Silvopasture Resources for Wisconsin

These are some possible places to go for information or help with silvopasture and other land use questions. However, at present Wisconsin does not have educators dedicated to silvopasture, so the assistance available will vary.

*National sources of information and assistance:*

**Hardwood Silvopasture Management**: [www.centerforagroforestry.org/research/spmanagement.pdf](http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/research/spmanagement.pdf)

**The Center for Agroforestry – University of Missouri:** [www.centerforagroforestry.org](http://www.centerforagroforestry.org)

**USDA National Agroforestry Center silvopasture publications:** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/silvopasture.php>

**Cornell University publications**: [www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/info/pubs/#silvo](file:///C:\Users\Curt\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.IE5\IUQL60CB\www2.dnr.cornell.edu\ext\info\pubs#silvo)

**University of Minnesota Silvopasture handbook:** <https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/projects/2013/finals/2013_03j_Silvopasture_BMP.pdf>

**Northeastern US Silvopasture group:** [silvopasture.ning.com](http://silvopasture.ning.com)

**Silvopasture group on facebook***:* [facebook.com/groups/silvopasture/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/silvopasture/)

The book ***Silvopasture*** by Steve Gabriel

*Local sources of information and assistance:*

**NRCS**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service maintains a service center in each county. NRCS can help with both forest management and with grazing plans. They may also offer financial assistance for tree planting and other silvopasture establishment practices. However, NRCS in Wisconsin does not provide assistance for grazing in woods. [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/contact/local/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/contact/local/)

**UW-Madison Division of Extension**

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension has agriculture and natural resources agents serving most counties. They may be able to help you with grazing and general forest management questions. Some counties also have Master Naturalist volunteers who may be able to provide information. <https://adams.extension.wisc.edu> (substitute the name of your county).

**DNR**   
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has foresters who can help you assess your woods, manage [invasive species](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/documents/wi%20inv%20plant%20field%20guide%20web%20version.pdf), or refer you to **consulting foresters**. DNR discourages grazing in woods. Landowners with more than 10 acres of woodlands can request a free site visit from a DNR forester.

DNR is also a source for buying tree and shrub seedlings and for information on tree planting <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TreePlanting/>

To find a DNR or consulting forester <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/locator/>

**My Wisconsin Woods**

This partnership of public and non-profit organizations works to help woodland owners in Wisconsin. Find events, news, resources, and organizations that work with private woodland owners. [mywisconsinwoods.org](http://mywisconsinwoods.org)

**County Conservationist**

Staff at the county Land Conservation Departments may be able to help with grazing and land management advice. [datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ConservationDirectory.pdf](http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ConservationDirectory.pdf)

**RC&D Programs**

Wisconsin’s Resource Conservation and Development councils have resources to help with grazing and conservation. <http://wisrcd.weebly.com>

**Prairie Enthusiasts**

The Prairie Enthusiasts are a grassroots group committed to the protection and management of native prairie and savanna of the Upper Midwest. Learn about prairie and oak savanna plant and animal communities through field trips, workshops, conferences, work parties, and a quarterly newsletter. [theprairieenthusiasts.org](http://www.theprairieenthusiasts.org)

**Savanna Institute**

This non-profit organization performs research, education, and outreach about savanna-based agricultural systems, including the book *Perennial Pathways: Planting Tree Crops*. [savannainstitute.org](http://www.savannainstitute.org)

**Keefe Keeley** can help with questions about integrating trees into existing pastures or thinning woods to create silvopasture. Contact him via [savannainstitute.org](http://www.savannainstitute.org) or at [kkeeley@wisc.edu](mailto:kkeeley@wisc.edu), phone: 608-632-2719.

**Diane Mayerfeld** can help with questions about thinning woods for silvopasture, and with identifying further resources from UW-Madison, UW-Extension, and the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Email [dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu](mailto:dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu), phone: 608-262-8188.

**Cherrie Nolden** can help with questions about using goats to manage brush. Email: [canolden@wisc.edu](mailto:canolden@wisc.edu) or [wonderacres@yahoo.com](mailto:wonderacres@yahoo.com), phone: 608-477-1981.