *Moderator, Fay Benson*,

 Main Ballroom

 **Speakers:**

**Justin Morris**, Regional Soil Health Specialist MN-WI, USDA-NRCS Soil Health Division, Madison, WI. *Improving Soil Health through Adaptive Grazing Management.*

**Dave Llewellyn**, Director of Farm Stewardship at Glynwood, Cold Spring, NY. *Soil Health and Climate Resilience for Pasture-Based Livestock Farmers*

 2:45 PM Session 4 – Silvopasture Update – Moderator, Jessica Williamson, Main Ballroom

Speaker:

**Brett Chedzoy**, SCNY Ag Team-Forestry Specialist; Sr. Resource Educator, Montour Falls, NY. *Where Silvo-Pasture Research and Extension are now*.

 3:15 PM **Poster Session –** *(authors present)* Hudson-Halfmoon Room

 4:00 PM **Session 5 –** Beef Viability Case Studies – *Moderator, Jenn Colby*,

 Main Ballroom

Speaker:

**Sam Smith**, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center, Burlington, VT. *Beef Viability Case Studies*.

4:30 PM **Session 6** - Soil Health and its Impact on Human Health - *Moderator, Jenn Colby*, Main Ballroom

 **Speaker:**

**Didi Pershouse**, Director, The Center for Sustainable Medicine & Board Member, Soil Carbon Coalition, Thetford Center, VT. *The Ecology of Care*.

 5:15 PM **Adjourn**

 5:30 PM **Dinner** – White Ballroom

7:00 PM- **Evening Session - Producer Showcase -** *Moderator, Don Wild*, 9:00 PM Main Ballroom

 **Speakers:**

**Bruce Rivington**, Kriemhild Dairy Farms, ​Hamilton, NY. *Churning up butter profits - A grass fed dairy's adventure into processing*

**Eric Sheffer**, Sheffer’s Grassland Dairy, Hoosick Falls, NY.

 *Transitioning to Organic Dairying in Troubling Times.*

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26-JAN 8:00 AM **Session 7 – The Saturated versus Unsaturated Dietary Fat Controversy as it relates to Pasture-raised Dairy and Meat Products -** *Moderator, Kathy Soder,* Main Ballroom

 **Speakers:**

**Glen Lawrence**, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY. *Good Fat versus Bad Fat: How Did They Get It So Wrong?*

**Adam Lock**, Associate Professor, Dairy Cattle Nutrition, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Department of Animal Science, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. *Separating Milk Fats from Fiction: can we alter milk fat composition on-farm and do we want/need to alter it?*

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 9:30 AM **Break** – Main Ballroom.

 10:00 AM **Public and Private Sectors Breakout sessions**

 **Public Sector –** *Chair*, *Jessica Williamson*, Main Ballroom

 *Recorder, Fay Benson*

**Private Sector –** *Chair, Cliff Hawbaker*,Hudson-Halfmoon Room

 *Recorder, Diane Schivera*

12:00 PM **Lunch** – White Ballroom

1:00 PM **Sector and USDA Agency Reports** - J*im Cropper, Executive Director presiding*, Main Ballroom

 Private Sector report – *Cliff Hawbaker, Co-Chair Elect*

 Public Sector report – *Jessica Williamson, Co-Chair Elect*

ARS report – *David Knaebel, Beltsville, MD, National Program Leader for Soil Biology and Soil Health*

NIFA report - *Jim Dobrowolski, Washington, DC PowerPoint*

 NRCS Report – *Kevin Ogles, Greensboro, NC*

Special Report – *Allen Matthews, Director and Instructor of Sustainable Agriculture, Chatham University,* *Pittsburgh, PA*. **Grass Fed Beef Value Chain Marketing**

 4:00 PM **Break** – Main Room

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26 Jan 4:15 PM **Business Meeting** – *Jenn Colby, Public Sector Co-Chair and Richard Swartzentruber, Private Sector Co-Chair, Presiding,* Main

 Ballroom

*Margaret Smith, Administrative Advisor to NERA1603 (Northeast Pasture Consortium),* **NERA1603 Project for 2016-2021**

Election of Private Sector and Public Sector members-at-large to serve on the Executive Committee of the NE Pasture Consortium

 Present Consortium by-laws and business plan.

Other business to come to the Floor, such as resolutions and changes to Consortium research and extension priorities.

*Jim Cropper, Executive Director,* Thank you to the outgoing Executive Committee members, Welcome to the new Executive Committee members, and Announcement of the 2018 Public and Private Sector Co-Chairs

 5:00 PM **Adjourn**