Grass Fed Beef All Year Long
Professional Development for Service Providers
Producer Training
Briar Ridge Farm 215 Kinney Road Amston, CT
July 11, 2012
10:00am – 1:00pm

10:00  Welcome
Rich Meinert, UConn Cooperative Extension – welcome and introductions.
Michael Keilty, UConn – Tri-state Grass fed beef all year long project.
Marc Baribault, Owner – History/overview of the farm.

10:30  Tour of Heavy Use Area for Winter Housing: Background and Basics
Marc Baribault, Briar Ridge Farm, James Hyde, William Purcell, USDA NRCS
• Review of the construction project; what did it accomplish in regards to natural resource protection?
  Did it meet farmer’s production and management goals?
• Operation and maintenance of the heavy use area bedded pack facility.
• How could the design have been improved?
• Review of Soil and Nutrient Management

11:30  Tour of pastures and supporting infrastructure:
•Marc Baribault, Briar Ridge Farm, James Hyde, William Purcell, USDA NRCS
•Fencing system, and watering system.
•Managing the beef herd and goats on pasture (multi species grazing)
•Pasture forage production and showing how to read a forage analysis test result.
•Opportunity for plant ID questions and weed management

12:00  Year round breeding for continuous market availability: Background and Basics to ideas related to year round market supply.
Rich Meinert, UConn Extension Educator, Livestock and Dairy Program

12:30  Wrap up and Feedback:
Rich Meinert, UConn Cooperative Extension
James Hyde/William Purcell, USDA NRCS
• How to access NRCS financial assistance programs that support pasture based livestock systems.
• Final questions.
• Feedback for future programming.