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Welcome to  
CONSERVATION OBSERVANCE DAY  
on T&R Dairy



Agenda

9:00 – 9:30

Registration and Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00

Morning Speakers  
*DATCP Secretary-Designee Brad Pfaff*  
*WILWA Executive Director Matt Krueger*  
*USDA-NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Eric Allness*

10:00 – 12:00

Morning Tours (40 minutes each)  
*Dairy Tour*  
*Wagyu Beef Grazing*  
*60" Interseeded Corn*

12:00 – 12:30

Lunch

12:30 – 1:00

Introductions  
*Peirick Family*  
*T&R Dairy*

1:00 – 3:00

Afternoon Tours (40 minutes each)  
*Soil Health Discussion*  
*Planting Green and Rolling Cereal Rye*  
*Multi-Species Cover Crop Mix & No-till Talk*

3:00 – Onward

Open Socialization

# Station Descriptions

## Conservation Observance Day 2019

### Dairy Tour

Along with farming 1,100 acres, T&R Dairy also has 200 dairy cows. Discussions on milk production and animal care will be provided by Dan and Josh Peirick.



### Waygu Beef Grazing

Though T&R Dairy is most known for its innovative cropping practices and well-run dairy operation, the Peirick's have begun to diversify into beef grazing, specifically with Japanese Waygu calves. The calves are grazed just a little ways away from the main farm, and will be talked about by Mandy Peirick and Dodge County UW-Extension's Dairy and Livestock Agent, Amanda Young.

### 60" Interseeded Corn

This is the first year that the Peirick's have tried 60" row corn and interseeding. Having said that, they will be highlighting a field near the farm that has both practices combined. Bill Stangel is an agronomist in the area and a member of the farmer-led group and will discuss his experience with 60" corn while Marty Weiss, one of the chairmen of Dodge County farmer group, has ample experience with interseeding cover crop mixes into standing corn.



### Soil Health Discussion

Jamie Patton from UW-Extension will discuss the different aspects of soil health and what the Peirick's have done to increase the health of their soils with a pit on the edge of a field. Justin Morris and Tony Johnson from the NRCS will be running the rainfall simulator at this station to further support soil health practices.

### Planting Green

T&R Dairy has been spending the last few years planting green to further the positive effects that covers and no-till have provided to them for the past 30 years. Tony and Josh Peirick will talk about what they do for planting corn and beans into standing cereal rye and what factors they take into consideration during planting season to make sure that they have success on the fields.



### Multi-Species Cover Crop Mixes and No-Till Talk



In addition to the Peirick's utilizing cereal rye, the use of a five-way mix has been another way the family keeps their fields covered as much as possible. This year, the Peirick's plan on adding a ten-way cover crop mix to their operation to add more soil health benefits to their soils. Adam Lasch, a farmer from Walworth County will talk about what the various cover crop species do for the soil and more on how the Peirick's plan to add these mixes to their operation.

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