

Joseph Tomandl, III
Executive Director

Tomandl, a third generation dairy farmer in central Wisconsin, spearheaded the development of Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, the first formal Apprenticeship for farming in the United States. He served as Program Director from 2010 to 2013, when DGA became an independent nonprofit organization. As Executive Director, he continues to provide leadership, oversight, and inspiration to the organization and the training program. He is committed to the education and success of other startup dairy farmers and has personally invested in a spin-off farm as a strategy for employee/Apprentice development.



Education

1994 University of Wisconsin - River Falls B.S. Agriculture Education

Professional Experience

2013-Present Executive Director, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, Inc.

2010-2013 Program Director, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship of GrassWorks, Inc.

1998-Present Dairy Farmer, Legacy Dairy

1994-1998 Agriculture Education Instructor, Mishicot High School

Other Related Experience

2005-Present Central Wisconsin River Graziers discussion group 2003-2009: GrassWorks Board (Board President 2007-2008)

2008 Producer service liaison for a start-up company specializing in grass-based milk

2006 Wisconsin Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer First Runner up

2005 Developed a manual for farmer led discussion groups

1998-2005 North Central Graziers discussion group.

Featured in: *Successful Farming*, *Country Today*, *Graze Magazine*, *Agri View*, *Hay and Forage Grower*

Speaking engagements and managed grazing presentations include:

Healing Our Waters Conference, Chicago, IL

Organic Farming Conference, La Crosse, WI

Wisconsin Farmers Union Annual Meeting, Madison, WI

School of Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers, Madison, WI

National GLCI Grazing Conference, St Louis, MO

Missouri Grazing Conference, Springfield, MO

Great Lake Regional Dairy Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

GrassWorks Grazing Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI

University of Wisconsin Sustainable Conference, River Falls, WI

Iowa Grazing Conference, Dubuque, IA

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, State College, PA

Local economic development meetings and farming conferences