

Grazing Conference to Feature Kit Pharo and Jeremy Engh

The Lycoming County Conservation District is excited to offer the unique opportunity to hear two nationally known grazing experts at a meeting focusing “Sustainable Grazing for Profit”. The meeting will be held on October 13, 2011 at the Pennsdale Civic Center, Pennsdale, Pa from 8:00 to 3:45. The presenters each operate large scale grass-based beef operations, but their philosophies and principles can be applied to all livestock production that utilizes forage production. They will provide proven techniques that can be implemented on your operation easily to increase your bottom line by managing inputs for maximum financial success.

Kit Pharo and his family operate the Pharo Cattle Company in Cheyenne Wells, CO. At their 2011 Annual Spring Bull Sale, they sold 381 bulls for an average of \$4,370 per bull. The bulls were purchased by customers in 28 states and two Canadian provinces. Kit’s philosophies and genetics are generating quite a buzz throughout the beef industry as they successfully contradict common beef production models. They specialize in Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, Tarentaise, and Composite bulls. Kit’s talk will focus on the differences between production-driven and profit-driven livestock production. He will also discuss the “Three Keys” to making the most efficient use of your available forage resources.

Jeremy Engh is the manager of Lakota Ranch in Remington, VA. The Lakota Ranch specializes in Devon cattle. Lakota’s genetics have been the premier Devon Genetics in this country since 1950. From 1985 to 2000, over 70% of the Devon cattle registered in the county were registered by Lakota Ranch. Jeremy created the Lakota Bull Test, which is the only exclusively grass fed bull test on the East Coast. He is an eight time past president of the American Devon Cattle Association. Jeremy’s talk will focus on the economics of rotational grazing and getting the best weight gain for your animals while grazing. His talk will include figuring out the true cost of grazing on a pasture by pasture basis.

Registration is required. The price is \$25.00 per person if registered by August 15th, and \$30.00 after August 15th. For more information, call Rod Morehart at 570-329-1619, or Chad Bower at 570-329-1621.