



Graziers' Notebook

Useful Beef Grazing Resources

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Listed below are a few of the many web-based resources and print materials on pasture management, managed grazing systems and related production information for Wisconsin beef producers.

Wisconsin & Midwest

University of Wisconsin websites:

Wisconsin Beef Information Center (WBIC): <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wbic>
UW-Madison Animal Sciences Extension: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/animalsciences/>
UW Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems: <http://www.cias.wisc.edu/>
Extension Grazing Resources & Research: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/grazres>
Extension Team Forage resources: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/>
UW Forage Research & Extension: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/forage/>

UW Extension Publications: available from your local Cooperative Extension Office or online at: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu/>

A1525	Forage Variety Update for WI (updated annually)
A3529	Pastures for Profit: A Guide to Rotational Grazing
A3637	Identifying Pasture Grasses
A3699	Grazing Streamside Pastures
A3715	Grassland Birds: Fostering Habitats Using Rotational Grazing
A3787	Identifying Pasture Legumes
A3858-04	Guide to Raising Healthy Beef Cattle
GWQ042	Dirty Dozen & Beyond: 25 Pasture Weeds of Wisconsin
GWQ057	Managing Pastures for Water Quality: Understanding Riparian Areas
GWQ058	Managing Pastures for Water Quality: Strategies for Seasonal Livestock Use

University of Illinois:

Illini Beef Net: <http://livestocktrail.illinois.edu/beefnet/>

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Iowa State University:

Pasture Management Guide for Livestock Producers, ISU PM 1713, by Steve Barnhart, Dan Morrill, Jim Russell, Ken Moore, Peggy Miller, Shawn Shouse, and Charlie Brummer, rev. 2005. Available from Iowa State Extension Publications: phone: 515-294-5247, fax: 515-294-2945; email: pubdist@iastate.edu or access an order form on the web: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store/>. Related ISU publications are also available on website or for purchase.

ISU Iowa Beef Center: <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/>

ISU Veterinary Diagnostic & Production Animal Medicine:
<http://vetmed.iastate.edu/vdpam/>

Ohio State University:

Ohio Forages Network: www.forages.osu.edu

OSU Beef Team: <http://beef.osu.edu/>

Purdue Pasture Management website: www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/forages/rotational/

University of Minnesota:

Beef Extension: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/beef/>

Extension Forages: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/forages/>

Direct link to: **UM Grazing Systems Planning Guide**, UMBU-07606-S, 44 pages, \$3.00 plus shipping, call 800-876-8636 or download at:

http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/beef/components/docs/grazing_systems_planning_guide1.pdf

University of Missouri:

Forage Research Systems Center: <http://aes.missouri.edu/fsrc/>

Missouri Beef Grazing website: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/beef/grazing/index.htm>

Missouri Beef Resource Guide: <http://beef.missouri.edu/index.htm>

Extension Publications: <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/>

Direct links to these Missouri Extension resources:

Managed Grazing Video Series: <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/extvideo/ev0012.htm>

Missouri Grazing Manual: <http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/manuals/m00157.htm>

Pumps & Watering Systems for Managed Beef Grazing:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/envqual/eq0380.pdf>

University of Nebraska:

Beef Extension: <http://beef.unl.edu/>

Center for Grassland Studies: <http://www.grassland.unl.edu/>

National Drought Mitigation Center: <http://drought.unl.edu/ranchplan/Overview.aspx>

From Across the USA

ATTRA (National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, NCAT):
<https://attra.ncat.org/>

Chico State University (California) All Things Grass-fed Beef website:
<http://www.csuchico.edu/grassfedbeef/>

Cornell Forage Livestock Systems website: <http://forages.org/index.php>

Cornell PALS (formerly NRAES) Publications:

http://palspublishing.cals.cornell.edu/nra_index.taf

NRAES 171 **Animal Production Systems for Pasture Based Livestock Production**

NRAES 172 **Forage Production for Pasture Based Livestock Production**

NRAES 173 **Forage Utilization for Pasture Based Livestock Production**

NRAES 174 **Managing & Marketing for Pasture Based Livestock Production**

Northeast Pasture Consortium Grazing Guide: <http://grazingguide.net/>

Oklahoma:

Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Forage Improvement Division, Ardmore, OK.

<http://www.noble.org/ForageImprovement/index.html>

Texas A & M University:

Department of Ecosystem Science & Management: <http://essm.tamu.edu/>

TAMU Intensive Grazing website: <http://intensivegrazing.tamu.edu/index.htm>

University of Kentucky:

Beef Cattle Extension: <http://afs.ca.uky.edu/beef/extension>

KY Master Grazer program: <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/grazer/>

Extension Forages: <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/>

Direct links to: **Planning Fencing Systems for Intensive Grazing:**

www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id74/id74.pdf and **Rotational Grazing:**

www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id143/id143.pdf

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI): <http://www.glci.org/>

NRCS National Range & Pasture Handbook:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/landuse/rangepasture/?cid=STELPRD B1043084>

NRCS-Missouri, Electric Fencing for Serious Graziers:

https://prod.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs144p2_010636.pdf

NRCS-Missouri, Watering Systems for Serious Graziers:

http://prod.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1144213.pdf

West Virginia Extension Pastures & Hay website: <http://anr.ext.wvu.edu/forage>

Books, Magazines and Grazing Organizations

GrassWorks, Inc. (WI grazing producer organization): <http://www.grassworks.org/>

GRAZE Magazine: www.grazeonline.com (608) 455-3311, PO Box 48 Belleville, WI 53508, email: graze@grazeonline.com

Gerrish, Jim. 2004. **Management-Intensive Grazing: The Grassroots of Grass Farming.** Ridgeland MS: Green Park Press, 314 pp. Order form at his website:

<http://www.americangrazinglands.com/>

Heitschmidt, R.K. and J.W. Stuth, editors, **Grazing Management: an Ecological Perspective**, view online at: <http://cnrit.tamu.edu/rlem/textbook/textbook-fr.html>

Hodgson, John. 1990. **Grazing Management: Science into Practice**. New York: Longman Scientific and Technical, 203 pp.

Kingsbury, Bob. 1989. **How to Plan, Implement and Practice Controlled Grazing on Your Place**. Woodinville, WA: Kingsbury Communications. 57 pp.

Merck Veterinary Manual On-line: <http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>

Murphy, Bill, 2nd ed., 1991. **Greener Pastures on Your Side of the Fence: Better Farming with Voisin Grazing**. Arriba Publishing, Colchester, VT 298 pp.

Savory, Alan. 1998. **Holistic Resource Management**. www.holisticmanagement.org

Smith, Burt, Pingsun-Leung, and George Love. 1986. **Intensive Grazing Management: Forage, Animals, Men, Profits**. Kameula, Hawaii, The Graziers' Hui. 350 pp.

Stockman Grass Farmer Magazine, 1-800-748-9808, www.stockmangrassfarmer.com

Voisin, Andre. 1959. **Grass Productivity**. Island Press, PO Box 7, Covelo, CA 95428, website: <http://www.islandpress.org/>

Wisconsin Meadows Grass-fed Cooperative: <http://wisconsingrassfed.coop/>

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