A New Opportunity and Need for Agriculture & Conservation

Farm Land -- Managed by Farmers

Conservation Land -- Managed by Conservationists
Black Pond - Pollen Diagram
Last Two Thousand Years

- Grass
- Ragweed
- Charcoal

(Pollen %)
(Influx)

Years before present
New England Forest Cover

Population of New England (see right-hand axis)
Grazing and Conservation. A Working Landscape Seminar

9:00 – 9:45  **New England’s Working Landscape - History and Future**
- Introduction-Wildlands, Woodlands, and Farmlands - David Foster
- New England Farm History and Future- NE Food Vision - Brian Donahue
- Grazing in New England. Commerce and demand - Ridge Shinn

  *15 minutes discussion*

9:45 – 10:45  **New England Grazing Remerging**
  Thriving beef/dairy operations as the promise for the future.
- Abe Collins, VT
- Mark Fellows, Chase Hill Farm, MA

  *20 minutes discussion*

11:00 – 12:30  **Grazers and Ecosystems**
- Richard Teague – Texas A & M - Ruminants and soils
- Alix Contosta – UNH -- New England soil carbon issues and studies
- Betsy Colburn – HF -- Soil and water quality challenges, best management practices
- Conrad Vispo – Farmscape Ecology Program, NY -- Grassland management and biodiversity

  *5 minutes discussion following each*

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