

Grazing Management and Utilization

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What are the benefits of grazing? (compared to cropping/confinement)

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Definitions

MIG (Management Intensive Grazing)

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Rotational stocking/grazing

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Continuous stocking/grazing

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Grazing frequency, rotation length, rotation rate

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Grazing intensity

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measured as:

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Stocking rate

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Stocking density

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MIG

Advantages

- allows greater stocking rate, higher profit
- Animal husbandry

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- Plant husbandry

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- Better nutrient (manure) dispersal

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- Ease and accuracy of monitoring whole-farm pasture mass

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- Easier to convert surpluses to stored forage (hay/silage)

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- Easier to constrain animal intake immediately deficits are identified

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- Animals easier to manage for animal remedy treatments

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- Botanical composition MIG usually favors the desirable species

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Disadvantages

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