February 25, 2022

Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards
1735 Archer Lane
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Dear Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards,

Thank you for your generous support of the “Healthy Soils Healthy Farms with Gabe Brown” Workshop on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. The event was hosted in partnership by the Sauk Soil & Water Improvement Group (SSWIG), The Producers of Lake Redstone, Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council, Farmers of the Lemonweir Valley and the Farmers of Roche-A-Cri.

Thanks in part, to your generous donation and support, the event was a success with 147 people registering for the program and a total of 158 people joining us on February 8th to learn, share, and network. Our audience came from across 3 states and more than 52 different cities to participate in this event. This led to a diverse group of farmers, landowners, agency, and community members coming together all in the interest of regenerative agricultural practices, profitable and productive farms, healthy soils, and protecting water resources.

This program would not have been possible without the support from our local sponsors. On behalf of the above listed producer led watershed protection groups, thank you for your support of these groups and their efforts.

Sincerely,

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Healthy Soils Healthy Farms with Gabe Brown

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Darabou Performing Arts Center

Total RSVP: 147
Total Attendees: 158
Survey Completed: 78

COMPLETED SURVEY RESULTS:

Occupation:
Farmer: 55  Agency Staff: 7  Agronomists: 3  Other: 18

Enterprises on Farm:

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Acres Operation by attendees:
Total acres managed: 18,249
Average # of acres: 304.9

How would you rate this workshop overall?:
Excellent: 47  Good: 30  Okay: 1  Poor: 0  Very Poor: 0

How would you rate the main presenter—Gabe Brown?:
Excellent: 61  Good: 16  Okay: 1  Poor: 0  Very Poor: 0

How would you rate the Farmer Panel?:
Excellent: 27  Good: 36  Okay: 14  Poor: 1  Very Poor: 0

Participation in Producer Led Groups:

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How did you hear about this event?
Flyer: 12
Facebook: 11
Email: 25
Newspaper: 2
Personal Invite: 27
Other: 14
What was one thing that you learned today?
- It is all about the soil!
- How valuable diversity is.
- Weeds can be soil health indicators
- How much I don’t know
- Just how far a farm can go by simply increasing biodiversity.
- Rhizophagy Cycle
- Impacts of glyphosate
- How we will farm!
- Soil aggregates and soil biology
- We need to add cover crops to keep ourselves covered, viable, profitable.
- When approaching ag. problems focus on the underlying problem & not just the symptoms.
- Emphasis on biodiversity and how it relates to increased profitability.
- Looking at soil health from a biological perspective, including diverse plants & soil organisms to improve health through to humans.

What information will you utilize on your farm or in your industry?
- Animal integration
- Total nutrient digestibility test
- Too much to list!
- Cover crops
- More diverse animals integrated on lands
- Multi species cover crops
- Rotational grazing
- Increasing the stocking and moves with grazing
- More diversified pasture
- Try no tilling corn into soybeans
- Hayney Test
- Weaning off of subsidies, fertilizers, and chemicals
- Utilizing native plants/species.
- Increasing beneficial insect habitat on edges and field corners
- Work harder to utilize cover crops
- Concentrate on cover crops & no tilling
- Possibly rotational grazing
- I plan to look at my growers’ main concerns rather than providing a band-aid, but creating a plan to help address the causes in a regenerative manner.
- Being patient with the soil
- My nephew is a dairy farmer who is contemplating grazing, and I will pass this information onto him.
- More cover crop experiments
- Focusing on multi-species cover crops
- We will try everything
- As much as I can, less inputs & more ecosystem.
- A lot of grazing stuff
- Looking for constant improvement
- Testing soil for the total nutrient composition
- Testing meats for nutrient content
- Longer rest periods
- Trying a different lab to analyze our soils to better understand our soils.
Additional Comments:
- Encouraging to see large turn out and diverse audience
- Very good, meal was also very good.
- Thank you for putting this together!
- Great conference!
- Great job!
- So glad I came, and so glad I got to talk to Gabe one on one.
- Thank you so much, this was great!
- Overall, a stellar event, loved the entire event. Thank you so much, it was a wealth of information and experience sharing. The function was great too - great balancing of event and fabulous pacing of day with breaks and times to network!
- Good job, keep it up. Thank you so much!
- Excellent workshop, thank you!
- Keep up the great work from this group.
- Thanks for putting on a great event.
- New to learning about land management, and how to use what we have. We feel we have a responsibility because we have a couple acres, and want to leave them better than we got it.
- Great workshop, glad to be a part of it!
- Thank you, wonderfully done!
- I thought it was amazing to see so many women in Ag.!
- It was very exciting to have such a prominent figure in regenerative ag. movement in my area live and in person. I worked all night so I could attend, thank you!
- Thanks for providing these great opportunities to learn!
Wide Ranging Audience:
- Folks joined us from more than 52 different cities and 3 states for this program.
- The network and reach of the local producer led groups is growing and ideas are being shared beyond the watershed boundaries and across the state!