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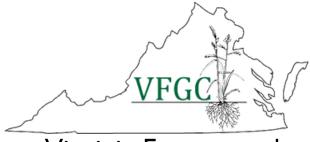
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**JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION ABOUT** MANAGING FOR HEALTHY ANIMALS & HEALTHY SOIL ON GRAZING **OPERATIONS** 

Dr. Terry Swecker, DVM, PhD Emeritus professor at VA-MD Vet Med

Doug Peterson Retired NRCS Soil Health Specialist

### LOCATIONS:

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### DR. TERRY SWECKER

Dr. Terry Swecker, DVM, PhD is retired from the VA-MD school of Vet Medicine, where he spent 44 years in teaching, research, and practice. He will discuss many aspects of animal health & nutrition, including:

- Cattle mineral requirements on pasture
- Fescue toxicosis mitigation
- Pink eye, internal parasites, & flies
- Tick-vectored diseases
- Efficacy of holistic or "natural" options for prevention and control of parasites and disease

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### **DOUG PETERSON**

Doug Peterson is retired from NRCS where he served for over 30 years, most recently as the Regional Soil Health Specialist for Missouri and Iowa.

He grew up on a crop and livestock farm in north Missouri and continues to operate a cow/calf and contract grazing operation with 250 cows. Utilizing Adaptive Regenerative Grazing to regenerate soil health, Doug has been able to eliminate the need for most purchased fertilizer and limit hay needs to about one bale per cow per winter.

Doug will be discussing soil health and how it impacts natural resource processes. Using real world examples from his own farm, he will discuss what type of management it takes to effectively improve soil health, function and productivity.