

Presented By:

Headwaters Resource Conservation
and Development Council

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Clearfield County Conservation District

Directions To Zion Church

114 Zion Road, Clarion, PA 16214

814-745-2814

www.zionlife.com

From DuBois I-80 West:

Take EXIT 62, toward Clarion, keep left to take the PA-68E ramp toward Sligo. Turn left onto PA-68E and drive 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Zion Road. The church is the first building on the left hand side.

From Mercer, I-80 East:

Take EXIT 62, toward Clarion, merge left onto PA-68E toward Sligo and drive 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Zion Road. The church is the first building on the left hand side.



Headwaters RC&D Council
109 N. Brady St.—2nd Floor,
DuBois, PA 15801

There are many nearby hotels available for your stay, such as the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Super 8, Quality Inn and Suites, Comfort Inn, and University Inn.

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**15th Annual Northwest
Pennsylvania
Grazing Conference**
Thursday, March 22, 2012
“The Nature of Grazing”

To be held at the Zion Church
in Clarion, PA **(new location)**



Keynote Speakers:

Ray Archuleta
NRCS Agronomist

Troy Bishopp
25 year veteran grazier

Save with early registration
by February 17, 2012

***See the Trade Show and
merchandise available for on-site
purchases.***

Registration

The registration fee includes continental breakfast and hot buffet lunch

Name (s) : _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please circle your morning breakout choice

(circle) Session A Session B Session C

Please circle your afternoon breakout choice

(circle) Session A Session B Session C

\$30.00 early registration postmarked by February 17th, 2012.

Number attending: _____ X \$30.00 =
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

\$50.00 late registration postmarked by March 7th, 2012.

Number attending: _____ X \$50.00 =
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Questions? Call Headwaters RC&D
at 814-503-8653**

Mail registration fee payable to:
Headwaters RC&D Council
Attn: Brittany Dittmore
109 N. Brady St.—2nd Floor
DuBois, PA 15801

Agenda

9:30- 9:45

Welcome and Introduction

Dale Fox - Headwaters RC&D Council

Jim Berry - Producer

9:45- 10:45

**Guest Speaker - Ray Archuleta-USDA-NRCS—
Conservation Agronomist—**Farming & Ranching in
Natures Image to Improve Soil Health

10:45 - 11:00

Break - Visit our Sponsors and Trade Show Vendors

11:00 - 11:45

Morning Breakout Sessions

Session A—Troy Bishopp—Madison County Soil &
Water Conservation District –Purposeful Grazing:
Managing with Intentions

Session B—Chris Mitterer—Grazing Quarter Horse
Breeder –Equine Pasture Management

Session C—Merle Truesdail—Grass-Fed Beef Farmer
–Improve Your Bottom Line with Better Records.

11:45 - 1:00

Lunch - A hot buffet lunch

1:00 - 2:00

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Session A—Troy Bishopp—Gauging the Results—Are
you Meeting Your Goals?

Session B—Ray Archuleta—Using the Power of Diver-
sity to Improve Soil Function

Session C—George Giroskey—Grass-Fed Multi-
Species Farmer—Thistles, Now You See Them, Now
You Don't

2:00 - 2:30

Break - Network and visit our Trade Show Vendors

2:30- 3:30

Farmers Panel: Q&A

3:30 - 3:45

Closing Remarks



Meet Ray Archuleta

Ray Archuleta is a Conservation Agronomist at the USDA-NRCS East National Technology Center, in

Greensboro, North Carolina. Ray teaches soil quality and the principles of agroecology throughout the country. He has 23 years of work experience with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He has worked for NRCS in New Mexico, Missouri, Oregon, and now lives in North Carolina and has held the following positions: Soil Conservation Technician, Soil Conservationist, Nutrient/Irrigation Specialist, Water Quality Project Manager, District Conservationist, and Area Agronomist. He is also a Certified Professional Soil Scientist with Soil Science Society of America. He also served two years in Guatemala working as a Livestock Specialist in the Peace Corps. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Biology from New Mexico State University.



Meet Troy Bishopp

Troy Bishopp aka “The Grass Whisperer” is an everyday practical steward, observer and 25 year veteran in working with biologically active, financially viable and sensory pleasing perennial pasture systems. He manages the family’s 5th

generation farm’s grazing resources with custom grazed beef cattle, wildlife and a cow/calf herd while also working for the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Upper Susquehanna Coalition as their Grazing Specialist. He is project leader for NESARE’s professional development holistic planned grazing training project. Troy also writes a monthly column in Lancaster Farming and is a farmer communications coach.