

Expanding Your Grazing Capacity

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Pasture Renovation

- When is it needed?
 - Existing Forages
 - Intensity of Grazing
- Preparation
 - Soil Testing , Application of deficient nutrients
 - New Forage Species?
- Methods
 - Plowing/Fitting ; No-Till ; Broadcasting ; Air Blast

Pasture Renovation

- Success – Failure – “Feel Good Results”
 - Calibration of Drill/Spreader
 - Depth of Seed Placement
 - Compaction (soil-seed contact)

Pasture Renovation

- What's to do 'after' seeding?
 - Clip weeds and native grass competition
 - Evaluate if new introduced forages exist
 - Determine method to proceed
 - Plan for future topdressing as needed and called for in our soil test results
 - MANAGEMENT !

Forages For Grazing

- Cool Season Grasses

- Orchardgrass, Timothy, Bromegrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Tall Fescue, Meadow Fescue, Reed Canarygrass, K. Bluegrass

Warm Season Grasses

Switchgrass, Indian Grass, Big and Little Bluestem, Eastern Gammagrass

- Legumes

- Alfalfa
- Birdsfoot Trefoil
- Clover: Red, White, Alsike, Crimson, Mixes
- Hairy Vetch
- Peas: Forage, Grain
- Soybeans

- Forbs
 - Chicory
 - Plantain
 - Dandelion

- Small Grains
 - Oats and Mixes
 - Rye, Winter
 - Wheat: Spring and Winter
 - Triticale: Spring and Winter
 - Millet: Japanese, Pearl, Wonderleaf
 - Barley: Spring and Winter
 - Spelts

- Summer Annuals
 - Sudangrass
 - Forage Sorghum, Grain Sorghum, Sorghum-Sudan
 - Teff
 - Millets
 - Grazing Corn
 - Mixtures
 - Brassicas
 - Rape, Kale, Swede, Turnip; Hybrids

A May planting of forage peas and oats



Strip grazed in summer – very palatable





Same plot ready to be tilled and planted in turnips in early August.
Turnips will be grazed in October and used to flush ewes – rams
will be added to ewe flock in the 2nd week of grazing.



Grazing plot of forage corn (as a nurse crop),
orchard grass and birdsfoot trefoil



Birdsfoot trefoil was planted at 18 to 20 lb. per acre and orchard grass at 6 lb. per acre



Forage corn and weeds ready for grazing by late summer



- Leaving the birdsfoot trefoil and orchard grass ready for grazing next year

