

Dairy and Field Crop Conference, March 16, 2016... Holiday Inn in Syracuse/Liverpool... 11:00 AM.

Workshop on BMR Sorghums and Grazing Summer Annuals to Jumpstart Your Forage Rations will begin at 11:00am.

Presenters: Les Miller, Organic dairy farmer; Paris Reidhead, Sustainable farming activist

Reidhead's Topics

1. Buckwheat as a pioneer pasture crop ... work by Prof. Larry E. Chase, Cornell Animal Science
2. Total Tract Neutral Detergent Fiber Digestibility: the forage test that levels the playing field between corn silage, BMR sorghum/sudan-grass, and certain perennial grasses; Rock River Lab (WI)
3. Solvita Test for Soil Biological Activity... originally from Woods End Lab, Mount Vernon, ME; recently adopted by Dairy One Lab
4. Soil thermometer and pH meter... use on pastures
5. Need to test pastures, particularly for grass-fed livestock... nutrient balance issues
6. Introducing Tom Kilcer's work <http://www.advancedagsys.com>