

2007 Spring Farm Tour Dostal Family Farm



Tour highlights

- Approximately 40 people attended the 2-hour tour led by landowners Doug and Tanya Dostal, WCD and NRCS staff.
- The Dostal's 40-acre farm consists of pastures, wildlife ponds, barns, horse paddocks, composting, covered manure storage area and a natural stream. We looked at the management areas for beef cows, horse and sheep and the stream restoration project.
- Heavy use areas—creating dry wintering areas by diverting clean runoff into grassy swales.
- Manure collection, storage, composting and application techniques for the small farm.
- Pasture rotation and fencing options.
- There were lots of questions about environmental health and animal health. The tour helped participants see first hand what works best and went away with practical information to apply on their own farms.

- **Stream Restoration**-- the Dostal CREP project consists of 5.8 acres along an unnamed tributary to Haynie Creek. (Dakota Creek)
 - A total of 2,014 lineal feet of stream buffer has been planted with 1740 native tree seedlings.
 - 937 feet of livestock fencing was installed to exclude animals from the stream and forested buffer.
 - The average buffer width of 125 ft. is now in place on this tributary to Dakota Creek.



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