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Grazing Sheep Through Winter

(Carlisle, PA) – Graziers often use the term stockpile when referring to grass and forage that is left standing specifically to provide nutrition in the non-growing season. This technique allows graziers to continue putting their livestock on pasture instead of only feeding stored forage in a heavy use area. Stockpile management, using electric net fencing, and winter sheep management will be the focus of a pasture walk hosted by Capital RC&D at the farm of Titus and Linda Martin in Spring Run, PA (Franklin County) on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

After retiring from dairy, Titus and Linda Martin starting working with small ruminants, starting with goats in 2011 and then sheep since that time. They graze 33 ewes and their lambs on approximately 30 acres of pasture. During winter, the Martin's rely on 10 acres of stockpile forage that provides nutrition through February. The pasture walk will showcase how the Martin's plan for, manage, and use stockpiled grass to achieve this goal each year. It will also focus on general winter management issues such as the effects of snow and ice on fencing. In addition, Swift Aeroseed will discuss aerial seeding and provide a demonstration using drone technology to overseed clover in the Martin's pasture.

There is no charge for the pasture walk but registration is requested by December 10, 2024 and can be made online at www.capitalrcd.org, via email to events@capitalrcd.org, or by calling 717-241-4361.

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