

Farming and Food: Practices and Principles (and all that *confusing* vocabulary!)

Time and Place: Round Lake Hall; Friday, January 13, 2017; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Discussion leader: Curt Gesch

Cost: \$0.00. A few cookies wouldn't hurt. A donation to the Round Lake Community Association would be great. (This discussion sponsored and funded by Eskerhazy Farm and Eskerhazy Publications.)



Identify the location of this scene and win ... something.

Suggested

Topics: Local food. Sustainable food production. The Environmental Farm Plan. The Farmers' Market. What is sustainable? What is GE (GMO)? What does "organic" mean? Grass-fed and grass-finished. Free range and free-run. What are CSAs?



Crop of mixed alfalfa, clover, timothy and orchard grass by John and Justin Wisselink. The old guy wasn't part of the seed mixture; he just cropped up.

Focus: This is not a session to debate the various pros and cons, but an informational meeting only. "More light than heat."

Participants: If possible, we'd like you to preregister so we can plan accordingly. Please call Sue McDiarmid (846-9390 to register.) We've invited our Regional Agrologist, and some 4-H leaders and members. It would be great to have a cross-section of the population: those with farming #1 on their minds; those who are rural residents because of lifestyle choices; those who are mostly concerned with quality food.



Getting prepared to discuss control of wild rose and other brush.



Founder of the Freedom-to-Strut Society, this fellow was raised, free-range, free roam, and free strut. He sometimes came outside into the yard at -20 C. during the winter.

Preparation: An inquiring mind! Send your suggestions for discussion topics to Curt Gesch cgesch63@gmail.com and we'll try to get them on the agenda.



Sloth, rather than curiosity seems to be on the mind of this cat.



Whose calf is this one? And who is the jeweller?



Hint: These belong to a Swiss cowperson. The cows own the road.

I found this not-very-accurate cartoon about CAFOs. We'll talk about what is accurate and what is misleading about the cartoon at the meeting.

