

# Out-wintering Pasture Walk

Waupaca County, WI  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
2:00-4:00 pm

Art and Rheta Richardson  
N641 Sorenson Road  
Waupaca, WI 54981



Art and Rheta have been working with NRCS and rotationally grazing beef cattle on 120 acres since 2012. Through EQIP cost share assistance, they established a rotational grazing system for a herd of 35 cow/calf pairs, 30 yearling steers and 30 finishing steers. They implement 3 day moves during the winter months across 1,200 preplaced round bales. Bale grazing begins in early November and continues into the spring until all the bales are fed out sometime around mid-May. Out wintering sites are rotated yearly to manage manure effectively and stay in compliance with the farms nutrient management plan. Calves are left on the cows throughout the winter improving the quality of calves come spring.



### Pasture Walk Topics include:

- ❖ Selecting your out-wintering location
- ❖ Out-winter setup and management
- ❖ Bale ring use and residue management
- ❖ Calculating forage requirements for winter feed.
- ❖ Out-wintering impacts on the pasture.
- ❖ Winter water layout and design
- ❖ Livestock move demonstration
- ❖ Benefits of calves left on cows through the winter.
- ❖ The impacts of cold weather on livestock
- ❖ EQIP planning and cost assistance.

RSVP is not required.  
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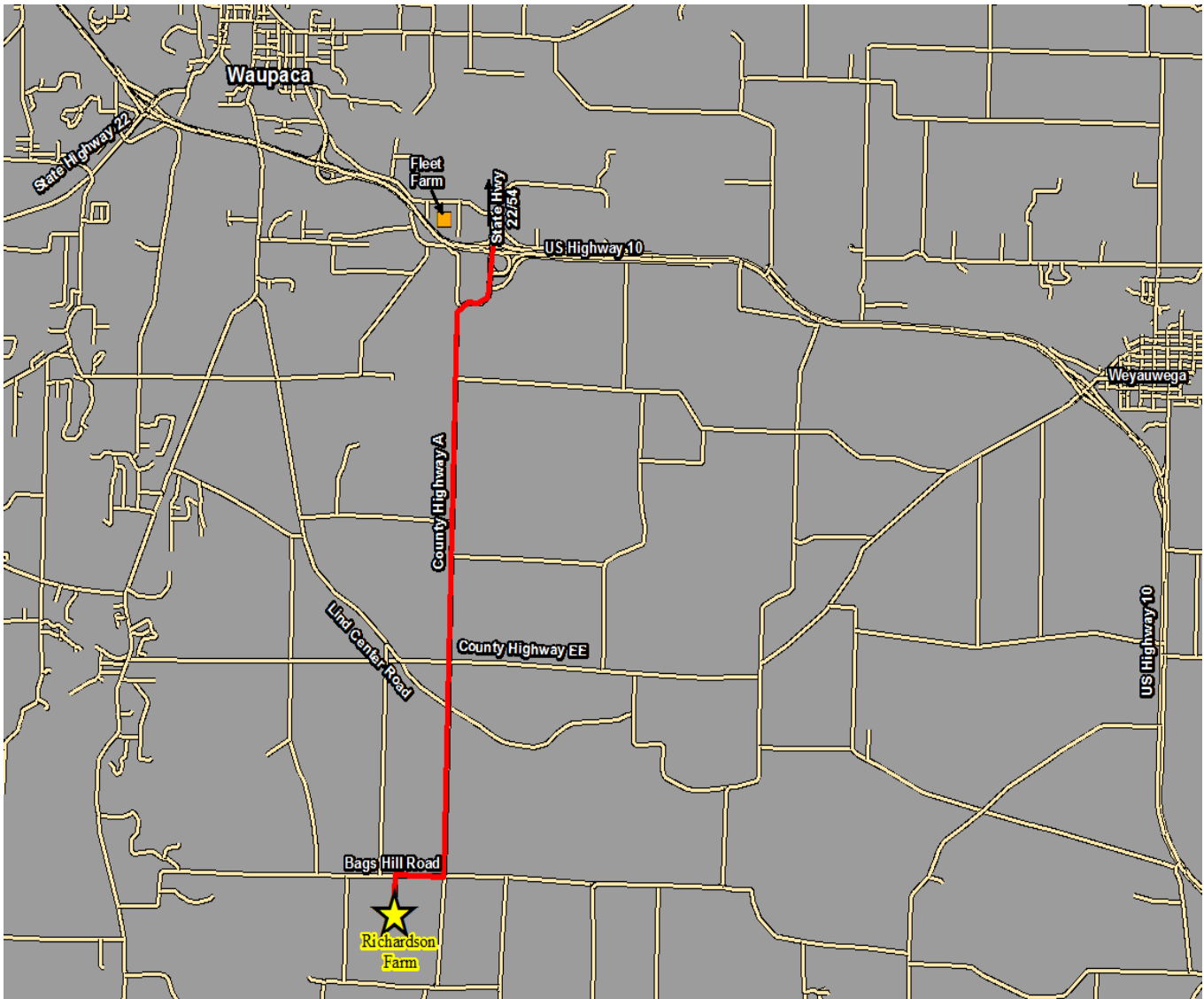
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**Directions from State Highway 10:** Follow US 10 to Exit 254 (Highway 22/54) East of Waupaca. Head south from the exit and follow County Highway A for 4.5 miles. Turn Right onto Bags Hill Rd. Follow for 0.4 miles to Sorenson Rd and turn left. Sorenson Rd is a long gravel driveway, not a paved road.



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