

NEW PROGRAM FOR HORSE OWNERS

Equine Pasture Management Program

University of Minnesota

Well-managed pastures can go a long way in meeting the nutrient requirements of most horses, resulting in less money spent on feed and horse health. Proper pasture management also promotes overall horse health by minimizing the risk of colic, laminitis and ingestion of toxic plants, and reduces environmental concerns such as erosion and runoff.

Beginning in the spring of 2011, the University of Minnesota will offer a fee-based pasture management program aimed at optimizing the use of Minnesota horse pastures. This pilot program is limited to 40 farms and will take place May through October 2011 and will focus on horse farms in central and eastern MN and western WI.

What will participation in the program include?

- Two farm visits from a U of M specialist
- Satellite image of farm
- Soil analysis
- Soil fertility recommendations
- Forage quality analysis and specie identification
- Poisonous plant identification and weed control recommendations
- Pasture productivity estimations
- Overall facilities assessment
- Manure management recommendations
- Phone and e-mail support
- Supporting fact sheets and supplemental information
- **Customized pasture and grazing management plan**
- The cost is \$650 per farm
- Cost should be recovered in 2 years with increased pasture quality and yield

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in the program, please contact**

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